

TECH INTERCESSOR

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Something for Everyone

God has Gifted and Equipped all Christians.

Every Christian has been given a gift or gifts of importance and significance and then equipped by Him to serve others in His name. The question is when and how will we use what He has given us?

For some such involvement only comes upon retirement. For others, it may be after completing an academic pursuit and before getting tied down to the daily humdrum of life. Some seize the opportunity to use their experience, training, and expertise to advance the cause of Christ in addition to doing their normal day-to-day activities of life.

Our Lord has opportunities for everyone. It's up to us to find out what we are to do by calling upon Him. Proverbs 16:3 tells us that when we commit our work unto Him, He will establish our thoughts. When we call unto Him, He will then send us our callings or assignments to follow and serve Him.

The Bible tells us that the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few. As it was true then, unfortunately it's also true today. Why do you think it's that way?

Perhaps it's economic conditions, political situations, family circumstances, job responsibilities, and/or personal interests. Those issues are just a few examples of the excuses that hinder many Christians from calling upon and obediently following Christ.

I personally do not know of a ministry that isn't in need of additional personnel in a number of areas. I also know that there are many who can, and should, use their giftedness and skills either on a full or part-time basis to meet many of these needs so that others may come to know Christ . . . and make Him known.

No doubt, God has special blessings in store for *Paracletes*—those who come alongside and help make ministries more fruitful and effective!

1 Corinthians 12:28 says in part, "... God has set some in the church for helps...". When every member of the body of Christ exercises his/her specific giftedness there can be great accomplishment to the glory of God – people are saved, believers strengthened and the provider blessed!

For forty-three years Missionary TECH Team has been honored to provide necessary and vitally needed services to hundreds of ministries located here in the United States as well as around the world. Due to the ever-increasing number of calls for help, there is **now** an even more urgent need for gifted followers of Christ to help provide a variety of sorely needed services.

Obviously full-time missionaries are the necessary foundation of ministry operation. However, perhaps God



Senior Architect Bob Shill giving construction instructions in Kumasi, Ghana, Africa



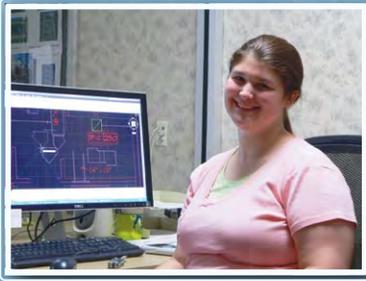
Mechanic Joel training Harmony in engine repair

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Secretary Lynella working on receipting



Engineering Intern Elizabeth working on plans for a church in Africa



Display Construction Facilitator David working on a specialized sign for a local church



TECH Reservist Chuck and Graphic Designers Teri and Doug working together on a vinyl banner

can use you to help meet some of the specialized needs of ministry service in one or more of the following three ways ...

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

A variety of short-term mission opportunities are available at Missionary TECH Team. Those who serve in this manner can be very flexible in accepting only those assignments that fit their schedules, equipping, and giftedness. Actual assignments are totally dependent on specific skill and personnel needs at the time of arrival at TECH's headquarters.

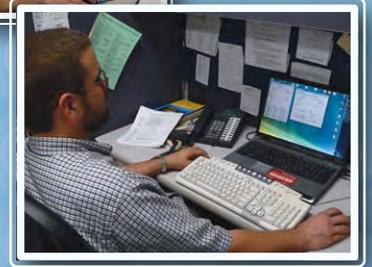
MISSION INTERNSHIPS

For persons who have had academic preparation, have the skill level, and are willing to commit to a minimum of two months of service, TECH offers Mission Internships. We at TECH commit to an extra effort to help that person develop professionally in their chosen skill discipline. This is a win-win situation particularly for a student needing real life experience along with their textbook study and lab exercises. The intern gets practical experience and Missionary TECH Ministry gains manpower to propel a project forward.

confidence and timeliness. Many work from their home or place of business. Others may serve from the Mission headquarters in Longview, Texas or actually go to the project site of a sister ministry. The complexity of the assignment coupled with personal time constraints are mutually agreed upon prior to acceptance of the project.



Computer Programmer Dan and Systems Analyst Tim creating new software for Missions



Senior Architect Bob teaching Intern Architect Matt



Landscape Architect Bill working on plans for a hospital campus in Africa



Volunteers helping with landscaping

*"Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last"*

CALL TO ARMS

In this issue of *TECH Intercessor* we have shared ways in which you can use the skills and giftedness God has given you. There are prayer requests on the inside of this issue of the *TECH Intercessor* that tell of some of the specific skills urgently needed at this time.

We cordially and enthusiastically invite you to contact us with information related to your skills, potential availability, and ways you see yourself being involved in ministry and serving in His name.

TECH RESERVES

A benefit of this level of relationship comes from those individuals having significant workplace experience and proven expertise. TECH Reserves are afforded the opportunity to enter into specific project assignments with

*"With eternity's values in view Lord,
With eternity's values in view,
May I do each day's work for Jesus,
With eternity's values in view."*



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Please join with the staff of Missionary TECH Team as we set ministry goals for 2012.

“For a wide door for effective service has opened to me.”
I Corinthians 16:9a(NASB)

Periodically throughout this issue of *TECH Intercessor* we are giving a brief description of specific personnel needs. Thank you for specifically praying for each of these opportunities..

1. **Bob & Jan Schill** - Jan and I have come through a wonderful year of serving our Lord in many ways and places! Our lives are growing more and more in our love for Him! Please pray that this coming year will find us continuing to recognize the power and effect of God working in our lives and whatever arrangements, to continue to draw us closer to Him.
2. **Ministry Development Services** - We are encouraged by those who have implemented and benefited from the services offered through this program area of TECH. We are praying the Lord will enable us to serve many more ministries during 2012.
3. **Personnel Opportunity** - *A person having experience in financial analysis as it pertains to fund development is needed to work alongside Gene Williams in expanding this needful service. A parallel program relates to church service for local outreach. Both of these programs are: God-centered - Faith-based - Prayer-driven models that honor the Lord by being Christ centered rather than man centered .*
4. **Doug Shively** - Pray that I would become more creative and efficient in the use of the PowerPoint software as a communications tool. Then, perhaps in the future, we can offer it to our sister missionaries as a service.
5. **Personnel Opportunity** - *TECH Reserves - opportunities are almost limitless for persons to use their particular God-given skills, experience and training through this avenue at their home, place of business, at TECH's headquarters or at one of our project locations. Such service is limited only by constraints identified by the participant.*
6. **Birne & Lynella Wiley** - Our goal is to use this year to pour ourselves into the lives of folks, young and old, that have a desire to benefit from the years of experience we've had in serving the Lord just as we have benefitted from others who have done the same for us.
7. **Personnel Opportunity** - *We have an urgent need for a Chief Operations Officer (COO) that can assume day-to-day administrative leadership of TECH. Ideally the person will have 3-5 years experience in faith mission service, preferably in a similar position/responsibility, and serve on a faith support basis.*
8. **Bill & Joyce Daniels** (Paul) - A goal we have for this new year is to be able to serve our sister ministries more personally, helping them with their needs but also becoming friends and prayer partners along with them in the process.
9. **David & Nancy Leventry** (Tim) - My prayer/goal is to have more display-building projects due to TECH's web site up-date. Too, I'd like to train someone in how I construct them.
10. **Personnel Opportunity** - *Communicating the opportunities for service in a variety of venues is urgently needed. Such person would be able to articulate clearly and passionately the purpose of Missionary TECH Team to various age groups having different skills and interests. Travel to schools, churches and other audiences is a must.*
11. **Tim & Kay Meadows** (Isaac, Ethan & Alex) - Pray with us that we can effectively get the word out regarding our new CAMP software. We would love to have a number of camp ministries see the benefits of using this special software during the 2012 summer camping season.
12. **Personnel Criteria** - *Missionary TECH Team is committed to operating on a faith support basis both as an organization and as individual missionaries. This is both a privilege and an honor. Support can be self-supporting, faith supported or a combination of both. In some instances persons serving for less than a year may have housing provided while in Longview.*
13. **Jim & Alice Englund** - With our directive of “go” in Matthew 28, let us pray for increased awareness of opportunities to reach, in openness, those we meet in informal social environments such as waiting in a checkout line.
14. **Personnel Opportunity** - *God has graciously and wondrously provided TECH with excellent facilities and equipment. Maintaining the buildings and grounds currently takes from the time skilled persons can devote to specialized ministry to attend to such needs. This position is not in itself a fulltime position, but one that is urgently needed.*
15. **Les & Gina Brown** - Pray that as we go through this new year, that our reliance on the Lord would continue to grow, so that we may truly be able to “trust in the Lord with all our heart, and not lean on our own understanding”.
16. **Personnel Opportunity** - *We have a critical need for a fulltime licensed and experienced architect that could provide coordination and day-to-day oversight of our Facilities Planning services. This position is a vital key to providing adequate direction of interns preparing for licensure as professional architects or engineers.*

17. Mechanical Services - Our goal for the New Year is that we would be able to meet the requests for mechanically reliable and cosmetically clean vehicles. Ask the Lord to give wisdom in the process of retiring some older vehicles and replacing them with newer ones.

18. Personnel Opportunity - *We have need for an experienced auto mechanic good in troubleshooting analysis and capable of doing routine maintenance and repairs. The need is critical during the first five and last three months of the year when vehicles are being prepared or returned from service.*

19. Joe & Teri Comroe (Brenna) - At TECH we serve so many people in so many ministries around the world and put the jobs out so quickly it is easy to just see names. We, however, are all one body, supporting one another in our work for the Kingdom. This year we would like to develop deeper relationships with the people we serve and have a better understanding of the individual work they do. This will not only unite us more in our work, our deeper understanding will result in better service to them.

20. Personnel Support - *Everyone serving at Missionary TECH Team serves as faith supported missionaries. For some that comes from God's provision through retirement and/or other financial provision. For most, however, it is through God's people committing to being faithful prayer and financial partners in ministry. While this is challenging it is also most rewarding as we each see God providing in His way and in His time.*

21. Computer Services - Growth and expansion is difficult with too few staff members. Pray that we would establish contact with at least two people who would become additional staff.

22. Personnel Opportunity - *An increasing number of requests are being received for software development for computers, smart phone applications and tablets. Web site development is also being requested. Thus a person skilled in programming as well as a web master would be most welcome.*

23. Patrick Schnell - Please pray with me that God would direct me as I am in the process of becoming a full-time missionary of TECH Team. Pray also that I would be able to move forward in this direction and that God would grant me the financial resources and the spiritual strength to take on the tasks I am blessed to be doing.

24. James & Ruth Wood (Christina & Stephen) - I would like to share the plan of salvation with three people this year. I have no friends, family or acquaintance that are not believers. Pray that the Lord would direct me to people that need to hear the gospel.

25. Facilities Planning - Please pray that as we work on facilities planning and design projects during this new year, we would perform each task with servant hearts, remembering that all we do is in service to the Lord.

26. Gene & Maxine Williams - Ask the Lord to give wisdom, godly creativity, insight, and discernment so we can be used of Him to effectively serve those He sends to Ministry Development Services for training and guidance in developing resources for their ministries.

27. Ken & Katie Selden - There are a couple "stalled" projects I've been working on for several years. It is my desire to help these ministries work through their obstacles so I can complete these assignments. A number of new applicants are requesting architectural assistance. Phil 3:14 "I press toward the goal..."

28. Matt & Molly Ackerman - We are praising God that He has allowed us to continue to serve Him through Missionary TECH Team! It is our hope for 2012 that the Lord would show us creative ways to encourage the Team, building each person up with love and camaraderie.

29. Personnel Opportunity - *Civil and structural engineering are vital services needed through our Facilities Planning Division. Infrastructure, structural and seismic skills are needed in virtually every project request requiring architectural design.*

30. Graphic Services - Projects, projects projects! If it would please the Lord we would ask that the number of projects for Graphic Services would increase by 75 in 2012.

31. Personnel Opportunity - *Graphic designers and illustration artists are needed to compliment those presently serving in this program area. An experienced manager to oversee and further develop this aspect of TECH's ministry would be most helpful.*

Because *You* Prayed...

- The fall Board of Trustee meeting was perhaps one of the best as key decisions were made relating to the future of the ministry.
- Patrick Schnell, an architect intern, has applied for full-time missionary service.
- Representation at Texas A&M and at Grace College in Winona Lake provided some good contacts. (We will also be represented at Cedarville and LeTourneau Universities in January.)
- Roger Farr is giving special leadership training to all missionary staff.
- Ministry partners have enabled the missionaries and the mission to go forward during the past year in a number of personal and corporate areas.

