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Building Lives to Serve the Lord

“To know Christ and make Him known” is the motto and the passion of Missionary TECH Team.”

Fulfilling TECH’s motto, and its God-given ministries, includes much about buildings. Long-range planning, facility design and construction consultation assists in furthering the worldwide cause of Christ. The buildings we design help sister ministries facilitate reaching hundreds of men, women, boys and girls for salvation. Likewise, individuals are then equipped to be effective disciples so that even more souls come to know Him and help make Him known.

However, there is another very important way He uses Missionary TECH Team. TECH’s Mission Intern program accompanies the Team’s ministry of providing **T**echnical, **E**ngineering, and **C**onsulting **H**elps. The program provides an avenue for intensive service to those called to use their skills. It equips, enhances, and enriches the outreach of other like-minded ministries. The program has proven itself a strategic way that the Lord uses to build their lives for ministry, and prepare them to serve others in His name.

Mission Interns usually come for a minimum of 6 weeks service. They have completed two or more years of college or have equivalent experience in their desired discipline. They are offered the opportunity to “learn and hone their skills” as they work in tandem with gifted and skilled TECH missionaries on sister ministry projects. This adds practical experience to their

academic preparation and God-given skills.

Daily chapel times, departmental gatherings seeking the Lord’s direction and guidance for projects, encouragement to seek the Lord for insights for their daily lives and choices are coupled with “on-the-job training and work assignments.” Personal interactions with TECH missionaries and the various disciplines used in ministry are added to the valuable interaction with missionaries from the numerous ministries TECH is privileged to serve.

Another major benefit for the Intern is the opportunity to be with missionary staff members in their homes. The Interns hear first-hand how God is working in the missionaries’ lives and how He brought them to TECH. They also learn about the various ways God has provided prayer and financial ministry partners who enable them to serve and keep serving.

TECH’s Mission Intern program was conceptualized early in our history. It has strong spiritual and professional benefits, both for the Intern and to our missionaries. The Intern’s work is very helpful in the following ways: (1) it is used by the Lord to further the cause of Christ worldwide, (2) it makes a profound spiritual impact in their personal lives, (3)

there is professional development, and (4) “seeds are planted” for on-going mission service.

Mission Interns are short-term missionaries and not paid workers. The Mission has three homes

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Mary Jane House



Intern House

Stone House



available without cost or charge as residences for the Mission Interns during their time of ministry service. The three totally furnished three-bedroom homes are Mary Jane House, where TECH began over 40 years ago, Stone House, and Intern House. They are used predominately by the interns and other short-term guests. In addition, TECH's Prophet's Cottage, a residence attached to the President's home, is used primarily for shorter periods of time by visiting TECH Reserves and Volunteers, Board Members, visiting ministry partners or by Interns when the other homes are full.

You are invited to have an instrumental part in the Mission Intern program! A response device is included with this issue of the TECH Intercessor. You can use it to let us know that you will pray for the Mission Interns and the TECH missionaries who work with them. You may also send a gift to help us provide the Mission Interns with housing during their internship ministry.

Here's how you can help provide Intern housing ...

The average monthly cost to TECH for Intern housing is \$1,647.75 and includes maintenance, utilities, taxes, insurance, and periodic furnishing and deep cleaning.

This translates to \$382.55 per week or \$54.50 per day. Those amounts cover the cost for all three of the homes and Prophet's Cottage.

You can have a part in this ministry to Interns by underwriting the cost of the housing for a day, a week, a month, or even a year.

Your thoughtful gift will be an investment in the lives of young people desirous of serving the Lord and in furthering the cause of Christ!!

Thank you, in advance, for helping in this very special way. May God richly bless you for caring and for your compassion!

Please prayerfully consider having a vital part in the ministry of **Building Lives to Serve the Lord** by helping TECH equip young men and women to use their skills and equipping in lives of service.

You can let us know how you are led in this regard by completing the enclosed response slip and returning it today with your gift, an investment in the lives of young people to serve the Lord.

Types of Internships Available:

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| Accounting | Grounds Keeper |
| Architecture | Graphic Design |
| CAD Operators | Web Designers |
| Engineering | Public Relations |
| (electrical, civil, mechanical, structural) | Marketing |
| Auto Mechanics | Computer Programming |

Excerpts from a Student Intern's Testimony

Andrew Centanni was a 5th year architecture student at Judson College when he came to Missionary TECH Team as a six-week Intern. The following has been excerpted from the testimony he wrote at the completion of his Internship.



In the past six weeks while serving as a Mission Intern, I have been stretched in so many directions. I can hardly believe that I am still around to tell the story. He brought me down here to glorify Him in my own life and through the fruit of my labor.

I knew that I had insurance bills to pay and other things to think about financially, like how I was going to get the gas in my car to get home. I prayed, "God you know what the situation is down here, you know the efforts that I have been making financially. You see my cupboard, my gas tank; you see how I am trying my best to make it on as little as possible. I will commit to seeking You first and not worrying, because I know it is in your hands."

I had first heard of TECH Team in the middle of my third year of college from Bob Schill, Architect at MTT. I have been working with Bob Schill, AIA on a project in Warrenton, MO. We are working on a 19, 600 square foot addition for Child Evangelism Fellowship. This is an outreach that produces literature for children around the world to teach them about the Bible and about Jesus Christ and how He came to earth to save us from our sins.

So how does a twenty-two year old architectural undergraduate change the world for Christ? He assists in creating the Construction Documents. With this addition, the gospel will be conveyed to more children that are hungering for the truth of the word of God. That is how a twenty-two year old architectural undergraduate changes the world for Christ. TECH changes lives. They truly do make a difference.

The people that have ministered to me for the last six weeks are bona fide missionaries. They are doing what every Christian with technical skills wants to do – to serve God with the gifts that He has given them. However, many can't because they are not willing to take that step of faith. Instead, they are seeking financial security and stability. TECH is blessing the missionaries with the means to promote their ministry, computer technology to organize it, and the architecture and engineering to make it safe and aesthetically enjoyable.

There is something true and pure when the faith of a child seeks to further the kingdom of God. We can say that when you realize that the act of faith is placing everything that goes through that person's hands as though it is passing through the hands of God himself. That is the only way that true ministry is built.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimonial. I hope that it has inspired you in your walk with the Lord and encouraged you to draw nearer to Him as we seek to spread the good news through the talents and skills that God has given us.

God Bless You on Your Journey.

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**“And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:19**

Thank you for joining our Missionary TECH Team family in prayer for various known needs in our personal and corporate lives. We thank Him for promising to meet our needs AND teaching us the difference between **wants** and **needs**.

- 1. JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES** - 5th Lois Turner, 6th Bethany Harding, 7th Matt & Molly Ackerman, 8th Roberta Crow and Bill & Barbara Slothower, 12th Ada Bickel, 15th Peggy Tenpenny, 17th Mary Ann Kuechler, 18th Ray Tenpenny, 19th Jan Van Wingerden, 21st Philip Harding, 23rd Glenn Harris, 27th Brenna Comroe, 28th Connie Harris

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES – 5th Dan Larsen, 7th Randy Harris, 9th Doug Shively, 10th Bic & Ada Bickel, 11th Judy Harris, 18th Gene Williams, 20th Anne Whiteman, 22nd Dan & Sherry Cunningham, 23rd Joe Kanewske, 30th Bob Schill



2. Tim & Kay Meadows (Alex) - Please pray that I can find a bigger bucket as too many things are falling out of the one I have lately. There seems to be too many things to do and not enough time and people to get it all done. Pray also for a proper balance between TECH, other ministries and family time.

- 3. Sister Ministries** - The ministries we serve frequently express their deep appreciation for the assistance provided through the various services of TECH. Knowledge of these services most frequently comes via word-of-mouth. Ask the Lord to help each of our staff, as well as you, our ministry partners, to be alert to sharing about these services to those who could benefit from a mutual relationship.



4. Les & Gina Brown - We are thankful for how the Lord has blessed our family with good health and for protection while I travel on the highway each week between Fort Worth and Longview.

- 5. Mechanical Services** - There continues to be a serious need for a mechanic to maintain the vehicles in our loaner fleet as well as to assist with maintenance of missionary staff cars. We are grateful for several men who are able to provide periodic assistance but the clerical and mechanical attention needs are ongoing.



6. James & Ruth Wood - Relationships grow because of good communication. Situations change and sometimes communication becomes more difficult. Pray that each member of the Wood family would make good communication a priority.



7. Randy & Connie Harris - We continue to have many surgeries within our family (thyroid surgery for Emily and Megan) and trust that God will continue to use these in our lives to draw, not only us, but our kids to Himself. Our prayer is that God will use us to strengthen the ministry of TECH in the days ahead.

- 8. M.K. Weddings** - Two of our missionary kids have recently married. Ethan Meadows, son of Tim and Kay Meadows, an architectural student, married Erin Dulaney on May 17th. They will reside in St. Charles, IL while he completes his academic preparation. On May 24th Christina Wood, daughter of James and Ruth Wood, married Matthew Martin and will reside in Des Moines, IA. Ask the Lord to bless these marriages as they seek the Lord for their future in life and work.



9. Doug Shively - Many times it's hard to keep everything "balanced." Please pray with me as I minister at Missionary TECH Team, with Texas prisoners, and with nursing home patients. You can see how important prayer is in these areas. Thank you for praying.



10. Joel Kreider - *"And this is my prayer: that your love may more and more overflow in fullness of knowledge and depth of discernment, so that you will be able to determine what is best and thus be pure and without blame for the Day of the Messiah, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Yeshua the Messiah - to the glory and praise of God."* Philippians 1:9-11

- 11. Graphic Services** - It is so easy to lose perspective when working in a support role. Pray that we would remember, and sense, that we are indeed a ministry. The work we do enables others and provides tools that help to reach the lost for Christ.



12. Patrick & Hannah Schnell - Our baby girl is due in July. We pray that we will be God honoring parents to our child and that she will grow up to love the Lord. We know the great responsibility we have and the greatness of our Lord who already loves her more than we ever could.

- 13. Our Nation** - The need for repentance in our country is most evident. Ask the Lord to bring repentance in our personal lives, through the churches we attend and in the lives of believers worldwide. The body of Christ needs to really get serious about our God-given responsibility of reaching the lost and discipling believers.

- 14. Camps** - This is the busiest season of the year for camps. These organizations comprise a significant number of projects undertaken by TECH. We hear some of those we've served need sufficient qualified staff and adequate enrollments to provide needed funding. Ask the Lord to meet all needs and to do a great work in the lives of those attending and those serving in various capacities.



15. Dan & Renee Harding (Maria, Jonathan, Ruth, Bethany, Grace, Sarah, Philip, & Nathanael) - Please pray that our communication would be edifying to everyone that we meet. *Ephesians 4:29 "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."*



16. Bill & Joyce Daniel (Paul) - Our children, Rebecca and Paul, who both live in Russellville, Arkansas, have found a good church home and strive to help each other trust in the Lord daily. Please pray that God would give them direction and peace, as they face the world we live in with boldness and grace.

- 17. Recruiting & Representation** - The "needle in a haystack" is to identify individuals and methods to communicate the tremendous opportunities to use individual giftedness, experience and interests for the cause of Christ. Praise God we've recently had encouragement in this regard. Ask the Lord to give us great wisdom as we continue to pursue current contacts and develop additional relationships.



18. Gene & Maxine Williams - Recent health issues have placed a temporary halt to some of the areas of ministry I direct through Ministry Development Services. Coordination and consultation with three Christian

medical professionals is leading me in a unique approach to treatments. Join us in praying for stabilizing of the health condition and continuing opportunities for ministry service in the areas of my giftedness.



19. David & Nancy Leventry (Tim) - After struggling with my (David) blood pressure all my life, I've finally succumbed to taking blood pressure medication. However, it has also taken a toll on my kidneys, so I'm seeing a kidney specialist for that as well. (NO medication for that, yet!) Recently my eye-doctor told me I've been suffering with double-vision. Beginning June 24th I'll be doing more eye therapy to help correct it. Nancy is also dealing with her own health issues. Pray that her medications continue to be effective for her.

20. Facilities Planning - Pray that as we prepare long-range development plans and develop construction drawings for new facilities, that we would always remember that our real purpose is not about buildings, but it is about impacting lives for Christ.



21. Birne & Lynella Wiley - We have been privileged to serve with TECH since its founding in late 1968. To realize the lives around the globe who have been impacted for eternity because of TECH's ministries is most humbling while, at the same time, such an encouragement and blessing. We are asking the Lord for even more years of effective service as He carries His return.



22. Teri Comroe (Brenna) - *"We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."* 2 Corinthians 4:18. Brenna and I have had a dynamic shift in how we perceive everything around us since Joe's home going. We find ourselves looking increasingly for what God is doing in the soul, both in the dark valleys and on the mountaintops. Please pray for us as we go through many big life changes and challenges this summer. Pray that we will keep our eyes fixed on Him, let Him carry our burdens, and celebrate our joys with Him.

23. Boards - The responsibilities of those serving on a Board are varied and significant. The ramifications of each decision must be carefully weighed in light of legal, financial, personal relationships and spiritual ramifications. Ask the Lord to give us wisdom and understanding of His mind, along with Christ-likeness, in reaching and implementing corporate policy.

24. Computer Services - The single largest need Computer Services has is for more staff. We are getting to the point of turning some projects away that we could otherwise help if we have more missionary staff or volunteers.



25. Matt & Molly Ackerman (Sam) - We are grateful for our health and especially the health of our 2-year-old son, Sammy. We're amazed by all God is doing through this little boy already! We'd love for you to join with us praying for Samuel's joy—that it would be found in his Creator and that we, as his parents, would be so in awe of our God that he would absorb the same amazement we have.

26. Wise Stewardship - God gives resources and abilities that are to be wisely used so others may come to know Him. Not only is this true for us personally but it is just as important for us as an organization. Ask the Lord to help us make good use of our time, our abilities and our financial resources.

27. Ministry Partner Relationships - The summer is the most typical time for our missionaries to visit prayer and financial partners. Ask the Lord to give safe travel, good visits and new ministry partners. Scripture tells us that a three-strand cord is not easily broken. Such is the case as prayer partners, financial partners and missionaries come together to accomplish effective ministry!

28. TECH Reserves - We are richly blessed by the services of people having skills needed to augment the abilities of our full-time staff

missionaries. These typically serve from their home or perhaps their place of business. Pray with us that many more individuals having needed skills will be led to participate in this program. They will be a blessing to others and likewise be blessed as they serve God.



29. Ken & Katie Selden - The Lord has blessed Katie and me with road safety (over 3,000 miles) in recent months in our motor home (just one minor incident). We have visited four projects on the road in MI and

NY—several more in TX—great meetings/experiences with them all. It seems that my workload of projects keeps increasing, and I occasionally wonder if I can get everything completed in a timely fashion. I ask for prayers that I will not give-up, but struggle on, knowing that what I am doing is for the Lord. *1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*



30. Bob & Jan Schill - We pray that those whom God has called to TECH will have a growing passion for God!—living out *Psalms 73:24* everyday—*"There is none upon earth that I desire besides You."* Pray that we will not be easily pleased with lesser things than Him. Pray

that each missionary, volunteer or supporter continue to grow an increasingly healthy and biblical-based marriage. Pray that we will experience joyful, fulfilling marriages throughout the remainder of our lives; may we finish well.



31. Don & Carole Smith - Both of us are having health problems. My (Don) knees are both very painful. I am going to get a shot in both knees and if the shots do not work, I will need to have a knee replacement. I also am out of breath all the time, but the doctors do not know what is causing it. Pray

that I can find what is causing the shortness of breath. Carole is also having a very sharp pain in her left leg. A recent MRI did not show any problem and thus has an appointment with an orthopedic doctor soon. Pray this doctor will find a solution to the problem.

Because You Prayed...

-  Mission Interns and other volunteers are providing excellent assistance as we minister to sister ministries and missionaries.
-  God provided the funding for two additional vehicles. A sizeable gift by the Automotive Society at LeTourneau University is being used to purchase some test equipment.
-  The Lord has enabled us to make valuable contacts at Judson College, Liberty University and Virginia TECH that promise to be most helpful in the recruiting process for Mission Interns and to spread the word of opportunities to their Alumni regarding fulltime ministry.
-  Recent events in many of the lives of staff and Board members has underscored the fact that God is in control and He does ALL things right!

