



TECH Advantage Newsletter

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Transition in Leadership

We are excited to share an update with you regarding the transition process we embarked upon last year. As many of you may recall, we announced the commencement of a one-year transition period during which Justin Foster would begin serving and learning alongside Randy Harris. As the Lord went before us, this journey unfolded seamlessly, allowing Randy to pass on invaluable knowledge to Justin over the past year. We are delighted to announce that this transition has now been successfully completed, with Justin assuming his new role as our president.

Throughout this transition, one of the key challenges we encountered was identifying an individual to fill Justin's former position as the team lead for Media Solutions. With many hours spent in fervent prayer and trusting in God's providence, we are thrilled to welcome Mark and Debbie Friend into the TECH family. Mark has stepped into the role of team lead and is already doing a fantastic job. Debbie brings many talents to a graphic design role, and has taken on a sizable workload assisting the Media Solutions team. We asked God for help to fulfill our need in this area, and they answered

His call to come serve at TECH. Their timely arrival, just before Justin's transition to the presidency, is an exciting and encouraging testament to God's provision and faithfulness!



We would like to express our deepest gratitude to Randy and Connie for their dedication, service, and commitment to our Lord and to the TECH family. With over 48 years of combined service to missions, including more than 8 years of leadership as president of TECH, Randy and Connie have truly made an impact for God's kingdom. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for all of their hard work and dedication to TECH, and we will miss them as they move on to their next chapter.

As we move forward under the leadership of our new president, we remain committed to our vision: "To be the service mission like-minded Christian ministries may turn to for technical assistance and know-how." We are excited about the future of our organization and the continued impact we will make in God's kingdom.

We extend our deepest gratitude to each of you for your support and dedication to TECH Team Advantage. Together, let us press forward in our mission to serve and glorify our Lord.



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FACILITY *Solutions*

Facility Solutions continues our dedication to serving the unique needs of churches, camps, and various ministries. With a deep understanding of the spiritual and community-centric aspects of these organizations, we offer bespoke architectural solutions that meet their specific ministry needs.

In recent weeks, we have completed construction documents for a church in Hutto, Texas. While construction documents are an important part of how we serve the Body of Christ, we also firmly believe that the prayerful planning process leading up to construction is just as important as the construction itself. To that end, we have recently completed two church master plans, one in Longview, Texas, and the other in Jacksonville, Texas. In both cases, the churches were looking to provide additional fellowship space for their congregations to gather as a body and to help facilitate ministry within the community.

In the past couple months, we have also had an influx of redesign requests from ministries we had provided construction documents for around the start of and during the pandemic. Many of them are resuming construction and have requested modifications to the plans to meet their current budget needs. We recognize that the construction industry is in upheaval with many costs skyrocketing. What was an affordable solution two,

three, or even four years ago when the documents were issued has evolved into a financial burden. Engaging in the updating process ensures that the facilities we design can adapt and grow alongside the communities they support. We are honored to be a part of their journey, ensuring that with these updates the facilities can complete construction and be a beacon of hope and community for years to come.



Eric editing plans for redesign requests.



Conceptual design for the church master plan created by TEGH Team Facility Solutions.

What *Solution* will help a ministry you know?



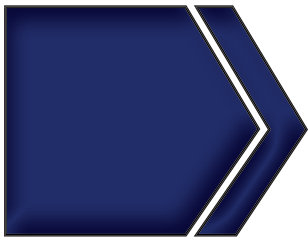
Over the past year, we participated in 20 events, primarily aimed at seeking new clients for our projects and engaging in recruitment activities. These events facilitated hundreds of face-to-face interactions. This year, I initiated a new practice of sending emails whenever we obtain a list

of attendees from other ministries. While I make a diligent effort to ensure that every person present receives one of our brochures, I believe that sending follow-up emails could also aid in generating new projects.

This year a new opportunity for Vehicle Solutions as we embarked on a special project for LeTourneau University. We provided them with five minivans to facilitate 10-day mission trips for their students. During these trips, a total of 7,031 miles were covered. Additionally, we were blessed to purchase another



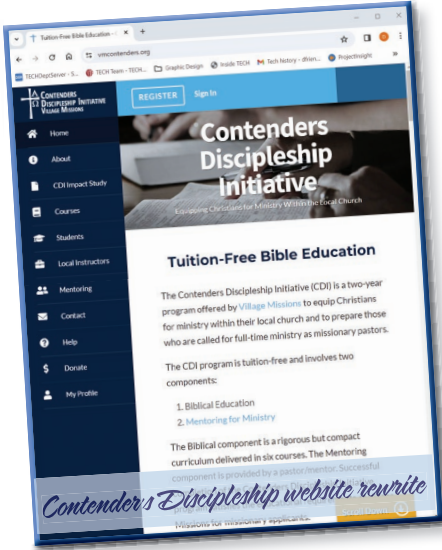
new van. The previous purchase, less than a year ago, has already accumulated over 26,000 miles, and we anticipate that this new addition will see similar usage.



SOFTWARE Solutions

We are excited to share updates on some of the impactful projects we've been working on over the past year, as well as some exciting developments on the horizon.

One of our major endeavors has been the overhaul of the Contenders Discipleship Initiative website for Village Missions. This website has long been a vital resource, offering students access to six comprehensive courses along with invaluable ministry opportunities and mentorship. Our recent rewrite of the website represents a significant enhancement, empowering mentors and administrative staff with advanced functionalities. Now, they can effortlessly track student progress, generate reports and statistics, and seamlessly update course information as needed. This upgrade promises to streamline operations and enhance the overall user experience for both students and administrators.



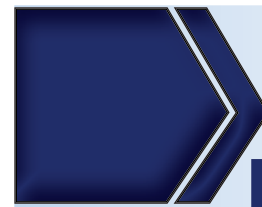
Another project that has recently kicked off is for Christians Sharing Christ Film Ministries (CSCFM). CSCFM utilizes Jesus film-type movies to effectively plant churches through indigenous workers. While they have had a website in place for reporting key metrics such as film showings, attendance numbers, salvations, and churches planted each month, extracting and summarizing this data was a labor-intensive process. However, with our new website solution, we aim to simplify this process significantly. We're currently in the testing phase, and soon CSCFM workers will be able to generate reports and access statistics with just the click of a button, saving them hours of manual effort.

Progress continues on our mobile applications, StoryPublisher Advanced (SPadv) and HoneyBee, thanks primarily to our dedicated team of volunteers. SPadv, designed for orally translating Bible stories, has been available for some time and continues to evolve. Meanwhile, HoneyBee, aimed at translating Bible text, is currently in the development and testing phase. Both apps share a common mission: to accelerate the dissemination of scripture in unwritten languages and languages without access to the Bible. It's worth noting that we've been undertaking this project pro bono, driven solely by our passion for advancing the Gospel. Your support towards the development of SPadv would enable us to further invest in these transformative initiatives.

As always, we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and encouragement. Together, we are making a tangible difference in advancing the Kingdom of God through technology.

We cannot offer *Solutions* without you. Will you join us in supporting the ministry of **TECH Team Advantage**?

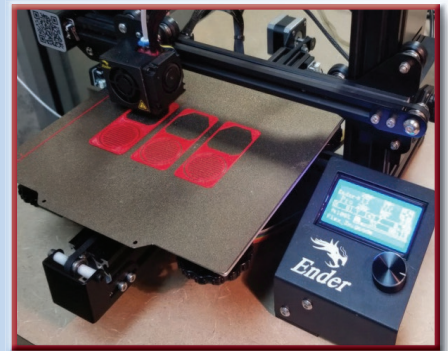
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MEDIA Solutions

Media Solutions continues to have a steady stream of ministries looking for help in graphic design, printing of banners, displays, and literature. As technology continues to drive our society, the services we offer in designing, hosting, and upkeep of websites is steadily increasing. To date TECH now hosts more than half of all the websites we maintain.

Currently we are engaged in a large project which includes assembly, testing, and 3D printing cases for an innovative audio device called the SeedPlayer. It includes the entire Bible on audio, testimonies, teaching/training, worship music, and more. What a joy it is to come alongside these different ministries and be a small part in the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



SeedPlayer cases being 3D printed

What *Solution* can TECH Team Advantage help you or your ministry with?



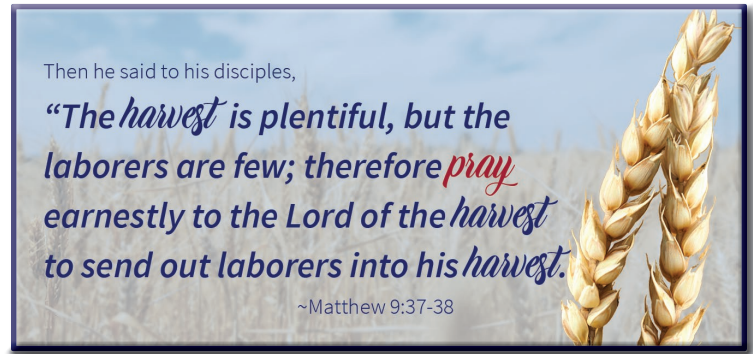
Contact us today!

Prayer Initiative 2024

Reflecting on the past year of 2023, it is incredible to see that we successfully completed 401 projects for 207 clients with only a small team of 9 full-time staff members, alongside part-time staff, volunteers, and supporters like you. It truly amazes me how God can use such a limited number of people to achieve so much for His kingdom. Moving forward into 2024, we have initiated a new prayer campaign, seeking for God to bring the right individuals alongside us at the right times to enable us to accomplish even more in the years ahead. This initiative is inspired by Matthew 9:37-38, where Jesus emphasizes the need for more laborers in His harvest.

Throughout the upcoming year, our goal is to engage in daily, time specific prayer, appealing to God to move in His sovereignty for His glory.

We are asking you, as part of the TECH Team Intercessors, to join us in this prayer initiative



for 2024. Jesus, in His teachings, highlighted the importance of prayer, outlining a model prayer in Matthew 6:9-15. By following this example, we aim to pray consistently, as instructed in 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

Will you join us in this one year commitment to pray specifically for the current and future staff needs of TECH Team Advantage?

Set a daily alarm for either **9:37 AM** or **9:37 PM**.
Pray specifically for God to move in His way and for His glory.

Monday Facility Solutions: Registered Architect, Structural Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Civil Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Volunteers, and Interns

Tuesday Media Solutions: Graphic Designer, Web Designer, Print Production, Volunteers, and Interns

Wednesday Software Solutions: Software Developer, App Developer, Volunteers, and Interns

Thursday Administration & Vehicle Solutions Vice President, Human Resources, Mobilizer, Marketing/Social Media Manager, Volunteers, and Interns

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday Current Staff Health, Financial Support

Your involvement in prayer is a valuable contribution to advancing God's kingdom through TECH Team, benefiting missionaries, churches, and other ministries we support. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer and support. Scan the QR code to discover more about the TECH Staff requirements or pass them along to someone who might be interested in joining TECH Team Advantage.



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