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# TECH INTERCESSOR

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## Pressing On

*"I press on  
toward the goal  
for the prize  
of the upward call of God  
in Christ Jesus."  
(Philippians 3:14 – ESV)*

### *January Through September 2013 Project Statistics*

7	Administration
149	Computer Services
37	Facilities Planning Services
211	Graphic Services
28	Mechanical Services
5	Ministry Development Services
<b>437</b>	<b>TOTAL PROJECTS</b>

#### MINISTRIES SERVED THIS YEAR:

**238**

#### MISSIONARIES SERVED THIS YEAR WORK IN:

- 38** States
- 42** Countries



One of our many projects, The Masters Vineyard, comprises 1,000+ donated acres for a ministry center to one of the most desolate areas of Uganda and adjacent South Sudan. Missionary TECH Team is currently working on the planning and design of churches, schools, medical facilities and agricultural facilities.

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## The Lord is giving Missionary TECH Team a great year of ministry! The Team includes...

- \* **You**, because of your valuable intercessory prayer and financial partnership,
- \* **TECH Volunteers**, because of their stepping in and helping on projects,
- \* **TECH Boards**, because of their commitment and involvement in various ways,
- \* **TECH Missionaries**, because of their dedicated and skilled service on the projects, and
- \* **Churches and ministry organizations** with whom we partner.



TECH Missionary Teri Comroe meeting with President/CEO of Bread for Life in Cameroon, Africa about some Graphic work for Ernest Ehabe's ministry.



TECH Intern Juan Bastardo receives instruction from TECH Missionary Les Brown.



Volunteer Brenna Comroe assists TECH Missionary Doug Shively in Graphic Services.



Trustee Chairman Randy Harris presents a plaque of appreciation to Dean Rivard for graciously providing security services to the Mission.

Many of the above groups become ministry partners in more than one way. Together, God is using all of us in many different ways to help others *"To know Christ and make Him known"* as we exercise the unique giftedness that He entrusts to each individual!

It is a great and glorious privilege to be used of God and serve Him for His glory literally around the world as we serve one another!

2013 projects are encouraging as we continue to "press on" together toward the mark of His upward call.

An important part of "pressing on" is evaluating what has been done and determining if there are better ways to do it in the future. With that objective in mind, an **Intercessor Survey Form** has been included with this

issue. Your early response will be greatly appreciated and be used to help make future issues of the *TECH Intercessor* more informative and helpful. Thanks for assisting us in this special way!

Our Fall Board of Trustees meeting addressing needs for the year 2014 and beyond is being held in early November. A review of our past confirms the vital services TECH provides to His special servants

worldwide. At the same time, world conditions mandate that we consistently reassess the need for present, or new services, needed to meet the demands of effective ministry. We are humbled, and honored, to be used of God in partnership with those on the "front lines"!

### *Here is how you can help:*

- 1) Send your survey response online at: [www.techteam.org/survey](http://www.techteam.org/survey)
- 2) Send your Year-end special gift along with your completed *Intercessor Survey* response in the enclosed envelope.
- (3) You can indicate a personal, or recommended individual, to be involved in Volunteer or in full time service at TECH.

In addition to your valuable intercessory prayer support, there are three other ways that you can help as we continue to "press on" together and serve more ministries all the more.

**First**, should you prefer, you can send your survey response online at [www.techteam.org/survey](http://www.techteam.org/survey)

**Second**, a way you can help at this time is to send a 2013 Year-end special gift. Your gift will be used to help prepare for an accelerated level of serving in 2014. You may send your Year-end special gift along with your

completed **Intercessor Survey Form** in the enclosed envelope.

**Third**, you or someone you know might be led of God to join as a TECH Reserve serving from your home or on project sites. There are numerous opportunities to serve on a full-time basis at our headquarters in Longview. Retirees are most welcome and provide meaningful service to those of us serving and to those we serve.



Nathan Winters, Pastor and TECH Board of Advisors member gives the devotional at our annual TECH dinner.

Member participants at the March 2013 Board of Trustee meeting. The members meet face-to-face twice a year; three days at the annual meeting in March and two days at the fall meeting. They are representative of many disciplines and give through their time, expertise and financial partnership in an exemplary manner.



*Thank you for being a Ministry Partner of Missionary TECH Team and for being a fellow-laborer as together we "press on" in the field of harvest!*

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*"I remember the days of old;  
I meditate on all Thy doings;  
I muse on the work of Thy hands."  
Philippians 3:14*

## Richard L. Whiteman



We wish to honor the faithful service of RICHARD L. WHITEMAN who was unexpectedly ushered into the Lord's presence on September 9. Dick was appointed to the Advisory Board of Missionary TECH Team in February 1984. He continued to serve faithfully until he was appointed to the governing Board of Trustees in 1989. Dick's love for the Lord and his desire to see others come to know Christ was a passion for him and his dear wife, Anne, of 51 years who took numerous mission trips together as well as their entire family in earlier years. TECH has been richly blessed because of his personal commitment to Christ as well as his professional skills as a detailer in drafting plans related to various facilities. Join us in praying for his wife, Anne, who plans to continue ministry endeavors as the Lord directs.

Thank you for joining our Missionary TECH Team family in gratefulness and praise to God for the many ways He has blessed our lives and ministry.



**1. Tim & Kay Meadows** (Ethan & Alex) – Praise God for a Great High Priest who understands. *"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."* Hebrews 4:16 NIV

**2. Governing Board** – In a growing world of complexity, we are grateful for God's promise that *"... if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him."* James 1:5 NASB It is a privilege, yet awesome responsibility, to serve Him through our relationship with TECH.

**3. Mechanical Services** – So far this year our fleet of 10 lease vehicles have been on the road for over 146,000 miles without a single accident. Praise God for His protection and PRAY for HIS provision of someone to coordinate this ministry.

**4. Ministry Partners** – Without YOU, we who serve at TECH would not be able to serve! *"Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation."* 2 Corinthians 9:5 NKJV



**5. Les & Gina Brown** – We give thanks for how God continues to meet our every need, and really goes so much beyond that. We will continue to trust in His provision as we prepare to enter another new year.

**6. Church Projects** – God has put emphasis on the place the church, the body of Christ, should have in the life of every believer. We

rejoice in the faithfulness of those churches that participate in prayer and finances that enable us to serve. Likewise, we rejoice in the capabilities TECH is able to provide churches because of the architectural specialty of Ken Selden in this regard.



**7. Bill & Joyce Daniels** (Paul) – We give praise for a good adjustment for Paul as he has moved to Russellville, Arkansas to live with his sister, Rebecca and attend Arkansas Tech University Career Center.

**8. Prayer Warriors** – Thank God for His continual reminder that we are to *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."* Philippians 4:6 NKJV

**9. Evangelism and Discipleship** – Although our specific activities in TECH ministry relate to technical activities, we continually ask God to make us fruitful in personal spiritual ministry in our local churches, in our neighborhoods and with those whom we come in daily contact. *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise."* Proverbs 11:30 NKJV

**10. Mission Representation** – A focus of TECH this year has been to increase awareness of TECH's ministry among churches, individuals, schools, etc. The need for additional qualified missionary staff is acute! We praise God for helping us make progress in presenting the need for, and opportunity of, serving Christ with the specific skills He entrusts to each believer.



**11. Birne & Lynella Wiley** – We praise God for His abundant grace and mercy in meeting all our needs and many of our "wants" during this year. The privilege of knowing, walking with and serving Him for more than 60 years has been a glorious experience! *"Yes, even when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not, [but keep me alive] until I have declared Your mighty strength to [this] generation, and Your might and power to all that are to come."* Psalm 71:18 AMP

**12. Chapel Times** – One of the ways the Lord blesses in the life of TECH is through our daily chapel periods. Monday is used to update everyone on project involvement; Tuesday through Thursday focuses on Bible study or spiritual ministry and Friday is concerted prayer time. Our fervent prayer is that this will not become a "ho-hum" time but that they will constantly remind us of why we exist and serve.

**13. Administrative Involvement** – One of the blessings of serving so many of God's choice servants around the world is to glean wisdom for the way in which God is using and blessing them in ministry. In turn we are able to share those insights with others in anticipation of their being able to incorporate the positive influences within their own ministry. *"But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere."* James 3:17 NLT



**14. Teri Comroe** (Brenna) – In the darkness Jesus shines very brightly. I thank God for so many things during this season of grief over my husband's passing. I thank Him for showing me that He is able to meet my emotional needs, how when I ask Him for advice He immediately drops someone in my path to answer, how He sends people to comfort me and support me, and has in ways totally unexpected, used the trials I have and am going



through to bring comfort and support to others. It is such a blessing to be a part of the body of Christ.

**15. Camp Ministries** – Through the years the Lord has blessed us with numerous projects related to camp/conference ministry. These areas of ministry are frequently used of God to make a strong impact in the lives of those attending - salvation, rededications, and commitment to ministry service. We rejoice with them in this ministry partnership relationship. More are welcomed!

**16. TECH Reserves** – This group of individuals are so very important in our accomplishing, with excellence and timeliness, projects entrusted to our care. A majority of the time the Reserves serve from their home area and need to battle all the pressures of home, work, church, etc., for the time needed to accomplish TECH related projects. Thank God for the diligence of those serving in this manner.



**17. James & Ruth Wood** – When asked why we are thankful, we all think of family. Our family is soon to expand. Christina (our daughter) just got engaged. We are truly thankful for the young man soon to be her husband, soon to be our son (in-law). We are thankful he is a strong believer, a man of integrity.



**18. Joel Kreider** – I am truly thankful for an Advocate who gives form to the prayer of a soul, when words are unable to be found.

**19. Equipment** – God has graciously provided excellent equipment to TECH that enables us to use the “hands provided by dedicated staff” most effectively. Simultaneously it is required that *“Whatever turns up, grab it and do it. And heartily! This is your last and only chance at it, for there’s neither work to do nor thoughts to think in the company of the dead, where you’re most certainly headed.” Ecclesiastes 9:10 MESSAGE*



**20. Gene & Maxine Williams** – We thank God for His promises, encouragements, enablement, and provisions! He is faithful to His promises and He proves it over and over time after time. “For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. Psalm 84:10 NKJV

**21. Financial Resources** – Every ministry engaged in major ministry projects struggles with adequate fund development. Sometimes the challenge is complicated by unrealistic “dreams” although more frequently it is complicated by inadequate communication of the vision and purpose of the project need. We thank God for using our Ministry Development Services to offer guidance and direction in this regard.



**22. David & Nancy Leventry** (Tim) – It may seem trite, but we are truly thankful. We continue to be in awe of God’s goodness toward us in many different ways all these years while serving here at Missionary TECH Team.

**23. Graphic Services** – We give thanks for the many wonderful ministries we have the honor of assisting. One example is the Hedges, working with Baptist Mid-Missions in Chad Africa as translators. We designed a display, design all of their newsletters and fund raising letters, both for print and through Mail-Chimp for emails.

**24. Facilities Planning** – We are thankful for the student Interns that the Lord directed our way this year. Paul Christophersen and Aaron Chen, both mechanical engineering students, each spent several months with us, and were able to help develop mechanical systems designs for several FP projects.



**25. Doug Shively** – I’m very thankful for the changing seasons. In this part of the country, the leaves change to brilliant colors. Being a graphic artist, I’m always amazed how creative God is this time of year. Also, I’m totally “taken back” how He has hung the earth in space on nothing.

**26. Display Services** – We are thankful for each and every sister mission, missionary and every project. In this case busy hands are happy hands. We are very thankful to have produced many Awana banners over the years. Awana is an excellent “outreach” for kids in 100’s of churches.

**27. United States** – We are grateful for the freedoms that we still enjoy in the USA but are deeply concerned that as a nation we turn back to God. *“Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) That nation inevitably deludes itself that attempts to delude God.] For whatever a nation sows, that and that only is what that nation will reap.” Galatians 6:7 AMP underlined words inserted by TECH*



**28. Ken & Katie Selden** – Once again we experienced the Lord’s majesty and glory as we traveled to the TECH office via the northwest USA this fall season. We are awed and inspired by His creation and grateful for the opportunity to see it in person. *“O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.” Psalm 8:1 ESV*

**29. Computer Services** – We have had two custom software projects wrapped up and installed over the course of this calendar year. We praise God for these ministries and rejoice in being able to be part of their outreach through software.



**30. Patrick & Hannah Schnell** – We are blessed for the opportunities we have around the holidays to spend time with family. He has given us the time and resources especially to be with Hannah’s family during Thanksgiving, for which we are very thankful.

**31. Retirees** – We thank God for those faithful servants who have served with Missionary TECH Team. Now their predominate involvement is through prayer. Most are doing fairly well in all areas but obviously facing the challenges of aging. Praise the Lord with us for their continued spiritual outreach in their various home situations.

## Because You Prayed...

- Results from summer camp ministries have been most encouraging.
- Schill’s had a fruitful three-week ministry trip to Ghana.
- Several MTT missionaries have received unanticipated special ministry contributions.
- New volunteers are engaging on various projects.
- The Lord met the needs of James and Ruth Wood and Anne Whiteman in the recent loss of a loved one.