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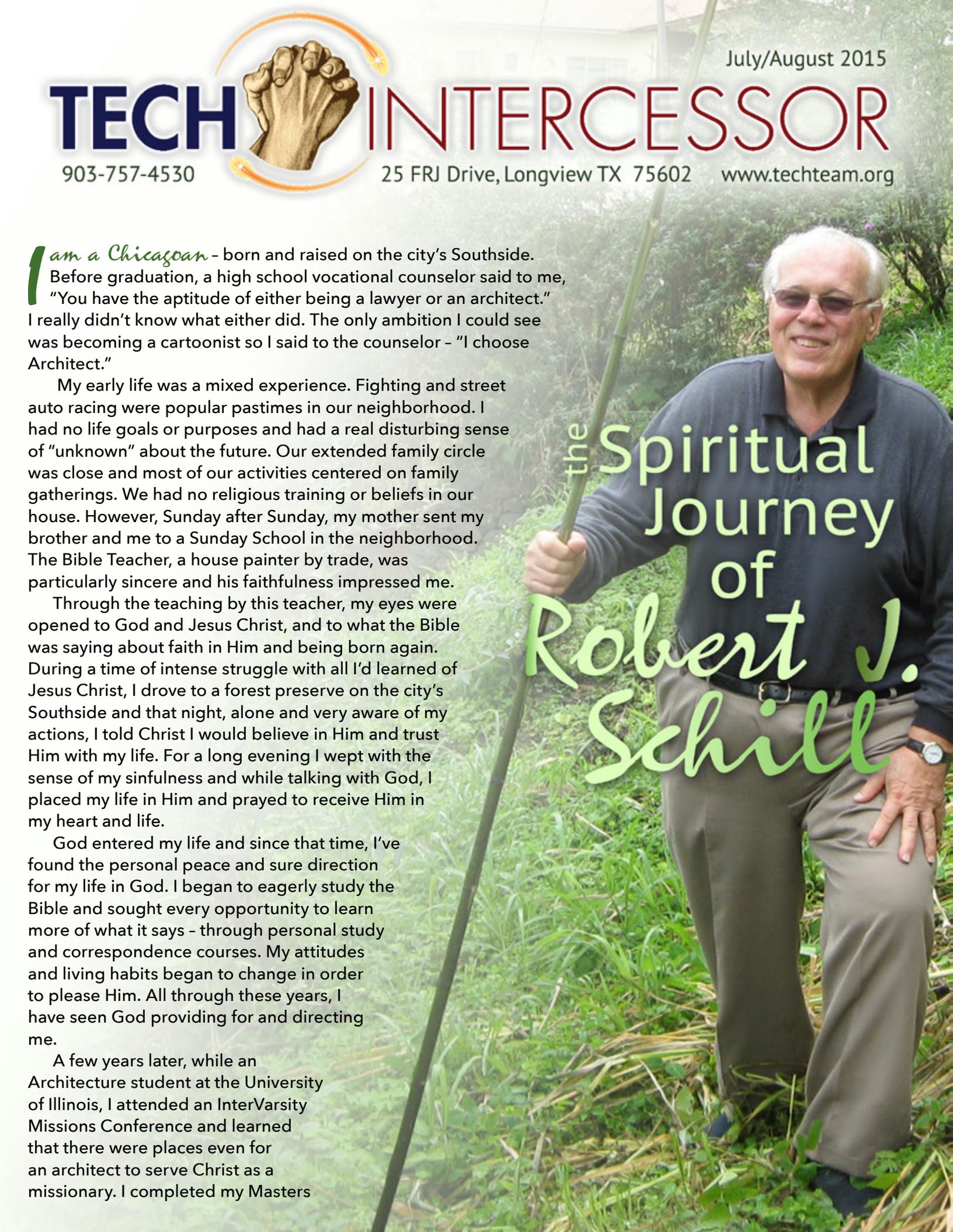
I am a Chicagoan - born and raised on the city's Southside. Before graduation, a high school vocational counselor said to me, "You have the aptitude of either being a lawyer or an architect." I really didn't know what either did. The only ambition I could see was becoming a cartoonist so I said to the counselor - "I choose Architect."

My early life was a mixed experience. Fighting and street auto racing were popular pastimes in our neighborhood. I had no life goals or purposes and had a real disturbing sense of "unknown" about the future. Our extended family circle was close and most of our activities centered on family gatherings. We had no religious training or beliefs in our house. However, Sunday after Sunday, my mother sent my brother and me to a Sunday School in the neighborhood. The Bible Teacher, a house painter by trade, was particularly sincere and his faithfulness impressed me.

Through the teaching by this teacher, my eyes were opened to God and Jesus Christ, and to what the Bible was saying about faith in Him and being born again. During a time of intense struggle with all I'd learned of Jesus Christ, I drove to a forest preserve on the city's Southside and that night, alone and very aware of my actions, I told Christ I would believe in Him and trust Him with my life. For a long evening I wept with the sense of my sinfulness and while talking with God, I placed my life in Him and prayed to receive Him in my heart and life.

God entered my life and since that time, I've found the personal peace and sure direction for my life in God. I began to eagerly study the Bible and sought every opportunity to learn more of what it says - through personal study and correspondence courses. My attitudes and living habits began to change in order to please Him. All through these years, I have seen God providing for and directing me.

A few years later, while an Architecture student at the University of Illinois, I attended an InterVarsity Missions Conference and learned that there were places even for an architect to serve Christ as a missionary. I completed my Masters



the Spiritual Journey of Robert J. Schill



of Architecture Program and continued praying for God to use me to further His kingdom. I began practicing architecture and soon became registered.

I married Jan in 1963 and we have enjoyed more than fifty years of marriage. We have three children and 13 grandchildren.

While attending a Missions Conference at our church, I again sensed God's nudge toward missions. I talked with the speaker and he directed me to a group called Missionary TECH Team, a technical ministry that was just beginning. I contacted Birne Wiley, the president, and a few months later, in 1971, Birne contacted me. We met together at our home in Illinois, talked, and prayed together.

That meeting led to a life altering service to God through Missionary TECH Team, which has now lasted more than four decades.

The aim of TECH Team is to be a Christian service mission that comes alongside other like-minded ministries to provide **Technical, Engineering and Consultant Help (TECH)**. This is because Christian organizations and missionaries often lack the specialized training, current experience or God-given abilities to meet some of the technical needs of their work. Frequently, these technical needs are for planning or architectural services.

During the early years with TECH Team, I was a part-time volunteer architect while carrying on a full-time secular architecture practice. I was also



Explaining preliminary master planning drawings at Mbingo Hospital, Bamenda, Cameroon Africa



Inspecting the new campus of Mission India Theological Seminary in Nagpur, India



Visiting with construction crew for the new student boarding facilities at Kamasi International Community School, Ghana, Africa



Inspecting HVAC units at new MAF headquarters in Nampa, Idaho



Working at TECH with Landscape Designer, Bill Daniels



Bob's wife Jan helping him at his office at TECH Team

a member of the Board of Trustees and served as their Chairman for many years.

When I turned 60, I sensed a call from God to resign from my practice and make myself available to serve God full time. An older architect had told me in my early years that the most productive and creative years of an architect's practice are from 55 -80! I can tell you that these last 15 years of full time volunteer service to God have been among

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the best years of my life with Him and in the practice of architecture for others! I have helped plan and design schools, universities, Bible schools, dorms, churches, camps and many other buildings in the United States, Africa, Asia, Spain and Mexico. .

I tell you truly, it has been a good life. I feel rewarded by the volume of work completed, and the satisfaction of accomplishment, all to the glory of God! I never regretted saying to the High School counselor - "I choose architect".

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All of us believing Christians are under a scriptural mandate from Christ Himself. It is the Great Commission occurring five times in the New Testament. It is this - "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19 (NASB).

I'm so grateful to God for giving me salvation and His direction through all the decades of my life. The outcome of my life is that Christ has led me to the path of serving Him as a volunteer Architect for His kingdom's growth worldwide.

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

Missionary TECH Team Announces

a New Service

Fund Development Symposiums

IN LIGHT OF ITS QUEST to know Christ and help make Him known, Missionary TECH Team has become increasingly aware that the lack of funds is curtailing the service and ministries of many of the ministry organizations and churches they serve. Therefore, the Ministry Development Services division of the Team has been led of God to offer a new service of **Fund Development Symposiums**.

THE FIRST TWO Symposiums are **Fund Raising for Ministry Organizations** on September 29 and 30, 2015 and **Conducting a Church Capital Fund Campaign** on October 1 and 2, 2015. Both Symposiums will be a combination of fund development training, seminars, workshops, and guided collaborative discussions. Both Symposiums will be held at the Missionary TECH Team Headquarters in Longview, Texas. There will be no charge for attendance.

THOSE ATTENDING the Symposiums will learn God-honoring fund development principles and new ways that can be used to raise more money for their ministries. The Symposium's presenters are seasoned leaders who collectively have over 100 years of successful experience in fund development for Christian ministries and churches.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY MINISTRIES or churches that would benefit from this new Missionary TECH Team service, please send your recommendation to Symposiums@techteam.org. Please include your name, the name of the ministry or church, its address and telephone number, and the contact name and telephone number.

It is respectfully requested that you pray for Missionary TECH Team.

- Ask the Lord to grant them wisdom, guidance, and the all provisions needed to prepare for and conduct the Symposiums.

In addition, please pray for those who will be attending the Symposiums.

- Ask God to help them use what they learn in ways that will bring Him honor and glory.
- Ask God to use the additional resources to be and do all that the Lord wants them to be and do.
- Ask God to help their ministry/church have more money for ministry as well as all the additional support needed.

Thanks for praying!

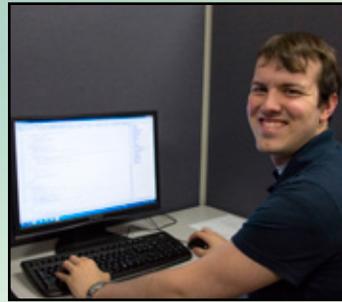
2015 Missionary TECH Team Interns



Computer Services
Alex Meadows
LeTourneau U (Longview TX)
Senior - Computer Science

I love developing apps and doing the powerful back-end stuff for websites. Computer scientists use technology to solve problems, and they write software to make

computers and websites do new cool things or be more efficient. I love this work. I looked at many different summer internships before I enter my senior year. For one reason or another God closed all the doors. I was disappointed at first, but my dad is the head of the Computer Services department at Missionary TECH Team, and he suggested that I do my internship here. Now I am excited to use my skills in software development to create smart-phone apps and gain real world experience while also helping missionaries spread the gospel.



Computer Services
Drew Heaton
LeTourneau U (Longview TX)
Senior - Computer Science

At the beginning of this semester, I wasn't sure what I was going to do this summer. I wasn't incredibly interested in doing an internship at the time, and my post-semester plans hadn't been in the forefront

of my mind. Then during our mission emphasis week at school, Mr. Meadows came to one of my computer science classes and talked about MTT and what its purpose was. I liked the idea of creating software that would help churches and missionaries better achieve their goals and spread God's word. It seemed like a really unique way to get involved and be a part of something meaningful while gaining knowledge and experience in my field. So, I set up a meeting to find out more and turned in my application a few weeks later. I have been in Computer Services three weeks as of writing this, and I definitely feel like I made the right decision. I'm excited to learn more and see why God has brought me here.



Facilities Planning
Amanda Arnold
U of Texas at Tyler, (Tyler, TX)
Sophomore - Mechanical Engineer

I began at UT Tyler with the intention of not getting an internship. Plenty of people I knew who majored in engineering had gone through school with good grades, no internships, and received job offers the day

they graduated.

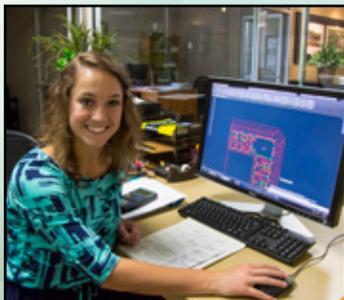
I realized that I had always envisioned working in under developed countries serving God's kingdom with the knowledge I acquired in college. The thought of working all day to put money into the pockets of conglomerates discouraged me. I considered changing my major to social work, but before I took that notion any farther, I typed "missionary work as a mechanical engineer" into a search engine. Missionary TECH was the third result that popped up. I noticed that the office was in Longview, (where I live) so I inquired about an internship. I feel as though I had a God-given passion and a great peace of mind to serve with TECH.



Facilities Planning
Kevin Finney
Baylor U (Waco, TX)
Super Senior - Mechanical Engineer

My brother had interned with MTT in 2010, and I liked what this group did for others and offered to those seeking experience.

I was having difficulties with finding internship opportunities every summer, but this past year my parents and I decided we should check out MTT. Thankfully, TECH Team was in need of an engineering intern, and I was more than willing to join and help. I have never done missionary work before, but I was always curious about doing it at some point in my life. With MTT, I am able to gain some professional experience while also serving God with my talents.



Facilities Planning
Ashley Eubank
Liberty U (Lynchburg, VA) Junior -
Industrial and Systems Engineering

In the summer of 2015 through a missions trip to Zacapa, Guatemala, the Lord showed me His passion for the world. I grew to understand that my perspective of the gospel had been confined to my English

speaking American culture. Jesus Christ is relevant in every language and to every people.

I completed my first year at LU as a college athlete on the track team unsure of how God was going to use engineering and missions together. Through a series of injuries that closed the door of athletics, God heightened my interest in Missionary TECH Team. One day I arrived late to a career event with MTT's COO, Randy Harris. We were able to have a one-on-one conversation about MTT. I can see that the Lord's hand has been working in this area of my life for about two years, and He is the one who has made my MTT journey possible.



Facilities Planning
Uche Ezenwa
Arkansas Tech U (Russellville, AR)
MS - Mechanical Engineering

I am from Nigeria, West Africa. While at ATU for my college degree, God directed me to my church family, First Baptist Church and Verge Collegiate Ministry. There I grew in my spiritual faith and met

with lovely Christian families and friends.

As my graduation approached, I prayed and believed God for an internship or full time job. God answered me on the very Sunday that our church held a graduate recognition service. Rebecca Daniel, daughter of a MTT missionary, told me about a missionary intern opportunity at MTT and asked me to check it out and apply. I was overwhelmed with joy at the news and knew immediately that God was leading me to serve HIM with my skills. So, I applied to serve as an intern at MTT, and today I am part of this big family of God. At MTT, I am learning a lot both technically and spiritually.

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“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”
John 3:16-17 (ESV)

The theme of this *Intercessor* is “Missionaries Ministry”. Our desire is to give you a snapshot of some of the ministries we assist. Our services provided are in [blue](#) type.

- 1. UIM International** (originally known as United Indian Missions, Inc.) was founded to establish biblically-based indigenous churches among Native Americans in the southwestern part of the U.S. ([Computer Services - flight billing software](#))



2. David & Nancy Leventry (Tim) - As I have opportunities to help other people, may I also share verbally about spiritual things and encourage others in their walk with Christ.

- 3. Facilities Planning** - We have three engineering interns with us this summer. Pray that this would be a meaningful experience for them as they learn more about practical applications of the engineering they have learned at school. We also pray they will learn more about how they can use their engineering skills to serve the Lord.



4. Les & Gina Brown - We are currently working on developing a Long-Range Facilities Development plan for Daniel Springs Baptist Camp in Gary, Texas. Pray that the Lord would provide wisdom as we help plan for the future development of the camp and that it could have an even greater spiritual impact on all those that attend camp there.

- 5. Bread for Life, Cameroon** is an evangelistic, relief and development organization founded and run by Cameroon nationals. They seek to “...empower individuals and communities by building ministries that will affect every spectrum of the African life - bridging the gap, changing mindsets and transforming our culture to the standard of Christ.” ([Graphic Services – graphic design, displays, web design logo design, letterhead, design, newsletters](#))



6. Randy & Connie Harris - As we get established in our new neighborhood, our prayer is that God would allow us to be a good witness for Him to our neighbors. Our desire is to be used by Him in all areas of our lives not just through the ministry of TECH.



7. James & Ruth Wood - Maybe you have heard of the unusual weather we have had in Texas. It has been a difficult spring with rain, flooding, wind, and tornadoes. Everybody including our neighbors, friends, and clients talk about the weather. This gives us an awesome opportunity to talk about the ONE who makes the weather! God is more awesome than the weather!

- 8. Capitol Commission**, in partnership with the church, is committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ and promoting the Biblical mandate to pray for those in authority in the Capitol communities throughout the United States and around the world. ([Graphic Services – retractable displays](#))



9. Doug Shively - For many summers now, our department has completed extensive projects for a local ministry that helps the homeless, unwed mothers, the elderly and the poor. Recently I attended the groundbreaking for their new, larger and much-needed offices. Please pray that the construction will go well and they will soon be able to have much better facilities.

- 10. Computer Services** - While the programs that we have written are used by 45 ministries based in the US and Canada, we know that 10 of these ministries have an impact in over 45 countries around the world. This year two ministries want to start using our software in multiple places around the world. Praise God with us and pray for the planning and implementation.

- 11. Source of Light Ministries International** networks with scores of evangelical missions and hundreds of national ministries worldwide through nearly 40 Branches and 2500 Associated Discipleship Schools. Source of Light Ministries International is a sending agency involved in various ministries: church planting, theological education, medical ministries, national partner development, and a publishing house as they “Provide the Tools to Finish the Task.” ([Computer Services – student tracking software](#))



12. Patrick & Hannah Schnell (Emogene) - This summer I will be working with Twin Oaks Ranch, a camp in central Texas, to design an indoor gymnasium facility. This camp serves all age groups as a wonderful place for a retreat or weeklong summer camp. The opportunities for enhanced ministry are abundant with this new facility design. Please pray that many campers will be built up and hear God’s word this summer.



13. Dan & Renee Harding (Jonathan, Ruth, Bethany, Grace, Sarah, Philip & Nathanael) - We thank God for the opportunity to serve several children’s ministries. Groups meet weekly to memorize and study God’s Word and hear the good news. One thousand pieces of study materials are going out weekly all over the country to witness of this good news and help individuals in their walk with God. We are privileged to provide software to keep track of the details to accomplish these tasks.

- 14. Bill & Karen Myers** (volunteers from Iowa) - Karen and I are thankful to our Lord for leading us to MTT so that we can serve in a supportive capacity. We continue to pray that God will open doors for us to serve more directly by serving FP clients once their architectural and engineering documents are completed. We are also thankful for the Christian family we have gained at MTT and always look forward to our time there.



15. Joel Kreider - “Bend my heart toward your instructions and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; with your ways, give me life.” *Psalms 119:36-37 Complete Jewish Bible*

- 16. Masters Vineyard, Moroto Uganda** - Mt. Moroto Christian Academy is a two-in-one school dedicated to meet the needs of each student. Upon completion, it will accommodate 3000 students with boarding and day attending option. Recently over 900 people gave their lives to Christ at a conference. ([Facilities Planning Services – long-range plan](#))



17. Ken & Katie Selden - After seven years of planning, designing, negotiating, revisions and construction, we witnessed the dedication of the Newborn Wesleyan Church in Newark, New Jersey on April 26, 2015. It was an

amazing celebration! Church officials were joined by local dignitaries in a sanctuary packed full of Haitian Christians all singing praises to the Lord in their native Creole language. *1 Kings 6:14 "So Solomon built the house and finished it."*



18. Tim & Kay Meadows (Alex) - We recently received a prayer letter from a ministry in Ethiopia. They shared how four young people were directed to this ministry by various sources. They already feel stretched to the limit in both finances and staff, and yet see the need is huge. Please pray not only for more finances and staff for ministries like this, but also for TECH as we strive to assist them to spend their time and money in the most effective, efficient way possible.

19. Calvary Baptist Church, Accra Ghana - Accra is the capital and largest city in the coastal African country of Ghana. The Worship Facility has a large auditorium for Sunday services, a smaller chapel, and classrooms for adults and children, a chapel for teenagers, and offices for the pastoral staff. ([Facilities Planning – master plan, construction drawings](#))



20. Gene & Maxine Williams - Please join us in praise for God's marvelous provisions and wisdom as we strive to honor and serve Him and live, move, and have our being in Him.

21. Camp Nathanael, Eastern Kentucky encompasses 540 acres with 38 buildings, recreational facilities and hiking trails. People of all ages throughout the region are being reached with the Gospel through community and camp programs, Bible studies, DVBS and church ministries. (Computer Services – camp software)



22. Birne & Lynella Wiley - We rejoice in God's continued guidance in our lives personally as well as in TECH corporately! The transition process continues to move along smoothly for which we praise God.

Simultaneously, our loving Father continues to reveal His plan for continuing ministry for us after Randy becomes President the first of November. Opportunities for significant future ministry are exciting, and we look forward to His continued direction in all planning. Thanks for joining us in prayer in this regard!

23. Graphic Services - TECH has several interns this summer, and some of the staff are doing a Bible Study with them. While the idea was to give spiritual input into their lives, we are excited at the thought of how we as staff may benefit. Pray that each of us will gain exactly what the LORD would desire for us through this study.



24. Bob & Jan Schill - Pray for us as servant missionaries that we develop meaningful godly relationships with those we serve; that our words, attitudes and walk with Christ will be a witness to the joy of loving and serving Jesus; that we may be bold imitators, following the leading of the Spirit of God. Pray that our sister ministries will learn of our technical services and avail themselves of them. Pray that they will know these services are offered as a fragrant sacrifice to our Lord and to them. Pray for Bob and the outcome and recuperation from his recent surgery.

25. Northside Christian Center, Texas is an established, well-respected elementary and secondary school offering strong academic instruction in a Christ-centered atmosphere. Their goal is to equip students for the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities of life by helping them reach their highest potential and productivity. ([Facilities Planning Services – gymnasium and worship center design](#))



26. Bill & Joyce Daniel (Paul) - Please pray for more ministry opportunities for those we are working with. They are sharing Christ through youth camps, schools, churches, inner-city ministries and in other ways that God gives them to reach

multitudes. Each one gives their best each day to bring as many people as possible to a saving knowledge of Christ and to disciple them in the faith.

27. Christian Women's Job Corp exists to empower women to provide for themselves and their families and to move women from the Christian community into the task of local support and missions. ([Graphic Services – web page design, bracelet design](#))

28. Mechanical Services - You may have heard about the huge amounts of rain in Texas in April and May. A missionary who has leased a TECH car was in Houston for cancer treatments. When she went out the next morning, the car was sitting in over 18 inches of water. Vehicles can be fixed and replaced, but pray for God's provision of someone to coordinate this ministry.

29. The Mailbox Club Ministry is a publisher and distributor of Bible Study lessons for children, youth and adults. They are fully engaged in evangelizing our world with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and discipling new believers to spiritual maturity through clear Bible teaching. Their Bible study lessons are provided FREE to the student. ([Computer Services – student tracking software, receipting program, Bible lessons online, reporting tool](#))



30. Teri Comroe (Brenna) - I do a lot of graphic design with different missionaries all over the world. As I have gotten to know various clients and their ministries over the years, I just get excited about the huge variety of ways that God is reaching the lost through his servants. It is so exciting to be a part of these ministries through the work I do here at TECH. Please pray with me that the work I do will communicate clearly the message that each missionary has and help to spread the good news of our dear Lord and Savior.

31. International Community Schools, Kumasi Ghana - Their mission is to create an educational center of the highest quality that meets international standards through a holistic integration of academic, social, physical, spiritual and moral training. Their aim is to raise a new generation of leaders who are productive members of their communities and have a broader vision for the world. ([Facilities Planning Services – master plan, landscape design, construction drawings](#))

Because You Prayed...

 We have five interns serving with us this summer: two in Computer Services and three in Facilities Planning.

 God continues to use TECH around the globe to reach many for Himself. We hear reports of folks responding to the salvation message of Jesus Christ and their lives are transformed and changed for eternity.

 TECH continues to have many new contacts and there is renewed excitement of the ministry God has entrusted to us.

 Two of our staff family are receiving cancer treatments. God continues to sustain them through this adventure, and we are very grateful for your prayers!

