

TECH INTERCESSOR

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Apps



Technology can be a wonderful thing when it works the way we think it should. Many times we don't understand it, we just know when it's not working. We are encouraged that we have the know how to assist many Christian ministries with their technology dilemmas and demands to help further the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The last several years TECH has worked on developing custom computer software. More recently mobile smart phone apps have blossomed as organizations see how effective they can be in their ministries. Many have limited personnel, so the ability to access information quickly through customized apps has been a tremendous help and has maximized the missionary's time.

Our **Missionary Support Team App** is now available on the app store! This has been specifically developed with the missionary in mind to help track donors and their pledges. It gives the ability to carry your donor contact information with you at all times and access it by the tap of your finger. If you need a phone number or simply directions, the information is immediately available.

You can track your financial or prayer support commitments



by setting up specific groups. The app can be a tremendous help to new missionaries as they begin their support raising adventure. We are delighted to make this available. You can find it by visiting the Google Play or iPhone store.

When the phone rings in Computer Services, it's usually because someone has a problem or a specific need. Our hearts desire is to serve God well in our generation. So when the phone rings, our goal is to focus on the end result of folks coming to know the Savior as we help untangle the problems. We often talk about keeping our eye on the fact that we have unique gifts and talents and that God has allowed us to get in on His work. We know the service we provide is having eternal impact on thousands of lives around the world.

Computer Services works with an organization called The Mail Box Club. They recently reported about their opportunity to do work in Egypt in 2015.

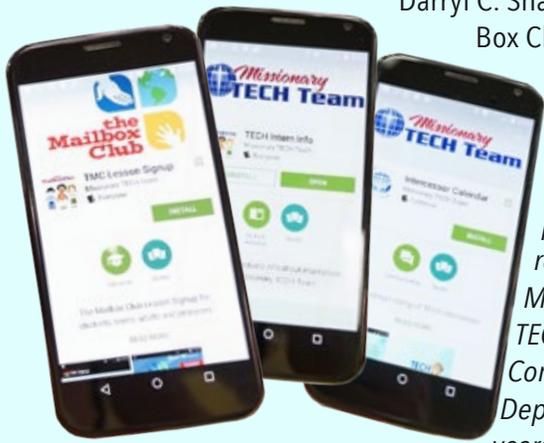
Here is part of that letter;

"In just six months, these teachers (1,700) enrolled 36,750 children in the Explorers Club. By December, 2015, 32,890 children completed the 12-lesson course, a graduation rate of over 89%! That's the good news. Now here's the God news: Of those children enrolled in Explores Club, 12,680 came into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus".

How do we express how overjoyed we are that TECH can have that kind of impact for our Savior!

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Darryl C. Shafer from The Mail Box Club writes;

"The Mailbox Club has been forever blessed through our practical working relationship with MTT (Missionary TECH Team) and their Computer Services Department. Twelve years ago it all began

with the CMS (Contributions Management System) that has developed for a basic donor receipting program to a full featured contact management system.

Based on our good experiences with CMS, we have commissioned MTT to build custom database packages for our Discipleship Center Student Tracking System; then a survey style web based information gathering program to collect annual statistical reports from all around the world; and also interactive online Bible lesson website for all our children's Bible study courses.

Each of these programs have greatly enhanced our ministry outreach capability and/or the efficiency of our efforts. The Student Tracking System in particular has enabled us to manage and minister to a greater and growing student body with a minimum of ministry management and volunteer personnel. All of these software packages have proven operationally reliable and error free in daily operation. We praise the Lord and thank the fine programmers of MTT's Computer Services Department."

The Mail Box Club is just one of the many stories we could share from the variety of Churches and Christian Ministries we have the opportunity to serve. The Lord continues to bless our efforts, and we see a steady stream of project requests come our way. This summer we anticipate interns joining us again in Computer Services, and much work will be accomplished in custom software and mobile app development. As workers come and technology changes, we have specific needs for equipment. If you would like more information on our equipment needs, please feel free to contact us. If The Lord would lead you to invest in "eternal rewards" through Computer Services, we would be delighted. You can simply mail us a gift or contribute online at techteam.org.

Please pray that God would give us wisdom and grace as we serve a wide variety of ministries with very unique needs. We count it a privilege to serve our Great God in these days of opportunity. Thank you for your interest in Missionary TECH Team.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven".

Matthew 5:16 (ESV)



Founder's Corner

Within the world of Christian ministry, it seems there is always dynamic tension between technological advances (equipment) and the impact it has on ministry (people)! The question is, "Does ministry drive technological advances for effective ministry, OR does technology drive decision making for ministry efficiency and effectiveness?"



We have wrestled with that conundrum ever since TECH's founding in August 1968. We almost lost a highly qualified missionary couple because we purchased an IBM Selectric typewriter. 'After all a manual did the same job at far lower cost'. The idea of spending several hundred dollars on new equipment was considered over the top. In 1977 TECH was one of the first ministries of any size to purchase an in-house computer. This was followed by a

desk-top publishing computer for Graphic Services. CAD (Computer Aided Design software) was acquired a few years later when the price dropped below \$100,000! Each of these steps required, in our minds at least, tremendous leaps of faith. But God honored those steps, enabling thousands of ministries and people to be served because we chose to walk in obedience to His guidance!

In this issue of TECH Intercessor, we share with you some of the exciting things God is enabling us to accomplish through equipment and gifted people. Today we are blessed with quality equipment, furnishings and dedicated missionary staff.

The challenge now is to have the right people in place to effectively use the tools God has given us. We urgently need the hands to use the tools so we can help others know Christ and make Him known! Thanks for your partnership in helping make this ministry possible through your prayers and finances.

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*"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."
1 Corinthians 4:1 (ESV)*



1. David & Nancy Leventry – God has faithfully supplied our financial needs through Missionary TECH Team all these years. However, things do change, and we have dropped below the minimum requested. Please pray with us that God would provide opportunities and contacts for us in order to raise the additional funds needed for our ministry account.



2. Teri Comroe – A friend has started a small group prayer meeting in my home every week. We share our deepest struggles, pray for each other's ministries, and others on our hearts. As we have been praying, we have seen the hand of God move in incredible ways. God uses our faith in prayer to truly move spiritual mountains, heal hearts, and change our world for Christ.

3. Vehicle Leasing – All of our vehicles are leased out through much of the summer by missionaries home from China, Ethiopia, Hungary, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Turkey, and other places. Pray we will have wisdom as we consider getting additional vehicles so we can serve more missionaries.



4. James Wood – Everything comes into our lives for a purpose. God uses all things for our good! OH LORD, help me to believe and SEE you working in my life...in ALL things!

5. *But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. ... Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. Genesis 6:8-9* "I know of nothing which I would choose to have as the subject of my ambition for life than to be kept faithful to my God till death." Charles H Spurgeon



6. Tim & Kay Meadows – Just over 14 years ago we moved to Texas from Indiana. Whenever I see certain friends and former co-workers, I am asked the question, "Did you ever think you would stay in missions this long?" About all I know to say is "I understand all the more when Paul said 'And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.' *Philippians 4:19*"



7. Ken & Katie Selden – During our years with TECH Team, we have "weathered" several serious health concerns. The prayer/financial support of our ministry partners is invaluable [and an enormous encouragement] as we strive to serve our risen Savior. Our inspiration is found in *Philippians 4*; "...don't be anxious...the peace of God surpasses all understanding...".

8. Please pray for all of our supporting churches. We don't want to take them for granted as they are an important and big part of Missionary TECH Team.



9. Bill & Joyce Daniel – Our son, Paul, will be finishing his school responsibilities in Arkansas soon. As he transitions back to Texas, please pray for God's wisdom for him in seeking new college and job opportunities but most of all, ministry opportunities he may be involved in. This is a big step forward for our entire family.

10. Graphics Services – Most of our staff have come to TECH from the work force. It is very easy to fall into the "it's just a job" trap. Pray that we never get over the uniquely, exciting fact that we are working for His Kingdom!



11. Dan & Renee Harding (Ruth, Bethany, Grace, Sarah, Philip, & Nathanael) – Please pray for our family as we are involved in discipleship, education, mission trips, camp, kids clubs, and church ministry in addition to the computer programming services that can help other missions with their technical needs. May God grant wisdom, grace, and balance.

12. Please pray that the student interns coming this summer would have an enjoyable and meaningful experience as they work on projects for missions, and that some would be led to pursue becoming full-time missionaries.



13. Justin & Lee Foster – But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" *Matthew 4:4 (ESV)* Jesus reminds us that during times of temptation, we need His word to survive. It is easy to get caught up doing God's work and put reading the Bible aside. I pray that even during the busiest days we will take time out to read the Bible.



14. Bob & Jan Schill – Please continue to pray for TECH missionaries as they continue to grow in Christ as they serve others. May they experience growth and keep living close to Him in all circumstances. May they be refreshed in His company daily.

15. *"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31*
"When a man has no strength, if he leans on God, he becomes powerful." D.L. Moody



16. Randy & Connie Harris – We are delighted for the opportunities to serve locally along with our service around the globe with TECH. Randy has the opportunity to teach a leadership class on Wednesday nights at our church. Connie is enjoying being a part of a ladies Bible study group each week. Learning together and being able to pray for each other is a blessing!



17. Charles & Noreen Powers – "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" *Romans 15:1*. Significant events are happening in our family recently - children graduating from college, moving out, and getting jobs plus our involvement with TECH. We would be encouraged by your prayers as we experience and adjust to these exciting changes!

18. For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: *"In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength."* Isaiah 30:15
"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." Martin Luther



19. **Doug Shively** – I am especially thankful when Tuesday morning comes around. This is when Milt McElvain speaks to us during our regular chapel time. He does such a good job of explaining the Scriptures and always leaves us with a good challenge.



20. **Joel Kreider** – 1 Cor. 5:12-13a (NCV) *"It is not my business to judge those who are not part of the church. God will judge them. But you must judge the people who are part of the church."* As we minister in our daily lives and to our community, my hope is to keep this at the forefront of my mind: an admonishing love is for the church and an attracting love is for the world.



21. **Patrick & Hannah Schnell** (Emogene & Ida) – The mutual joy that we can share with Christ stems from our following the Father's commands. In so doing, the disciples were promised that their joy would be complete and that Christ's joy would be in them (John 15:9-11). May we seek this complete joy in our daily lives to the Father's glory.

22. **Facilities Planning** – The Lord continues to provide us with a full project workload. Please pray that He would send additional full-time architectural and engineering staff so that we may be able to fulfill all the project requests we receive.

23. *"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."* 1 Corinthians 10:13

"You can't keep the birds from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from building a nest in your hair." Martin Luther



24. **Les & Gina Brown** – We are thankful for how the Lord has watched over and protected our family and blessed us with good health. Thank the Lord with us for His continuing faithfulness to meet our needs.

25. *"How I praise Thee, precious Savior, that Thy love laid hold of me; Thou hast saved and cleansed and filled me that I might Thy channel be. Jesus, fill now with Thy Spirit hearts that full surrender know; that the streams of living water from our inner man may flow. Channels only, blessed Master, but with all Thy wondrous power flowing through us, Thou canst use us every day and every hour."* Mary E. Maxwell



26. **Milt & Jackie McElvain** – Satisfaction in ministry is a challenge and an absolute necessity. Our disposition, our productivity, the quality of our daily life, the choices we make, and even our desire to follow the leadership of God will suffer if we depart from a contented frame of mind. The issues faced each day may or may not change, but we cannot afford to wait for life to be "good" before we gain our satisfaction. Hebrews 13:5 *"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."* Let us pray for each other to choose contentment because our God is a constant Presence to help us with all the needs we face.



27. **Birne & Lynella Wiley** – We thank God for Birne's successful double knee replacement. The doctors seem very pleased with the results so far, and we would ask you to join us in praying for full and quick recovery. Lord willing, we will take our first road trip by mid June to visit prayer and financial partners of TECH as well as visit our two sons and families. Thanks for your faithfulness in prayer.

28. **Computer Services** – We continue to receive more requests than we can possibly take on. Please pray for the right balance of workers for the tasks as well as for wisdom in accepting or rejecting new projects.

29. *"Under His wings I am safely abiding, though the night deepens and tempests are wild; still I can trust Him I know He will keep me, He has redeemed me and I am His child. Under His wings, under His wings who from His love can sever? Under His wings my soul shall abide, safely abide forever."* William O. Cushing



30. **Bill & Karen Myers** – We are praising the Lord that Karen's foot healed quickly. As we travel and live out of our RV, this brought to light that addressing health issues while living on the road can be a concern. We all like "our doctor", and this is not always possible for us. Trusting in the Lord for our health and providers is always in our prayers.

31. *"Filled to overflowing, hearts aglow and showing Christ to those who do not know Him; sanctified and holy, yielded to Him only, vessels for the Master's use. O make my life a blessing, Lord. May it stand Thy testing Lord."* Alfred B. Smith

Staff News



Patrick and Hannah Schnell welcomed a new daughter, **IDA JOY**, to their family on March 24. Emogene is happy with her new role as big sister!