

# MIDYEAR • Graphic MREPORT • Services

▪ 134 Projects ▪ 32 States ▪ 34 Countries ▪ 16 New Clients

**Graphic Services** helps churches and Christian ministries worldwide by:

- Providing design and print services for literature
- Designing, building, and assembling displays
- Web page design
- Other visual communication tools

This group of Graphic Designers and communication specialists have sensed the call of God on their lives to use their talents and skills to further the Kingdom of Christ.

**Buckner Child and Family Services** is a local ministry we have served for many years. The East Texas main offices in Longview serve the northeast 22 counties of Texas. Here is an excerpt from the Buckner 2016 Mid-Year Report:

“Because of you, children are loved, families are strengthened and those served now have new hope for a brighter future. For more than 137 years the work of Buckner has been a partnership with individuals and organizations committed to helping others. Thank you for providing for vulnerable children, youth and families in Longview. Your support is helping change lives forever.

- To date we have served 91 children through foster care and adoption.
- 41 families (123 individuals) have participated in the programs and services at the Longview Family Hope Center.
- 340 children in 124 families have received services and assistance through Projects HOPES.
- Construction is completed, and the new Longview campus is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2016. The Family Pathways program, a residential transition program for single parents and their children, will have capacity for 16 families.”

Buckner is known for their outstanding care and family services.

For the past 17 years they have hosted a Sporting Clay Challenge as one of their major fund raising events. Missionary TECH Team provides the signage for this 3 day event. Hundreds of people participate with the hopes of hitting all 100 clays. Prior to the event, the Buckner staff come to our office with vans and trucks to transport the signs to the event location. These signs are used to communicate the sponsors and provide directions, and other information. The 2016 event was a huge success, raising \$205,000, approximately half of their budget. Not only are lifestyles changed in East Texas, but many lives are transformed for eternity because of the work done by Christ through Buckner.

Missionary TECH Team has been sponsored to have a four-person team



Graphics does a lot of signs for the Buckner fund-raiser. Here you see us assembling one of the signs.



Sponsor signs near the sign in and cookout place at the event



A few sponsor signs and one of the many wayfaring signs through the course.





Participation in the Buckner Clay Challenge fund-raiser starts with practice. Here, our president, Randy, instructs intern, Steph, how to shoot the gun while Graphic Designer, Joel, launches clays.

in the Sporting Clays Challenge for the past 3 years. Many of our staff who can tolerate the July heat join the fun. This has been a good opportunity for us to participate in a local ministry and have some good laughs. Our team slogan is *"Save the Clays"*. Sometimes we even save the ammo! Following the event, we enjoy a terrific meal at the gun club. This has become an annual event we look forward to. It strengthens our team while supporting another ministry.

We are grateful for the graphic work the Lord has entrusted to us. We continue to seek the Lord for additional staff to serve in this area with us.

### Equipment Update

Graphic Services needs to replace our large graphic printer. This printer is the workhorse of the department, producing thousands of printed displays over the last seven years. The cost to replace this is approximately \$20,000. We have received some gifts toward a new machine and simply want to make the need known. If the Lord would move you to have an eternal impact investing in Graphic Services, we would be delighted to give you more information.



Printing a Buckner Event sponsor banner on our current large format printer,

It is very rewarding to work with churches and ministries and assist them with their graphic needs. To have the personnel and equipment to meet that need brings us great joy.

Thank you for partnering with us on this adventure in serving hundreds of Christian organizations using technical skills to reach thousands for Christ.



Sweating it out together as we walk from one shooting station to another at the event.



This year's official group photo from Buckner



Monday morning meetings: Graphic Services team discusses client projects

## Founder's Corner — by Birne Wiley

In this issue of the TECH Intercessor, we feature the second ministry formed by TECH. We soon recognized that regardless of the quality of work produced by our Facilities Planning Services, the likelihood of implementation of that work was strongly impacted by the provision of finances.

In TECH's early years of ministry, much of the communications produced by sister missions was done on either a hectograph or mimeograph machine. The quality was certainly not high, and most often lacked good graphic design. In 1971, the Lord brought Chuck Kline into TECH to establish the printing/graphic element of our professional services.

Through the years, God has allowed us to expand the services rendered through this department. One of the challenges we have continually faced is having the equipment

to provide the quality of services needed. The Lord has regularly provided dedicated personnel and grateful ministries receiving this help.

Two long-term faithful servants in this area are approaching retirement. We urge you to join us in fervent prayer for: a department manager having some years of experience in graphic production; at least one more experienced graphic artist; and a person/s having experience in web development.

Our loving Father continues to confirm the validity and effectiveness of this ministry. We are grateful for your joining us in asking for God's provision in this area as we continue to provide this meaningful and effective service.

