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Serving Missions around the World



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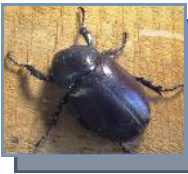
New Tribes Mission - Papua New Guinea



Serving in Missions - Niger, Africa



Deaf Ministries International



Communication Breakdown in PNG

by Weston Syverson

The phone rang, something I usually take for granted. On the other end was Doug Shaylor with New Tribes Mission to talk about the need to replace some aging telephone systems in Papua New Guinea. For over a year we communicated via phone calls and emails to finalize all of the details for this project. A team of 4 from Tech Serve carried the telephone systems, 1000 feet of cable and all of the parts to the job locations in Papua New Guinea.



The Interface Campus is near Goroka, in the eastern Highlands, and we arrived to find a beautiful campus with a blown up phone system. In one short week all of the cable was re-spliced, tested, grounded and protected. The old system was removed and the new (used) system installed with new protection and grounding.

The campus is situated next to a BenaBena village and exists to provide an opportunity for college students to experience the mission field firsthand. Here they are given language training and time in the village working with the Bena people. 2/3rds of the students that go through this month long course end up in missionary service.



Earl, NTM Missionary Peter, and crew



Missionary Jacob, Earl, Jerry and Michael repairing a cable

Richard Foster is the local missionary to the Bena-Bena. His family has been working and living in the village for many years. During our time there we ran 600 feet of cable to his house to provide him with a phone so that he can call and reach the other missionaries on the base.

When we left, the director Janie told me, "It was so nice to realize I could just pick up the phone and call up the hill!"

My favorite part of this trip was the fellowship with the missionaries there. What incredible people with dedication to promoting what missions and the Gospel is all about. What a privilege to help them in their work.





From Goroka we boarded a New Tribes Mission airplane and flew to the big island of West New Britain. The NTM center at Hoskins is the base of operations for many missionaries working out in the remote parts of the island.

When I first met Randy (Islands Chairman) and Mike (Islands Administrator) they were all smiles, I think it's because we had come to remove a burden. I observed as they showed me their tricks to make the old telephone system operational after a lightning strike or some glitch in the system. It was very technical and made me **sad to think that so much of their time was wasted babysitting this antique.**

In our suitcases, we brought a replacement system and all the parts to re-rehabilitate their cable facilities. In another short week, Earl and Jerry had re-spliced and grounded all of the outside cable and re-worked all the protectors, as well as training NTM missionaries Steven Thompson and Greg Stevens in cable maintenance.

In the phone room, each circuit was a maze to follow. After many years of modifications, the situation was confusing to say the least. Station 107 goes from **A to 3 to T to 8 to Z ...?** **We completely removed the old wiring and started over.**

When we finished, the phone system terminals were plainly identified on the right and the protected cable terminals on the left. While we simplified the installation, we trained Steven, Greg and others on how to maintain the system.

It is no small task what Randy and Mike are in charge of. The last thing they need to worry about is the phone system! With some of the maintenance personnel trained and the system installed and working well, **Randy and Mike are free to do what God has called them to do.**

The best part of the trip was spending time with the missionaries. What a blessing to talk with Peter & Pam Van Der Decker about their work in a tribe for the last 15+ years. There are now



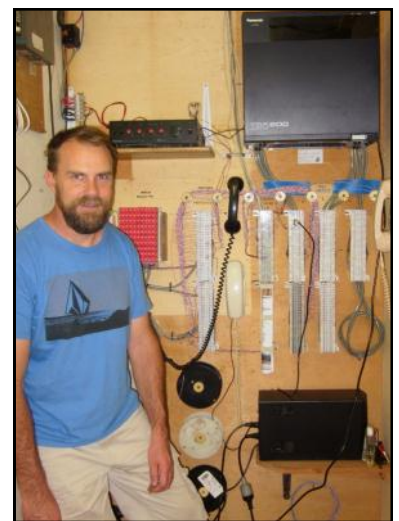
Weston training NTM missionaries Greg and Steven

Tech Serve volunteer Jerry Barton worked long hours fixing problems



Tech Serve Volunteers Earl & Ellen Nickelson have traveled the world together serving missions with their talents.

Weston with the simplified telephone system installation.



Son-shine

in

the Sahara

by Weston Syverson

When I think of the Sahara, I think of heat and sand. I also think of SIM, or **Serving in Missions**. Since **1924** they have been diligently working in **Niger** in some of the hottest and most difficult environments imaginable. Here in the town of Maradi, with half a million people, **100** degrees is considered a good day. 75 degrees will close down the town, as everyone is freezing and trying to get warm.

Danja is a small town on the outskirts of Maradi, and here SIM has a small hospital treating many people as well as finding and helping people with **leprosy**. The compound is stretched out, with the residences located about 1/2 a mile from the hospital. When there are emergencies at the hospital, the staff has desperately needed a phone system to be able to call the doctors and nurses for instruction.

Tech Serve has worked along side of SIM in Niger for many years, helping with phone systems and generators at their headquarters, hospitals and schools.

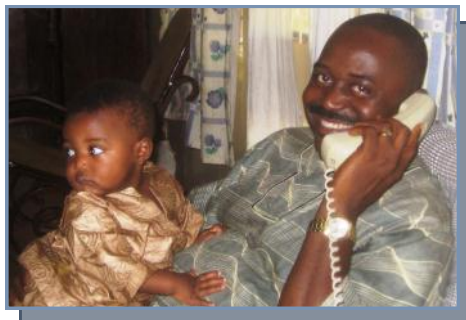
Charlie Crown, Earl and Ellen Nickelson, Jerry Barton and myself traveled to Niger to install a complete telephone system. In 7 days, cable was buried to connect the parts of the campus and wire run to each location that needed a phone. Over 30 telephones were installed with plans for another dozen for the new *fistula* ward.

The crew worked side by side with national workers, many of them Muslims. What an amazing opportunity to share the love of Christ while working together.

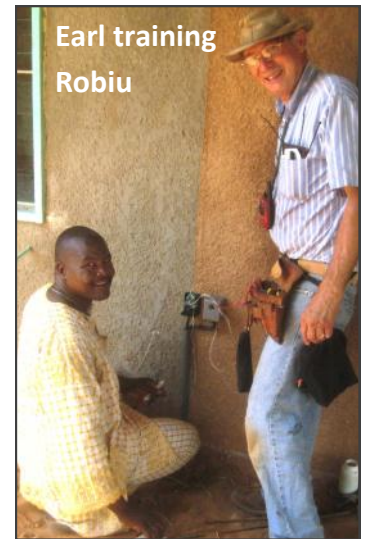
The first evening we had phones, the director Bunmi Oluoto's phone rang. He said, "What is that?" "Oh, yes, the phone!" "That is so nice!!" He picked it up and answered some questions.

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Bunmi and his son Goodness on the first call



Josuf, Weston, and some helpers placing cable



Earl training Robiu





Tech Serve volunteer Charlie Crown working in the heat.



Earl, Robiu, Charlie and Bunmi

The phone team: Weston, Jerry, Jonathan (SIM), Charlie, Ellen and Earl



I was so blessed to see people with leprosy being treated and the sick being cared for with love. What a privilege to serve such amazing people, who are giving so much in God's service out here on the edge of the Sahara. **Please pray for SIM Danja**, that their labour will reflect the love of Jesus Christ in word and in deed, and that His love will shine brightly through the missionaries of SIM to the people of Niger.

Visit www.sim.org for more information about this amazing ministry.

How do I get involved?

Pray. More than any other need we have at Tech Serve, we believe that it is prayer that allows the work that we do to be successful. There are so many obstacles to any given project to be successful, and so we ask for prayer for each and every team. If you would like to get our monthly prayer letter, please let us know your email address or give us a call here at the home office.

Go. We are always looking for people willing to go. All it takes is being available. Call us and tell us what you would like to do and we will look for the right opportunity to get you on a project. We are also looking for a full time person to work in the telephone department with the idea of eventually running it. We are also looking for people who would be willing to dedicate many years to full time mission work.

Give. Tech Serve is a faith based non profit organization. What that means is that Tech Serve is funded and operates from the donations of people. It also means that our staff are supported missionaries living on the generous donations of people who are interested in supporting this work. At all times Tech Serve strives to be as transparent as possible. Please feel free to call with any questions, or if you would like to see anything firsthand, please come by for a **visit**.

If you would like to invest in a project we have many requests for help from hospitals and ministries around the world.

An opportunity in UGANDA

- In the city of Kampala is a ministry to the deaf that we have been involved with for some time. A few years ago we built a church there and last year built an orphanage. When we built the church, the property was sloped and needed a retaining wall. While Lloyd Osborn was there he built the wall and laid the foundation for another building, possibly a Bible College for deaf Pastors and workers.



TSI Superintendent Lloyd Osborn building retaining wall

- At the time Lloyd was there, dozens of students were all living in one small house on the property. Neville Muir, the director of Deaf Ministries International has worked hard to raise 1/3 of the monies needed to build a new Bible school building with housing. (Cont'd)



While the deaf workers dug the foundation footers through the old church/school building, the students just moved to the side and the instructor kept teaching.

(DMI Uganda Continued)

- DMI works in over 20 countries and in Uganda alone there are 57 DMI Deaf churches. All of these churches need pastors and workers. At DMI they can get the training they need to fulfill God's calling on their lives.
- DMI has 9 acres outside of town. It is possible that Neville will move the Bible College to this location and build the needed 3 or 4 buildings rather than try to build 2 stories on one small lot in town. At this point the Bible School with housing project needs \$60,000 to go forward.
- If you would like to donate towards this project, no amount is too small. If you, or someone you know of would like to be involved in this project or have any questions about it, please feel free to call Wes Syverson at 501-679-2120 or email wes.syverson@tech-serve.org

Investment Opportunity:

In our current economy we wonder what we should do to protect our savings and the things that we have worked so hard for. Should we buy real estate?



Should we invest in gold or other currencies? What is going to happen to our dollar, to the euro, to our economy? While



our economic future may be uncertain, we can be confident in the words of **Jesus**.

Jesus stated plainly, "Store up for yourselves riches in heaven, where moth nor rust destroy, nor thieves break in and steal." Mathew 6:20

So what does this mean and how do we do it?

YAHOO ANSWERS provided the [Best Answer](#) chosen by Asker *"You store up treasure in Heaven by honoring God when you invest the time, talents, and treasures that He has made you a steward of in supporting Christ's Kingdom work here on earth."*

Invest with certainty



A Word From Wes

In 1968 we answered the call to become missionaries. Asking God to use our skills in construction for His Kingdom, we went to the mission field with Wycliffe. I'm overwhelmed as I think about those of you who have supported our efforts for over 40 years through your prayers, monthly commitment to giving, and your encouragement to us to step out in faith.

It's been over 20 years since we began Tech Serve. I couldn't have imagined what all these years would hold. Tech Serve is a small organization, and yet God has allowed us to provide vital support for so many efforts in spreading the Gospel of Jesus.

I MUST SAY
THANK YOU

I love working at Tech Serve and we have been so privileged to serve missions all over the Globe. We have been able to provide services for many years because of you. YOU have read about our work and have prayed for us and our projects. YOU have given to TSI and supported the missionaries that work here. YOU have volunteered for every project and YOU have gone and worked so that in the end we are able to help missionaries around the world with the things they need help with.

I must say thank you even though I know that you have done it for Him. When I look at what has been done I know that God is to be given the Glory! And yet he uses human hands to make it happen, you have been His tools. You have gone into all the World, by praying, giving, going, and by serving Him with what He has given you.

Serving with you, *Wes*

- **Mexico Missions** has been operating a church, orphanage, and a clinic for many years in **Durango**. They have had a need for a church building, and so Jack Williams has championed this project and the building is on its way. Please pray with us for its safe delivery. We also need volunteers to fly down sometime in early spring to build this, contact Jack at the home office if you are interested.
- Tech Serve is building a bath house at **Mission To The World's** campground in **Cherokee, NC**. Larry Zuagg will be starting this project in the Spring and will need construction volunteers. Please call Wes if interested.
- **West Africa Theological Seminary** trains pastors in **Lagos Nigeria**. The phone system has done well for the last 10 years, but is in need of parts so we are shipping over another system. In the Spring Earl Nickelson will be going over to install this unit. If you would like to go, please contact Weston at home office.
- In Arkansas at the **Tech Serve Home office** there are always small projects going on. Please feel free to come and visit for any reason, we have guest room accommodations, some small cabins, and RV hookups. We would love to see you and we'll even leave the light on for you.
- Weston is looking for someone to work with him in running the **Telephone Department**, so that he can focus more on being the Director of Operations. Please call if interested.

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NEW GUINEA

Merry Christmas and happy New Year from all of us at *Tech Serve!*