
Tech Serve Int'l News

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A Servant Heart

What kind of story will you leave behind? Over the last dozen years I have had the privilege to work along side Earl and Ellen Nickelson on many projects around the world. Traveling from the deserts of Africa to the Jungles of Papua New Guinea, we have had many challenging and wonderful trips helping so many mission groups with technology and encouragement. Sadly and unexpectedly, Earl passed away last month, leaving us all a little more sober, and expectant of that day when we will be reunited in the presence of our King.

Earl's Story

Earl had recently joined me in Honduras, where we were volunteering to finish the Eye Clinic/Surgery Wing for the Manos Amigas Clinic in La Entrada. There we installed all of the data and telephone wiring, and with Don Ames installed most of the Electrical in the building. Earl filled the gap for us, helping with the DataComm and the



Electrical, pulling and terminating many wires and circuits. Earl's skills in Telephone and Electrical made him an invaluable team member, leaving some large shoes for someone to fill. I recall that Earl told me his Norwegian grandfather was a Sailmaker in the late 1800's, and



Earl also learned his trade on the sea, in the Navy. From there he was an Air traffic controller where he met Ellen, then he joined the Telephone Company. After retirement Earl and Ellen began to look for opportunities to use their resources for God's Kingdom, volunteering at various Wycliffe Bible Translator bases as well as dozens of trips to numerous countries over many years with Tech

Earl's Story



Earl and Emmanuel in Cameroon

would say "The Optimistic Servant", willing to do anything if it would help someone to know Jesus.

Over the many years, Earl and Ellen traveled to many places, getting to interface with many incredible people working for God's Kingdom. Earl was fearless in difficulty, usually knee deep in "Icky Pic" cable or some other difficult task. If I were describing Earl to anyone I

What is your story and what will other's memories of you hold? Don't wait until its too late, God has something for each of us to do!

Earl enjoyed years of Service for our Lord and Savior. While he was here Earl seemed most happy when he was using his talents at a ministry with Ellen and friends.

We miss you Earl and will see you someday soon.

By Weston Syverson



Gary, Earl and Ellen, and Jerry in Niger

Finishing up in Honduras

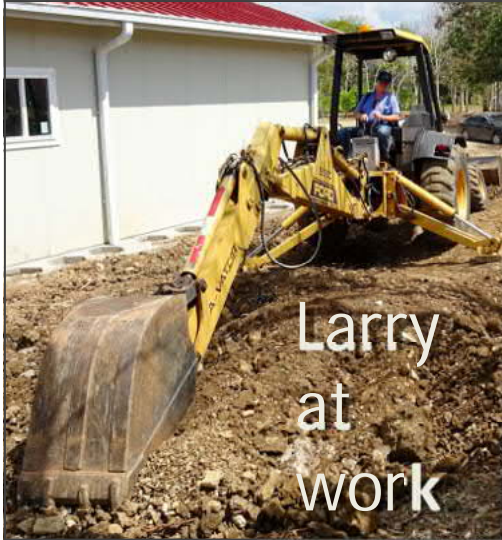
Work at the Manos Amigas Eye Clinic/Surgery wing has been completed and we are grateful to all of the volunteers who spent their time and energy to pay their own way to go and be a part of this project. On this trip Don Ames provided the electrical expertise to complete the electrical needs, with Earl Nickelson providing hours of help and support. Weston provided the Data/Comm side, tying the new wing into the existing systems. The project was finished in June with a trip by Dale Jones to install a wall and wrap up all the finishing touches. A big THANK YOU to everyone involved!



In every instance Tech Serve is interested in involving locals in the project, sharing skills, God's Love, and getting to know each person. The facility also benefits with the passing of knowledge, so that the local people can take care of and maintain the systems and the buildings.



Honduras Project Ambulance/Storage Building



Also on the last trip, Larry Zaugg was superintendent and together with Rick Bates and Patrick spent many hours building the ambulance storage building and associated ramps and sidewalks. Thank You!



Ghana Container

Our many thanks to Kent McNabb, Tom Slatten, John Manus, Andy Martin, and Cameroon for the many hours spent rebuilding computers. Linux was installed and loaded with Bible programs and tutorials for over 50 machines.

Also many thanks to Ellen and Earl, Alice Donar, and Andy Martin for their many hours sorting used Bibles to go to

the people of Ghana. The Container is leaving soon!

Pictured:
Cameron, Kent
and Tom
Slatten



Thanks also to Dr. Bobby Bowman for the many days he spent sorting medical supplies for the Ghana Container!

New Forklift in Action!



Last summer we expressed our need for a replacement forklift and we are happy to report several people contributed, and to them we say a great big THANK YOU! This forklift is in great

shape with low time and will serve our needs for years to come. We are Grateful, and testify that God supplies!

Pictured above are Jacob Syverson, Darrell McGinty and Wes, unloading 160 Personal Energy Transports (PETS). These are hand pedaled carts for Paraplegic people and will be on their way in a container soon. Since the new forklift arrived we have used it to unload and load



all kinds of trucks and containers, even the last one to Manos Amigas Clinic full of the materials for the Eye Surgery Clinic Wing. Our next load will be a 20 Foot Container loaded with 170,000 Gospels of John heading to Nigeria. We are grateful

for such a useful tool. If you would like to take it for a spin, stop by!

Recently at Young Life..

Look out for that Fiber! Repaired @ beautiful Carolina Point



Young Life invites kids to follow Christ and cares for them regardless of their response. These many camps are an amazing place where lives are changed! Tech Serve began working at Young Life camps in the mid 1980's, and is privileged to serve with Fiber, Data and Telephone assistance. Pray for Young Life!

Sharptop Cove VOIP/SIP Trunks



Malibu/ Landing New System



Featured Project - Asia

Deep in the Elephant Jungle there is a special place where many years ago



ABWE built a hospital to share the love of Christ. Here the doctors and nurses have worked tirelessly in a small hospital to share God's love with

those who need it most. Tech Serve was able to provide the cabling engineering as well as install a complete VOIP telephone system and paging system for this brand new facility coming on line soon. We sent over 40,000 feet of wire, along with many supplies for 5 floors to complete the project, mostly finished working with local national workers.





Here at this hospital are incredible people with a great love for others, willing to use their skills in His Kingdom. Pray for them!



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We are embarking on a new effort to spread the word about Tech Serve, and to do this will take significant funds to rework our online presence & marketing materials. If you would like to contribute to this effort please earmark your donation with "Renew Tech Serve" :)

We want to say an enormous THANK YOU to all of you current and future givers *who help make this encouraging work possible*. Tech Serve functions because of donations and we want you to know that we are so grateful for your prayers and contributions!

As October approaches we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary as Tech Serve!!! We would love to hear your comments or stories for our next newsletter. Please consider contacting Rachael with a note of encouragement, story, or testimony! 501-679-2120 / info@techserve.org

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Taylor Garcia, Jacob Syverson, Luke Syverson, Darrell McGinty,
and Wes busy finishing loading the Ghana Container

Celebrating 30 Years!!!

THE BOTTOM LINE