

The Bottom Line

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Merry Christmas from all of us at *Tech Serve!*



The Next Generation

The leaves were beautiful and the air was crisp as the crew began to rig up the trencher. At this time of year, most of the people traveling to this part of **Indiana** are tourists, visiting covered bridges and enjoying the fall colors in Amish country. Tech Serve's Dale Jones and volunteers Bob Bridwell and Gary Christy are here at Spring Hill Camp for a different reason, namely, to bury 14,000 feet of **fiber optic** cable.

Spring Hill has locations in 3 states, and every summer they host over **15,000** kids. Their objective is to create life-impacting experiences that enable young people to know and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. To know more about this vital ministry visit their website at www.springhillcamps.com.

This project began 5 years earlier, when plans were made to put fiber and phones around the 740 acre facility of Spring Hill camp in Indiana. With many obstacles overcome, the project was finally underway. With help from the maintenance men from Spring Hill, and with Dale's many years of experience with AT&T, the cable was **buried** in 8 short days.



Dale Jones and Crew installing the fiber

For Spring Hill the fiber will serve to bring Networking and Telephones to the Guest Lodge, Maintenance, the new Dining Hall, and various hot spots around the camp. This was a big cost savings as well as providing services where they were needed.

While we know the benefit of the immediate, we will not know the eternal consequences of our labor until we are with our Lord on that day. What a privilege to work side by side with Spring Hill camps as they promote Jesus in the lives of **the next generation!**

After the cables were installed into the buildings, Charlie Crown volunteered to fly in from Pennsylvania to begin terminating the Fiber. With Charlie's many years of experience with AT&T, most of the ends were installed in 3 short days. Tech Serve's Weston Syver-son stayed a few extra days to finish the terminations and testing.



Weston finishing a fiber termination point

Volunteers make a difference!

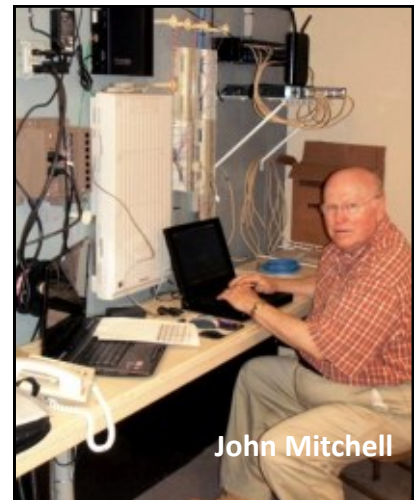


Hundreds of years ago the Indians living along the east coast were called the **Leni Lenape**. We still use their names for places like **Manhattan**, and Tappan. At the south end of their territory was thousands of square miles of sand, pines, oaks, bogs, and rivers in the heart of New Jersey. These woods are known as the **Pine Barrens**.

Near Tabernacle, New Jersey, **Camp Delanco** sits out in the middle of the deep sand and pine trees. Started in 1898 as a Camp Meeting, they moved to the present location about 40 years ago. For these many years the camp has pursued its mission, to bring people into relationship with Jesus Christ and equip them to live holy lives in this present day.

This summer Tech Serve volunteer **John Mitchell** led a team of volunteers that installed a new telephone system there. TSI volunteer Jerry Barton did most of the trenching, and the crew installed about 2 miles of wire and hooked up 10 buildings. We are privileged to serve those who are diligently working for His Kingdom!

Along with this project, John Mitchell has served with Tech Serve since the 1970's. He has gone on many projects around the US and overseas. It's great to have John on the team! Here John is installing a phone system at Faith Bible in Vineland, NJ.



Labour of Love

By Weston Syverson

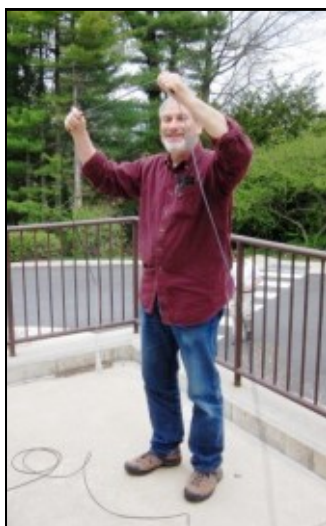
As the plane set down in Philadelphia, my thoughts went to its nickname, the “City of brotherly love”. I thought it appropriate that I was heading to Christian Counseling and Education Foundation, where the love of Christ is shared with so many. Their specific purpose is to Restore Christ to Counseling and Counseling to the Church. What a huge need we have for Christ to be the center of our lives and the solution we look to for our problems. To learn more of this ministry go to www.ccef.org



I was met at the gate by Kevin Weaver, the IT Director handling the upgrade for CCEF. It was here that our small crew assembled to install a new telephone system in a very old building. Joining me were two talented former AT&T locals, Charlie Crown from Souderton, and John Mitchel from Millville. With their help we connected to the new office building with cable and fiber optics.



The building made the work interesting as there were so many modifications that had occurred over its lifetime. Many of the mansions hallways and floors had been re-configured to accommodate offices, classrooms, and counseling rooms. Our system was buried below decks in the basement, which made any problem on the third floor a mini workout.



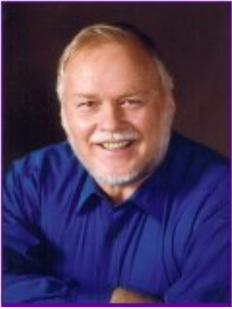
Charlie Crown

The system we replaced was around 15 years old, and was driving most of the staff mad with problems of every variety. But, in 4 days the system was in and programmed. I spent another day training Kevin as well as Cecilia on system administration and feature use, as well as helping the operator adapt to the new system. Although our reason for working and volunteering is for eternal reasons, its always great to be told emphatically, “thank you so much for removing that horrible old system!” and “we love our new phones!”



Weston with the new system

A Word from Wes



In the early 1990's I visited a small camp nestled in the hills outside of Hemet, CA. Victory Ranch has been hosting Christian campers, conferences, and retreats for many years. Their website is www.vranch.org. The need was for a good telephone system to allow them to operate efficiently.



In 1993 we installed a Northern Telcom Pulse 80 Telephone System, and wired up many buildings. The initial installation included over **70 phones**. Tech Serve volunteers included Cloyd McCauley, Ron Wilson, Ralph Rahe, Don Bacon, Marcos Alazraki, Harold Leasure, Don Tingley, and Leonard Long.

In 1997, Weston Syverson (Jr.) replaced the Pulse 80 with a 10 year old used Mitel SX-20. Weston trained Paul Cayot, the Camp director, on how to maintain and program the system. Over the last 15 years Paul has diligently worked on the system and kept it functioning in the dust and heat. As of October this year the system finally had enough; **R.I.P. old Mitel!** Currently Paul has the two incoming lines running to the front desk, and when a call comes in someone runs to find whomever.

At this point the camp is not able to put together the necessary funding to replace the dead system. The estimated costs for a used system is around \$3500, or a new system around \$5500.

I am interested to hear **what you think** and what **ideas you have** about how to fund projects like this one. I am writing about this because each month Tech Serve receives requests for help. We have requests for a half-way house for orphans in **Kaliningrad Russia**, a Deaf Bible School for pastors in **Uganda**, and a water project in **Ghana**, to name a few. Our mission at Tech Serve is to provide help to those who are working for His Kingdom and *we need your help* to do this. Pray with me about how we can do this, and if you like, call me with your ideas!

I would love to hear from you and discuss this.

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