

# JESUS

## THE GREATEST GIFT

For unto us a child is born  
unto us a son is given  
and the government  
shall be upon his shoulder  
and his name shall be called

WONDERFUL

Counsellor

THE MIGHTY GOD

*The everlasting Father*

The Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6

## *A Brief History of How **Tech Serve** Came to Be:*

In 1968 Wes and Mary Ann Syverson were looking for a place to serve God with their skills. They ultimately signed up with Wycliffe Bible Translators, and began a life of service as missionaries.

Cameron Townsend had a vision to see every tongue and tribe have God's Word in their own language, and so he founded Wycliffe Bible Translators in 1942. For over 70 years Wycliffe Bible Translators/SIL (Summer Institute of Linguistics) have been working on translating languages around the World. This means that missionaries commit years of their lives to learning, developing and translating a brand new language. The challenge is still there and with over 1600 languages needing to be started Wycliffe/SIL continues, with many organizations working with them.

Wes worked with Wycliffe for 20 years. His first job was to finish building Cameron Townsend's house in North Carolina. While there, Bill Butler and Jack Kendal laid their hands over Wes's and prayed that God would multiply his hands for the work of the Kingdom. From there Wes and Mary Ann headed to Colombia where his



job was to help the translators on missionary bases by building airstrips, homes, translation buildings, providing clean water, electricity, and communications. Hundreds of volunteers came to help and over the years Wes has worked all over the World at Wycliffe/SIL locations, helping them in their mission of bringing God's Word to Tribal People. In 1989 Wes expanded the vision

to include more ministries than just Wycliffe by founding Tech Serve International. Through the years Wes's son, Weston has worked along side, and over the last 28 years Tech Serve has helped hundreds of mission groups with their construction and utilities needs by involving hundreds of volunteers, donors, and God's unlimited resources in projects around the World.



Wes and "Uncle Cam"

**Tech Serve** continues to work at SIL/Wycliffe bases to help them replace and update their IT and communications infrastructure. Recently Weston spent 3 weeks at two SIL sites in **Africa**, installing new equipment and retrofitting existing cabling to provide each center with an easy to understand and maintain solution. In addition to re-wiring the focus is also training each local technician to have the understanding and skills needed to maintain and expand their systems.



Tech Serve Volunteer **Earl Nickelson** came with his wife **Ellen** to help re-wire.

Technician with newly installed system!



We want to share with you a **Thank You** from the local IT person working with SIL/ Wycliffe, (who is currently learning English as his 4th Language).

*Dear (-) and Weston,*

*It was great pleasure for SIL (-) to receive a help from you for the installation of a new telephone system in administration and guesthouse buildings in the SIL (-) center.*

*Thanks to you, Weston and (IT Staff) spent a whole week with us to renew our telephone system installation.*

*Now, the system becomes new, practical, operational, easier to understand more readable for all users. So great thank.*

*I'm very happy for the fact that, I had an opportunity to learn more alongside a specialist of the system to know how to install or repair defected line. I'm sure, I'll be able to do this work in any case of need. It was a very nice experience I had with Weston.*

*The staff in SIL(-) is very happy to receive new phone boxes and can receive external calls without any problem. That is genial!!!!*

*Our receptionist at the standard level has not yet finished praising her new phone box. Because, she is now able to make transfer calls to any office without problem. She says she is no longer forced or obliged to run every time in order to pick up the phone when it rings.*

*The offices without boxes or lines before, said that they feel considered now as they no longer need to go anywhere to make call or answer in any call.*

*As for me, in addition to the training I received from Weston, I'm receiving less call to help for phone accessibility issues. That means system is running well.*

*All the staff in SIL(-) is joining to me and say thank to you for the effort that permit us to communicate office to office without moving anywhere.*

*We are happy to thank all donors. We know that without theirs efforts, this work would not be done.*

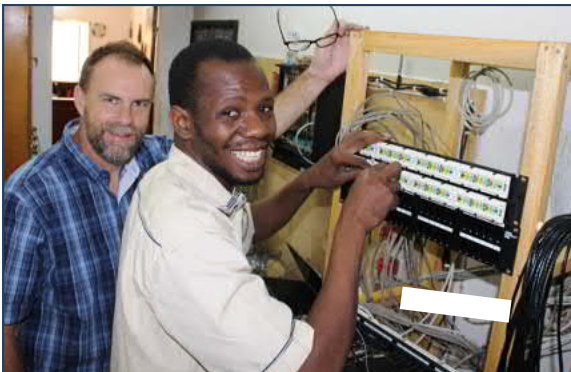
*May God bless you and continue to bless your ministry abundantly.*

*Thank you !!!!*

**Our biggest privilege** in each project is being able to help and train the local IT people to do the job they have been tasked with. As we install and retrofit each system it's a blessing to help each technician understand how to take good care of their systems. **Ultimately we pray that all of this effort brings God's Word to those who do not have it!**



Weston was privileged to work alongside Wycliffe (IT Staff) from France, as well as train the local SIL Staff and IT personnel.



Weston, Director, IT Staff, & Technician

Some of what's happening at *Tech Serve*



Wes does the heavy lifting around here :)



Tech Serve Volunteer  
**Steve Snow**



**Gantry in Action!**



Tech Serve Volunteer  
**Al Major**



**Earl & Ellen Nickelson** led a team to a Wycliffe/SIL Base in Mexico where they installed a complete Security Camera setup. Pictured from left to right are: Ellen & Earl Nickelson, Penny & Ed Swanson(Wycliffe), Phil Wright, and Larry Wall.

We are currently working up a large project for a new hospital in South Asia. We will be scheduling a crew for next year to wire Data and Phone for the new hospital, as well as install a telephone system in this new facility. If you have Cable pulling/Jacking CAT6 experience and would like to go with for a couple of weeks late Spring, please call Weston for details.



**Construction Trades Needed**—End of January until April 2018 in Nicaragua. Tech Serve is building a Transition House and Multi-Purpose Building for Arms of Love Orphanage. Breaking ground the week of January 18th, standing steel around the end of January. From there we will need electricians, carpenters, and tin benders February/March/April. Call Wes at 501-679-2120 for more information!

For each of you who are involved with us, praying, giving, going, helping, we say **THANK YOU**, we are grateful to serve with you!

**Merry Christmas** and a Happy New Year!

**THE BOTTOM LINE**