



Blessed in Togo

In early 2020, Tech Serve traveled to Togo to work at two hospitals. Togo is a very long narrow country starting on the coast of Central Africa and extending up into the Sahel region of the Sahara. It is made up of about 30 ethnic groups, many of whom are immigrants from other parts of Western Africa. There are almost endless medical needs with very few options for hospital treatment. Togo is a beautiful place and it's people are and wonderful!



This is the 3rd system TSI has installed at HBB since the mid 1990s, time to upgrade!



HBB IT director Anani and Mango IT missionary Jonathan with Weston



Opened in 1985, Hôpital Baptiste Biblique (HBB) (also called Karolyn Kempton Memorial Christian Hospital) is a 40 bed full service hospital. Annually, HBB provides care to over 16,000 outpatient and over 2,500 inpatient cases, including around

2,000 surgical cases. The hospital has a maternity ward that averages 600 deliveries per year. They also run a Nurse Training Program as well as outreaches including Mobile Health Clinics and Community Health Evangelism ministries. Weston and Rachael Syverson arrived to replace



the older system with a new VOIP

System. This system allows the Hospital to move away from the old copper wires that were failing, and onto the hospitals LAN Network. Weston worked with and trained Anani, the local IT Director who manages communications and computer networking for the hospital.



From there, Weston and Rachael piled into a truck with some local missionaries and made the 8 hour drive north to the Hospital in Mango. Tech Serve installed a complete system and Fiber Network there in 2014. The first job was to repair a broken fiber that was recently dug up. The next job was phone system problems and after that



Termites build big houses in Togo!

the biggest need was to train Jonathan and Kristof (the local IT department) on what everything was and how to keep everything going. In every instance Tech Serve is interested in involving locals, sharing skills, God’s Love, and getting to know each person. These hospitals are



beacons of hope and light in their communities where the Togolese people have little to no other healthcare or emergency care available. The doctors and staff attend to patient’s needs both physically and spiritually. Tech Serve is honored to be a part of this work in Togo! (ABWE.org)

Weston was on the crew that installed the original system in 2014, and was able to go over all of it, in detail with the very capable IT Dept, Kristof and Jonathan.



Each year Tech Serve takes care of logistics for many mission groups. In one container, TSI recently shipped 2 complete buildings for a Christian School in Haiti. Everything needed for the buildings, mezzanine with stairs, scaffolding, lifts, and welder are on board and en-route to Haiti.



Wes still lifts heavy things! Jacob Syverson and Bill Smith assisting loading the beams



Unique in TSI's toolbox is the ability to lift and transfer fully loaded containers from trailer to trailer, thanks to the large Gantry hoist!



Earlier this year, Tech Serve traveled to **Mount Gilead** Christian Camp and Conference Center near Sebastopol California to install a Fiber Optic Network as well as a new VOIP Telephone system. This beautiful



facility is located in the tall Redwood trees and provides an incredible space for children's camps and conference attendees to experience God's incredible Creation.



Mt Gilead's Tad Cooper manages all things IT and Telephone

The TSI crew assembled and began the task of laying 11,000 feet of fiber optic cable into the ground. TSI volunteer Dale Jones has extensive experience installing underground utilities, and Dale led the crew to bury the miles of fiber. Joining him was his wife Kay and several Mt Gilead staff. Steve Snow and his grandson Dimitry worked with Weston pulling in Fiber and terminating. Tad Cooper from Mt Gilead learned how to do everything and finished the project, wrapping up all the loose (fiber) ends. 😊

One of the fiber runs was to the top of the mountain where a micro-wave dish installation provides the camp with internet. The road up to this location was very steep, with the trencher using the boom to keep from sliding down the hill!



Camp Gilead is now online with a complete 10 Gigabit Fiber Optic Network

Dale and Paula Kay Jones

as well as VOIP telephones at the needed key locations throughout the camp.



Many thanks to our Volunteers for spending their time and resources to come and work. When we use our talents it's amazing what can be accomplished. It is a privilege to serve these wonderful people!



Weston, Steve Snow, Tad Cooper and Roland Shafer look over the plan, pulling in fiber.

Roland from Ethnos360 in Canada dropped in to learn how to terminate Fiber for an upcoming fiber project at the Ethnos Facility in Durham Ontario.





Tech Serve is thankful for volunteers! Thank you Bill Smith for spending your day with us shaping up the road to the guest house. Your talents are appreciated, as running this 100 year old road grader is an art form!

Coming up in 2021, Tech Serve is looking for volunteer help in March for a much needed remodel of our offices. Time for some new paint!

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!

With our Lord in charge we look forward to what He has for all of us in this next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you!

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