

News from the **BAUMS**

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A prayer letter from Benjamin and Jody Baum serving at the New Tribes Mission Tech Center

Dear Friends,

Ice. Something we take for granted, but in the parched country of Chad, Africa, one missionary found that ice became an unexpected way to show kindness and compassion to her neighbors. When she first contacted Benjamin, this missionary wasn't sure if she really needed a freezer but eventually decided to get one. Benjamin worked with her via email to help her order and install a solar powered freezer. Her Chadian neighbors had been observing the month of Ramadan, not eating or even drinking through the blistering hot days. This missionary was so thankful she had refreshing ice to offer her appreciative neighbors to break their fast at the end of each day. She hadn't realized how much having a freezer could open doors with the neighbors she hopes to share Christ with one day.

Missionary Technology Seminar

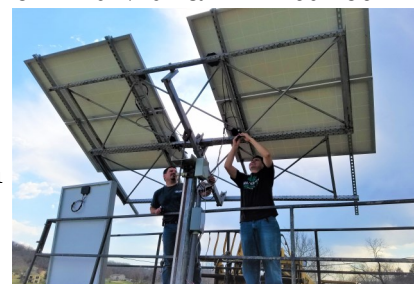
We had missionaries from various mission organizations come to the Tech Center for a week in June to learn about solar electric systems and other aspects of living in a remote location.

These missionaries will be serving in very diverse locations in Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Uganda, Chad, and Haiti.



Benjamin explains solar systems to students

What they have in common is a desire to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are excited to be able to support their ministries by helping train them to design and operate a solar electric system. They had 20 hours of classroom lectures and 16 hours of hands-on labs. Benjamin was also able to meet with some of them and discuss their individual ministries and see how we can best assist them. We received many comments on how valuable this training was for them and how much stress it relieved from their minds.



Working on a solar array

Haiti

In September, Benjamin and a coworker will likely be traveling to Haiti to assist in the installation of a large solar electric system for the ministry of Welcome Home Haiti. Welcome Home Haiti partners with local Haitian churches to build homes for widows and poor families who need a place to live. We are excited to see how the Lord will work through them and are happy to play a role in their ministry. Additionally, while in Haiti we will likely be consulting with one or two other missionaries to see if solar electric systems could help meet the needs of their ministries.

Summer Projects

Summer always seems to be a busy time around the Tech Center. We have been building many of the components needed for our solar electric systems. We try to stock 6 months to a year's worth of equipment but sometimes this is hard to estimate. We ran out of a critical DC fuse box after selling more boxes in 3 weeks than we usually do in a year. We have three missionary families in Brazil waiting to get these boxes. This problem was made worse as our suppliers were also out of the components we needed to assemble the DC fuse box. Hopefully, by July we will have finished assembling the DC fuse boxes and be able to send them to the missionaries. Additionally, we have several new products and updated products that have taken a long time to finish designing and testing. We are glad to be busy, as we know that our service to the Lord is used to help missionaries build His kingdom.

New Tribes Mission is now Ethnos360

New Tribes Mission has changed their name to Ethnos360. Our goals and vision as a mission have not changed. We want to see a thriving church among every people group. Ethnos is the Greek word translated 'nations' in Matthew 28:19 "...make disciples of all nations." 360 represents the entirety of the globe, all nations of the world. **Why?** There has been challenges with some people groups we serve not liking the word "tribes" in our name. Also we work in countries where mission access is restricted, so it is easier not to have 'mission' in our name as well.

Sharing About our Ministry in California

In August, we will be in California to share about our ministry and visit with our prayer and financial partners. We will be sharing for a few minutes on Sunday night, August 6th at Calvary Chapel of the High Desert. If you live in California, we would love to see you. Please contact us and we can set up a time to get together.

The Family

Elianna has finished first grade and is enjoying loads of free time to be outdoors, swimming in the lake and playing with her siblings. She is into Legos, ninjas, and, of course, fidget spinners. Elianna enjoyed playing soccer this spring in a local league.



Abigail is excited to be entering kindergarten in the fall. She had tubes put in her ears this February which has greatly improved her hearing and speech. Abigail enjoys nature and animals. While her siblings may be charging across the lawn with swords, she will be noticing the tiniest mushroom or a new wild flower blooming in the yard.

Andrew is full of questions these days. Why doesn't God turn off the sun at my bedtime? Why can't Daddy put rocket boosters on the van? Why am I not a grown-up yet? It's taking so long. Why can't I live at Grandma's house?

Thank you for your prayers for our ministry.

For His Glory,

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