It's funny how certain elements of the ministry tend to take center stage for periods of time. This year it's VIDEO creation, editing, streaming, and production. Matthew 20:28 has encouraged me to minister as Jesus came—serving, not to being served. So we have been serving Christian ministries with various types of video work.

Sometimes I get a call to help a ministry, missionary or church create a video. We have to collect all sorts of visuals to completely communicate their message visually. In an effort to be creative and technologically relevant, we put time and effort into small details to make each video exceptional.

Many times, we will spend hours on just one minute of video. We have helped several ministry leaders, church planters and missionaries with postproduction video work this year.

At other times, we get a call to help produce content in a longer format designed for training and encouraging believers. For example, we recorded the School of Church Planting, Week 1, again and completed 27 sessions (averaging about an hour long) on the fundamentals of church planting. We also helped create online training tools for several ministries, as well as streamed the live recording in two languages to different countries for live training.

Sometimes, we are only asked to package preexisting content by adding introductions and endings that brand the videos for online global training.

Come to serve… Matt 20:23

Partnering with others who help churches
Kyle Nickel - Senior Church Account Exec - Boxcast

TECHMIN IS DEDICATED TO ASSISTING THOSE IN MINISTRY WITH THEIR TECHNOLOGY NEEDS FOR A GLOBAL IMPACT – SINCE 2001

Video - Postproduction

Filming Andy Giessman
Promotional Video
I was personally able to participate in video work for the All-Partners Conference of the International Partnership of Fundamental Baptist Ministries, which convened in the Philippines. I taught some workshops as well as oversaw all the technology for the conference. One of the blessings for me was to record each main session and place it on the website for the benefit of the international partners who could not make the conference.

I am excited that TechMin gets to help churches and ministries broadcast the teaching of God’s Word to a global audience through the internet. We have been able to help them live stream events, services or programs—using everything from an iPhone or Facebook to using multiple cameras and streaming to multiple sites at one time. One of the highlights occurred this summer as I directed media at the Teen Leadership Conference at Clarks Summit University. We were able to live stream one of the services. A student who couldn’t attend in person reported being blessed by the speaking of God’s Word. His father sent us this picture of him watching an the service at TLC. It was such an encouragement to be reminded that each “number” of viewers or clicks represents a real person who needs Jesus and God’s Word.
All this work takes effective tools, and I am thankful for how God has upgraded our tech this year. We have powerful portable laptops to do remote editing, as well as adequate space for managing the massive amount of storage necessary. We were also able to get two Canon C100 HD (front page) super cameras this year.

But the major blessing came when a donor enabled us to obtain a portable robust wireless video mixer and an iPad. We now have a Sling Studio (upper left) in our arsenal to help produce quality live productions, while saving hundreds of hours of postproduction work.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recovered a hacked website (not on our server) for a ministry in Thailand
- Retrieved an expired domain for a church
- Helped purchase a desired domain from an unused source and put it to work
- Built several new sites for ministries around the world and in the US
- Built a dedicated website for the World Cup outreach team that paired with a gospel booklet distributed in Russian during the World Cup
- Pointed several to use an online donation portal to help increase giving for the ministry God has given them
- Lost Doug Murray, who has moved to Indiana to fulfill his calling as a pastor. I am so thankful for the years he gave us, but I know that the pastorate is where he needs to be.
- Hired a CPA who loves the Lord and is very capable of keeping our books and necessary nonprofit tax accounting

Family Highlights:

- As I write this newsletter, I’m saying goodbye to my two daughters as they go off to college to continue preparing to serve the Lord in the unique ways He created them to serve.
- God keeps providing fun obstacles for my boys to climb on in our backyard. Someday we will have our own ninja warrior course.
- Both my boys were baptized this summer in Lake Erie, demonstrating to our church family, and to many other observers, that they associate with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.
- Amy and I were able to have a short getaway to celebrate our wedding anniversary. It was completely funded by a friend and his desire for us to enjoy ourselves, and we did! Thank you and praise be to God for how He provides.

Ron Norman - CPA
UPCOMING TOKYO PREP TRIP

This organizational trip will cost around $2,200 ($4,400 if Amy goes with me). In 2020 we will be creatively including technology to present the gospel, integrating the tech with the personal touch of people on the streets reaching out to the millions who will be in Tokyo for the games.

Please be praying as we prepare and as God works in the hearts of those we will connect with. For both Amy and me to make this initial trip, we need the funds to come in quickly so we can get the best price on our tickets. Please consider a donation to help cover this trip.

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PREPARING TO REACH THE WORLD

During my 22+ years of ministry, Olympic outreach has meant a lot. As a fresh-out-of-school youth pastor, I was able to join a team to proclaim Christ on the streets of Atlanta for the '96 Olympics. And I’ve been involved off and on ever since. Again, I was asked to be on the leadership team to help of 130 people from Sports Event Evangelism, who will reach the world from Tokyo at the 2020 Olympics. This fall, team leaders will fly to Tokyo to lay the groundwork for the evangelism team.

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