



Ty Denney is the Vice President of ServLife International. ServLife is a ministry dedicated to alleviating human suffering by working with indigenous and local Christian leaders and networks around the world. The organization seeks to discover, encourage, and equip an emerging group of Kingdom entrepreneurs intent on demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ in word and deed. ServLife's work is to care and rescue children who at risk, end hunger, and train/multiply the church around the globe.

In his role as Vice President, Ty works to train and deploy international staff, connect churches to a global vision, and serve to help accomplish the goals of ServLife 1000. Before joining ServLife in 2009, Ty served as founding pastor of Westside Faith Community Church, Los Angeles, CA. During his time at Westside Faith, Ty's main tasks included preaching/teaching, leading the church staff, and fund raising for the new church.

Prior to his 3 years at Westside Faith, Ty served in various leadership roles in ministries including urban poor, leadership development, church planting, and cross cultural training. Over the years, Ty has spoken at many churches and mission events and provided training for churches and missionaries.

Ty has traveled to various places in the world, often working to help teams better impact the place they live and helping reach people for Christ. Ty received a B.B.A. in Business at Baylor University and studied Theology at Fuller Seminary. Ty enjoys times with his family, working outside, and eating Asian food.

Ty and his wife Erica live in the Indianapolis, IN area with their three children.

Ty's favorite speaking topics:

God's heart for the world

Life and ministry of Jesus

Faith for the impossible

## What People Are Saying About Joel Vestal & ServLife

“ServLife is evolving into one of the first postmodern, postcolonial mission agencies in the world. The leadership is global, the concerns local—introducing people from diverse religious backgrounds to Jesus Christ through word and deed.”

**Todd M. Johnson, Ph.D.**

Director of the Center for the Study of Global Christianity  
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

“Perhaps there is a place and time for parachuting into the Two-Thirds World on dramatic expeditions, backed by all the unexamined might of Western wealth and power, but surely the call of our age is for mission workers who will walk in, sometimes in bare feet, learning the paths as they go, listening to, learning from, and working with leaders who are already there. I can think of no better partner in this delicate and vital task than ServLife. They are one of a handful of organizations who are on the cutting edge as we Americans relearn the meaning of serving in Jesus’ name.”

**Andy Crouch, *Christianity Today***

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I’m a firm believer that God uses many kinds of churches and agencies to do many different kinds of ministry and service. We need the large, respected institutions and organizations. But we also need new emerging organizations that are nimble, exploratory, innovative, and relational - ones like ServLife. We especially need leaders - like Joel Vestal - who are eager to build grass-roots partnerships with courageous and humble people around the world doing street-level ministry to express Christ’s love. The days of missions as a Euro-American enterprise are passing to this new day of global partnerships built on relationships, and ServLife is one of a short list leading the way into this new territory. ”

**Brian McLaren, Author and Speaker**

“ServLife brings hope and opportunity to people who are too often overlooked. I am grateful for the opportunity to invest in the lives of local leaders who will change the world - starting with their own. Giving to ServLife allows me and my family to be a part of what God is doing to rescue people in some of the most challenging situations on our planet.”

Eric Bryant, Executive Pastor, Mosaic in Los Angeles, CA

“While people in every generation have eagerly and sacrificially answered that call, I’m encouraged to see a new wave of people emerge with a passion to amplify God’s fame among the nations at all cost. I think you’ll be inspired (and convicted) to join them after reading Joel’s book. And not out of a sense of guilt, but as the natural overflow of what He has so generously lavished on us. As you go, Joel and his wife Elise will be right there with you, blazing a trail with their words and actions, compelling countless others to follow. Me included.”(From Louie’s foreword of Dangerous Faith)

Louie Giglio, Founder of Passion Conferences: Atlanta, GA

“Research and experience identify two critical elements that are essential for effective missions to the unreached today. One is a holistic approach, which integrate addressing physical and spiritual needs. Second, an approach that supports the equipping of indigenous leaders with the resources and tools to lead and manage work locally. ServLife addresses both of these in a cost effective approach that links US based Churches with two-thirds world ministries. The work of ServLife around the world is of critical strategic importance to the work of missions today. Be assured that through ServLife your gift will go directly to supporting strategic, indigenous ministries to the unreached.”

Samuel J. Voorhies, Ph.D. - Director of Leadership Development, World Vision

“ServLife is part of a very small group of new ministries that are writing and living a whole new script for world-wide evangelism. The ministry is innovative and effective and is uniquely able to bridge younger generations with a world-wide network of global leaders and ministries.”

Brad Smith, President, Bakke Graduate University: Seattle, WA

“A danger for all people—and particularly for us in the West—is to become preoccupied with our own interests, needs, and concerns. Sadly, Christians too easily fall into life according to this selfish norm. ServLife helps believers break out of this self-centered individualism. It has emerged as an organization that God is using to spread the message of Christ’s kingdom by meeting people’s needs in ways that are truly good news. While serving the poor and providing for their needs is important and an essential product of our love for God and people, presenting the message that alleviates spiritual poverty is of paramount importance. ServLife keeps both priorities in balance as it works among the neediest in our world. As such, it gives Christians and congregations an avenue to demonstrate Jesus’ concern for the entire world—to be involved globally in meeting desperate needs throughout the world.”

William W. Klein, Ph.D. - Professor, Denver Seminary - Denver, CO

“ServLife is a holistic missions agency that represents a new movement in the way missions is happening among young people. Journeys in missions are created around the teams that follow the leading of God. Art is embraced as a part of that expression. Justice for the oppressed and provision for the poor and needy are a part of the philosophy and practice. Asiond rather than compromising the good story of God, Joel and his team insist that the gospel is enhanced through the practical outworking of service and compassion.”

Andrew Jones, Emerging Church Leader, Consultant, & Missionary: United Kingdom

“I am encouraged to connect with the focused ministry of ServLife that’s not only faithful to the heartbeat of Christ but also in touch with the realities of where people are at in various parts of the world. There’s a strong respect for the local indigenous expressions of church and mission. ServLife give snapshots of what genuine conversation, partnership and mutual learning looks like.”

Sivin Kit, Pastor of Bangsar Lutheran Church: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

“Our congregation is made up of primarily urban, professional, post-Christian, postmodern. We place a premium on having a global/local perspective on our world. This is not only practical, but it is good theology. It helps our people embody the heart of the Trinitarian, sending, God we serve. There has been significant synergy between an increase in our local mission as a church with an increase in our efforts to support

missions and causes in other parts of the world. ServLife's relational approach to missions is also a great thing."

Ron Johnson, Founder and Lead Pastor: Pathways Church, Denver, CO

"My wife and I know Joel Vestal who is using his time, energies, and capabilities to further God's Kingdom through Servlife International. We have supported this ministry since it began."

John Baugh (1916-2007), Founder & Senior Chairman: Sysco Corporation, Houston, TX