

Larry & Jan Brinkman

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Larry Brinkman grew up in North Western Ohio, with curiosity as his trademark. From his earliest childhood, Larry had two key interests;

- 1st technology and science, digging deep into what makes things work,
- 2nd people, teaching and encouraging them.

These interests have led to careers that have developed people skills, technical skills, and communication skills. It was difficult for Larry to reconcile mechanical and engineering talents with missionary service until a visiting pastor told Larry about Le Tourneau College and Missionary Aviation. This was the encouragement he needed to attend a Christian School and start his preparation for service.

Once Larry completed the Aviation Program at Le Tourneau, he stayed on to teach for two years until a change in the schools teaching requirements led him to pursue a BS degree at Oklahoma State University where he also taught in the aviation program part-time.

Larry did not return to teaching but moved into sales and engineering positions for the majority of his varied career first in the field of aviation and then into heavy industry. His interest in teaching and encouraging was satisfied with volunteer work and a 6 year stint as house parents/foster parents. Larry was the primary partner in a family technical consulting business during the last 30 years. He retired from an active role in that business to work as a Development Director at a nonprofit retirement home for 8 years. He retired again to pursue volunteer opportunities in missions in 2012.

