

## **Bruce Leech Personal Background**

Bruce Leech is the Founder and a Director of CrossCom National, an IT data/voice company that provides nationwide installation, service, maintenance and Help Desk support to large national retailers such as Kohl's, Walmart, Walgreens, TJX and Starbucks. Leech also opened an office for CrossCom in the UK, where he lived for a few years. He is also Co-Founder of *evo/ve*, a membership organization for business owners, helping them to enhance their leadership skills, create value in their business and develop plans for the rest of their life. In March of 2016, Leech assumed the position of Executive Director of the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center at DePaul University, where he has been on the Advisory Board for 10 years. At DePaul, he leads the effort to help students and alumni develop their entrepreneurial skills and connect them with the vibrant ecosystem in Chicago.

Leech has also spent some time giving back to several non-profit organizations. He is on the Board at Solidarity Bridge, which provides medical mission trips to Bolivia. He has also been active in supporting World Vision and traveled to Africa for Aids relief and school programs. He is also working with Living Water on providing fresh water well programs in the Third World and with the Barnabas Group in Chicago, supporting other mission efforts.

Having grown up in the Detroit area, Leech graduated from Michigan State with a BA in Finance. He is a member of the MSU Marketing Advisory Board, MSU Foundation Board, Spartan Innovations Board, CIBER Board for International Business and former Board member of the Broad College of Business. He received his MBA from DePaul University and also completed the OPM Program at Harvard Business School and is active in their Chicago Alumni Club. In 2010, Leech was inducted into the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame, in 2013 received the Broad College of Business Distinguished Alumni Award and received the 2014 Alumni Service Award from Michigan State.

Leech lives in Chicago and is a father of three. He has a home on Torch Lake in Northern Michigan and likes the water and the mountains. He is also active in marathons, triathlons, squash, sailing, scuba, skiing and is a private pilot.