

Recycled Technology on Mission

Old Phones and Laptops to Resource Leaders

Who we are:

My wife, Kilby, and I have served in Arua, Uganda, the better part of the last two years. We have seen lost people saved by God's grace. It has been a joy to disciple young believers and invest in the youth of our town, the church, and schools. It is a joy to train and interact with leaders. We are seeking revitalization in several local churches and we yearn and labor for the Gospel to reach the yet unreached. If you would like to follow along with our mission, please check out www.letmeintroduceyou.org or email me at greghelmsis@gmail.com to be added to our prayer updates.

What we tried:

After several months sharing stateside in local churches of what God has done, and soaking up the holidays with family, we are completely grateful to be back on the ground in East Africa. Before leaving out for our second term of discipleship and evangelism among the people we so love, we collected dozens of tech devices that were no longer in use, from friends in the states. This included iPhones, iPads, kindles, classroom sets of kindles, and laptop computers that were *still in working order*.

These devices needed to be unlocked, totally reset, *signed out of iCloud*, and have a battery that was still in working order from the owner/donor. A dear brother in Christ and supporter of the ministry volunteered to load all these devices as we saw fit to support the work here.

What this means is that nearly 1000 Christian resources (thanks to DesiringGod, Monergism, and others) have been loaded on every device, along with three audio Bibles on devices having capacity to hold them (English, French, and Arabic).

This was the cheapest way to get things like a systematic theology, a church history book, commentaries, and writings from the Puritans into the hands of faithful believers who are readers and learners. Never mind a far cheaper option for audio Bible access and a dictionary to help readers along!

We added a few basic education materials: math and english books, gardening and woodworking resources, and we are looking at others that may be added in the future for the benefit of the recipient, the community, and to promote growth in Truth. *We long for Gospel advance in this corner of the world, for Christ to get His glory.*

As I discussed with brother Tom, the download champion, we felt this could be an ongoing effort and a simple way to invite others into the work here in East Africa.

What we hope:

Tom has agreed to continue loading the devices as they come in (even making minor repairs where funding allows), from his home. If your church, discipleship group, youth gathering, or family would like to run a collection, please be sure that devices collected have been completely reset AND have the *iCloud account logged out* and *no remaining passwords*. If any of this is left out the device is useless. Where possible, please supply a charger for the device.

Old tech from the West is still a luxury here in our region. We will not have grand reveals to show mass distribution, as this is primarily done one to one with trusted leaders who desire to grow in Christ. A gift of much smaller proportions can cause major disputes, so this will not be something done on display but discreetly.

Pray for us to have wisdom in distribution, and right caution as we take measures to protect recipients from the negative doors and windows that come with technology. Pray for a steady flow of working devices that can be put to Kingdom use through the remainder of this year. We praise God for Tom's skillset leveraged in support this way.

Please note: some devices may also be used to supply missionaries when a phone breaks (as this can truly put someone in a bind while in our part of the world, if they have not planned for a backup). *Additionally, we could use a fairly recent iPad for a missions pilot flying in and out of our region.

Mail device donations to:

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Yes, I am always long-winded, but here particularly I wanted to lay out exactly what is taking place. Sincere gratitude to those who pray for us, those who choose to partner in this way, and those who read this far. Please feel free to ask any questions at greghelmsis@gmail.com.

What better way to recycle a device that is sitting in the drawer?

Much Love in Christ,

Greg Helms
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