



IT TRAINING IN AFRICA

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Region: Africa

Total Need: \$35,294

As Bible translation grows in Africa—and technology keeps advancing—IT support is crucial.

But most areas are lacking the help they need: thirty-one African organizations currently need IT support, and roughly fifty positions need to be filled. Dedicated IT staff have served translation teams well for many years, but today the number of open positions is greatly outpacing the number of recruits.

“IT Connect has given me an invaluable opportunity to sharpen my skills in IT, and also train in leadership.”

—Noela Wasike, an IT professional with an MBA in strategic management. Noela is part of the computer service team in Nairobi, Kenya.

So to maximize the impact of current IT staff, it's vital that we invest in their ongoing professional growth.

The IT Connect training and mentoring program, designed to enhance the capabilities of those providing IT support in Africa, is addressing this critical need.

Each two-week course provides:

- technical training with practical applications and lab equipment for students
- plenty of peer-to-peer networking
- time to offer feedback to leadership
- opportunities for sharing personal experiences and exploring issues
- spiritual refreshment

Students also create professional growth plans and are matched with mentors to encourage year-round learning.

IT Connect was launched first in Nairobi, Kenya, where eleven students from six East African countries received training. One student, David Oandah, commented: “I recently graduated from university; however, my training lacked practical skills that were needed for my information technology work. IT Connect sessions have given me the opportunity to learn and practice. ... This is of great benefit to our work in Uganda.”

By partnering with JAARS, you can help provide training in two locations in 2012:

- Ougadougou, Burkina Faso (for French speakers)
- Nairobi, Kenya

Your gift will help IT Connect continue addressing technology needs in Africa—benefitting Bible translation work across this vast continent.

TRAINING TOPICS

IT Connect will give students a basic understanding of topics like hardware, software, data security, licensing, project management, network administration, IT operations, professional certifications, and organizational resources like e-mail and help desks.

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- Pray that IT Connect will greatly improve technical support for translation teams across Africa.
- Pray that God will bless and encourage those attending.

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