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Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

TEN YEARS OF WORKING TOGETHER

This year was a very big year for Connection Ubuntu. In January, we had a team of 17 people travel to Kenya. We visited numerous computer labs and some prospective labs (of which all were approved), and we had our first ever Connection Ubuntu Summit meeting with thirty of our computer lab directors. It was an amazing trip.

We've shipped 200 computers, more than any year so far... and we hope to add another 50 computers in December before the year closes, making that number 250! We added another fifteen computer labs. We have had the greatest partner, Computer Ministry, for donated computers, peripherals and donated funds for some of our partners' projects. Two other partners, Evapco and ARRO Consulting, also provided us with very nicely spec'd laptops. We couldn't do our work without their help and we are so grateful and thankful for these three companies.

In September, we had our ten year anniversary celebration. We shared our appreciation to our donors during the party and enjoyed African drumming music by Bumbada Drummers. Thanks to all of our silent auction donors and our raffle supporters, we raised more than \$2000. It was a wonderful day!

Thanks to all of these organizations and to you, it was our best year yet. There's so much more coming for the year 2025, but for 2024, we feel honored that you trusted us with your donations and hope you will continue to help for the coming year. Our African partners and their students are so very thankful for you all. We wish you a wonderful holiday season full of love and good health. TOGETHER WE CHANGE LIVES!



COMPUTER LABS COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS

Connection Ubuntu is happy to share that six of our computer labs have completed their two year requirements and have earned their certificates. Our prospective partners sign contracts prior to receiving their computers agreeing to the following: they must have 50% of their students be female, and they will send us reports three times per year in April, July and November for two years. Once these two year requirements have been fulfilled, the computers and peripherals supplied by Connection Ubuntu become the property of our partner. We pray they continue to provide us with the reports and also continue to follow our guidelines. Feel free to click on their certificates for more information about their organization. We are thankful for the wonderful work of these labs and the hard work of their directors:

Director, Rogers Omollo



Director, Brian Mazarura



Director, Obed Anguche



Director, Samuel Cimanuka



Director, Musa Mungu



Director, Samuel Litunya



THANK YOU, CHERYL AND TRACY!

In May, we received a lovely monetary donation from real estate agent, Tracy Seiger, of The Seiger Team and Life Changes Realty Group. They have a "Pay it forward" project and we were the lucky recipients because Cheryl Kreider chose us as her charity, after purchasing property from Tracy's company. Sadly, we missed honoring their donation at our anniversary celebration, so we'd like to share, at this time, photos of them with their donor gifts. We are deeply appreciative of this project and feel very blessed to be the recipient. Thank you, Cheryl and Tracy!



The Seiger Team



MAP OF OUR
COMPUTER
LABS

(CLICK ON MAP
FOR
MORE DETAILS)

DONATE YOUR USED TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT!

Your used working equipment is priceless to our partners in Africa. Donate your Laptop/Chromebook/tablet/smartphone/keyboard/mouse, etc. (as long it is working and uses Windows 7 OS OR Apple 2013 or newer OS) and you'll be changing many lives. Once received, we'll wipe all data, if needed, add an Operating System (OS), test the equipment and clean it. If you would like to help us by donating equipment, send us a message... **your donation is tax deductible... and keeps equipment out of our landfills!**



GET YOUR GIFTS ALL YEAR LONG!



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AND CHANGE A LIFE

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VISION STATEMENT

Ubuntu: "I am what I am because of who we all are."

Connection Ubuntu believes that the world is a global community where all members have the right and freedom to be active and valuable participants when given the technological tools and knowledge needed for successful global community engagement and local community self-sufficiency.

