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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

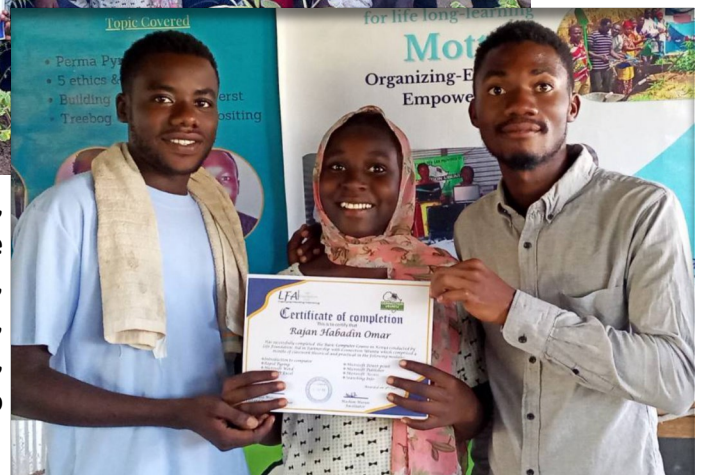
LIFE FOUNDATION AIDS’ FIRST GRADUATES!

We are excited to share these graduates of the very first ICT (Information Communication Technology) class from Life Foundation Aid Computer Lab in the Kakuma Refugee Camp! They received their computers in November 2022, just before the Christmas holiday. Classes began in February 2023 and students worked hard learning about all things computer related and now, they have completed their courses. We are so very proud of them!



L-R, Musa Mungu, Founder of Life Foundation Aid, graduate, Rajan Omar, and Co-Founder, Marcelin Petro

Grad Certificate



SHECODE PARTNERSHIP



SheCodes FOUNDATION

SheCodes helps provide women in developing countries with the opportunity to learn how to code for free. Women currently hold 25% of coding jobs and earn 30% less money than men. In most developing countries, more than 65% of women don't have bank accounts and cannot afford to invest in their education. SheCodes currently work in 50 countries worldwide and we are blessed to be their partner in these countries: Ghana, Kenya, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.

What is coding? Coding tells a computer which actions to perform and how to complete tasks and in turn helps humans accurately communicate with computers.

The question is: Why should women in developing countries learn how to code? It's simple... coding knowledge can help women in developing countries accomplish the following:

- *Get a Job in Tech (and possibly work from home/remotely)
- *Grow Their Skill Sets to increase their eligibility to get a job
- *Improve Their Analytical Thinking



To be accepted into the program, students simply need to complete these requirements:

- *Reside in one of the countries where SheCodes works
- *Have access to a computer/internet
- *Have financial and educational difficulties
- *Are motivated to learn how to code
- *

Because all of our labs, located in the countries listed above, have working computers, all female students from these labs are eligible! We hope to share, later, how many students have taken this opportunity and we hope there are many!

CAN YOU HELP?



Connection Ubuntu is looking for a possible sponsor/donor for T-shirts and hats for our travelers and computer lab partners for our January 2024 trip. If you know of a company or individual that might be interested in helping us, whether they do screen-printing, embroidery, iron-on transfers or just want to donate funds to cover the fees, please share our email, ConnectionUbuntu@gmail.com, with them. We would love to share their company or name in our newsletters for a few months as a thank you... or we are open to other suggestions. All of our donations go to equipment for our partners in Africa... we won't take funds from those to purchase the shirts and hats. Your help is so appreciated!

[Donate here](#)

THE “OUT” DOOR

We’ve shipped more computers. Thanks to Kevin at Homeland 254 Logistics, we have two more boxes on their way to Nairobi, Kenya. We’re looking forward to more students in Africa having access to computers and education.

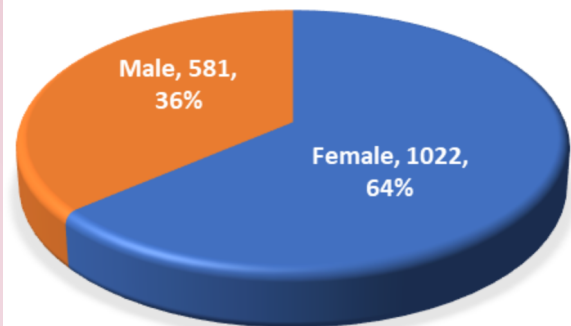
L-R, Evans, Vicki, and Kevin



JULY REPORTS

Our computer labs are required to teach at least 50% female students. As you can see from our chart, they’re having great success with this... teaching a woman helps teach a community!

NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED BY
COMPUTER LABS IN THE 2ND
QUARTER OF 2023



INTERESTED IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE?



JOIN OUR BOARD!

Are you passionate about our work? Are you curious, a big-picture thinker, creative and innovative? Connection Ubuntu is recruiting new Board members. We are all volunteers, dedicating our time and efforts to support the work, which means that every monetary donation is used fully to provide computers to Africans. If you think you would be interested in helping, have some perspective you’d like to share or if you would like to learn more about becoming a Board member or work on one of our committees, please contact us and put BOARD MEMBER/Committee member in the subject line! Bonventure just joined us and we’d love to have more members like him who want to help us help others! Drop us a note... We would love to talk with you. Here is our Board Member Recruiting Document... check it out!

DONATE YOUR USED TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT!

Your used working equipment is priceless to our partners in Africa. Donate your laptop/desktop/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!**



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STOP NEW ITEMS ADDED

Visit our [Online Store](#)... we'd love to see you wearing our goods and Bonfire will donate a percentage of your purchase to us! **Check out our new tie dye and earth-friendly wearables!**



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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.

