

Technology Bonanza!

For everyone who cares about technology at the Center. And really, who does that leave out?

As you know, we have always been committed to making sure that we were able to utilize technology in ways that would enhance and accelerate all of the important things that we do at the Center and CCS. In planning for the future, there are some important needs and opportunities that are before us. Would you be willing to help? Look over the below needs list and contact Merle if you are interested in helping.

Do you have a Vision for Christian Schools and Ministries like the Center being the best in utilizing technology?

1. Our Lab Computers are showing their age. We have upgraded them as much as we can and it is time to think about new machines. We have some great abilities to get great deals on new machines right now. For about \$300-500 a computer, we can get a great box that will do us well into the future. Right now we have a couple of great opportunities with vendors, and educational deals on windows and other software. Can you imagine a new lab at North Campus which would allow us to bring those current machines to upgrade the lab at South for just \$5000 - 7,500. What an opportunity! Let me know if you would be interested.

2. For those of you who know what Domain Controller Servers, Email and Web Servers are, we have received an 80% grant from ERATE monies to upgrade some of our infrastructure. (These monies are only available for connectivity equipment.) We have the opportunity because of a couple of our great technology friends who are getting great deals and building the boxes for us at a huge discount. We are also getting some phone expansion equipment that will allow us to adapt our phone systems in some ways to serve our people better, and some surge and power interruption protection. We are able to get about 25,000 worth of equipment for around \$13,000 and our actual cost is about \$2500. Would you be willing to help with this important opportunity? *Please mark your checks for technology if you want to designate them to these funds.*

We need some Tech Gurus:

We have some hardware that needs repaired (Pent III and above machines) and lots of extra parts. These machines can function very well for some of our needs if we could get them back on line. We have the parts, but we need some Tech-Savvy Hands! Would you be willing to donate an evening or Saturday to help weave your skills into those boxes to help us get some more life out of them? Or help us with installing a SMART Switch, or setting up another Router/VPN, Fixing our Plotter? If you would we are trying to organize a couple TECH work nights... or you can schedule your own night! We'll make sure someone is there to point you to the parts room! If you really are a GURU and like Linux servers, building creative things like auto calling boxes, are interested in Scanning technology or Database writing, etc, please call Merle. We could have some real fun and help the Center achieve things that it could not without your skill.

We need some flat screen monitors:

If you have any lying around your business or house not being used, or have decided your screen just isn't big enough, how about donating yours to us?

We need OLD COMPUTERS:

Well, not too old, but... we have about 75 machines on our networks that do a variety of things. Many of those functions can be provided with machines that are too old to do gaming, and other things, but can do a great job with internet searching, word processing, database, etc. If you have parts or computers that would fit this need, copies of Windows XP, 100 GB Hard drives Memory, please consider dropping them off. Older computers won't help us too much, but if you aren't sure please call us, and we'll help you figure it out.