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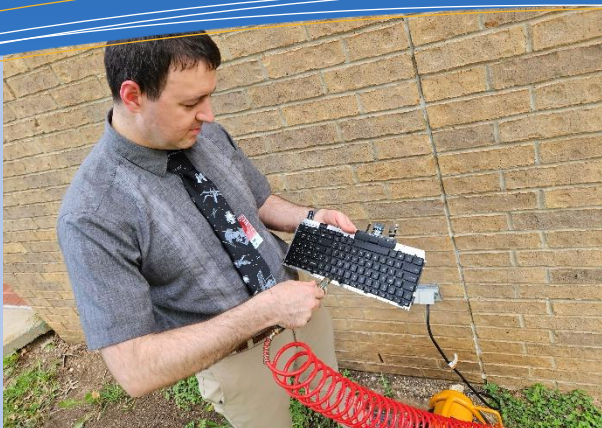
With AI becoming more and more widespread, AI companies require more and more computational power to train models and keep their services operating. They have contracted with many hardware manufacturers to retool factory outputs and essentially buy out their entire factory output a year or more in advance.

Manufacturers are filling these contracts instead of making parts for consumer electronics.

What does this mean for you?

It means that right now, buying anything with RAM in it is getting more expensive, particularly phones and computers. And that trend will likely continue through the end of 2027, maybe even longer.

If you are thinking about buying a new device, I suggest doing it very soon. Otherwise, take care of your existing devices so you don't need to replace them!



Refurbishing Laptops

One of my favorite parts of my job is refurbishing old laptops and giving them to missionaries to take overseas to different projects.

The refurbishing process usually includes taking out the keyboard to blow it out (which requires disassembling most of the laptop), reapplying thermal paste to the CPU, swapping a clean hard drive into the computer, installing Windows, configuring settings for minimalist appearance and best performance on an old computer, and installing a number of useful programs. The entire process can take a bit over half a day if that's the only thing that I'm working on, though I'll often do it in spurts, turning to some other project while a program is installing.

I just love the idea of workers receiving these laptops and using them for years and years, without ever knowing about the things I've cleared away which make the laptops functional.

This last month, I was able to send some to Nigeria, South Asia, Papua New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands.

Partnership Development

I am currently at almost 80% of my goal for financial support! Much of that has been

This issue

What goes into refurbishing laptops

Helping me raise support

Relationship with Amanda

Prayer requests

through friends and individuals. I have also spent lots of time calling churches. I have contacted nearly 500 churches during this time of raising support, most of them just cold-calling using contact information I found on Google Maps.

But I was recently given—rather, *reminded of*—some very good advice. Partnership Development is based on relationships. And it's very difficult to have a relationship with lots and lots of churches. If I do go overseas, then when I come back to the US for a visit, it would be difficult to visit 20 different churches in just a couple of months.

Instead, I was advised to reach out to my current supporters, the ones who I already have a relationship with and are already on my team, and see if they could help me.

—and see if you can help me.

Not through giving more yourself (though if you are one of the people who said you would support me and haven't set up any donations yet, this would be a good time), but through connections.

I remember that a decade ago, some friends invited me over for a potluck & game night, with a presentation from a missionary family who was headed to the Philippines. I ended up supporting them because of that interaction, which was set up by a friend.

Spiritual Thoughts

In college, as part of Intersity Christian Fellowship, I became the leader of a 3-person discipleship group with a couple of other young Christian men. I had known both of them for at least a year, and as we met together, the group became a blessing for each of us.

Halfway through the year, one of them began a time of sharing by saying, "I was reading in the book of Tobit..." I was confused, and he showed me in his Bible this book which I had never seen before! The other guy said, "Yes, it's in my Bible too." And I discovered that day that both of these young men were Catholic! I had been worshipping alongside them, praying with them, and talking about our walk with God with these "normal" Christians for over a year without knowing that.

That memory has stuck out to me ever since. I learned Christ is truly bigger than any difference of tradition or denomination, for those who truly follow Him.



There is also the option of connecting with a small group Bible study, and partnering with them. My small group already does this, including partnering with two families who went overseas. (But since we're all missionaries, we're sticking with prayer and encouragement, rather than financial support.)

If you are part of a consistent small group which might be willing to partner with me, please reach out and let me know! My contact details are at the bottom of the page.

Amanda

My beard has come and gone throughout my adult life. I asked Amanda early on if she had a preference, and she said that she liked beards as long as they were nice and trimmed. But after 3 months of growing my beard, I decided to go clean-shaven again. People have occasionally told me that I would look good with a moustache, so I decided to try it out. I shaved off all of my facial hair except my moustache and sent a picture to Amanda.

She said that she had *strong opinions* on moustaches.

Amanda asked for a call later that night, and I warned her that I still had my

Did you know?

The first tasers were classified as firearms because they used gunpowder as a propellant.

moustache. When we connected, we both laughed for two minutes straight, because neither one of us could take my appearance seriously!

The moustache was gone by the following evening.

We recently had a game night together. I got my roommate—a fan of my moustache!—and another friend over late on a Friday night (Amanda's Saturday afternoon), and we played an online version of Codenames. Amanda and I aren't reading each others' minds yet, but we still had a good time.

Prayer Points

Pray for...

- Amanda and me to honor God in our relationship, and for our summer plans
- Discernment about where I am called to be long-term. (And Amanda!)
- For the particular tasks in my work, and that devices would function as they should.
- Connections with small groups and individuals

Yours in Christ,
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