



HELPING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS





2 PURPOSE

- **The Lord's Hands is a humanitarian NGO based in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It was founded on Christian values and is committed to lifting others throughout Africa.**
- **We have a “reverence for life” and believe we “find” ourselves through helping others.**



3 HOW ARE WE TRYING TO HELP?

Current Project

- Education: Getting computers to deserving students enrolled in the BYU-Pathway Worldwide program.
- Initial focus area is Central Africa. The plan is to use this as a springboard to serve the rest of Africa.

Potential Future Undertakings

- Additional Education Initiatives
- Food Security
- Community Benefit Projects
- Clean Water
- Emergency Response
- NGO Partnership



4 THE NEED: AFRICA'S EDUCATIONAL BARRIERS

- Africa has the highest educational exclusion level in the world.
 - Over one-fifth of children between the ages of 6 and 11 and one-third between the ages of 12 and 14 are out of school.
- Almost 60% of children in sub-Saharan Africa between the ages of 15 and 17 are not in school.
- Girls are much more likely to stay out of school than boys.
- In sub-Saharan Africa, many pre-primary and secondary teachers lack sufficient training.
- If every girl in sub-Saharan Africa completed even just primary education, the maternal mortality rate would likely decrease by 70%.

<https://borgenproject.org/10-facts-about-education-in-africa/>



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THE NEED: AFRICA'S EDUCATIONAL BARRIERS

- Internet penetration as a % of population is 46.2% in Africa vs. 68.6% for the rest of the world.
 - Many African nations are significantly below the average of the rest of the world:
 - Togo (12%), Sierra Leone (13%), Congo (15%), DR Congo (18%)
- Electrical grid coverage and stability.

<https://www.internetworldstats.com/stats1.htm>



6 THE NEED: COVID'S IMPACT IN AFRICA

- Africa is at the back of the queue for vaccines.
- Sub-Saharan classrooms have been fully or partly shut for 23 weeks longer than the global average. Since half of Africans are without electricity, never mind laptops and Wi-Fi, remote learning itself is extremely challenging.
- Africa's cries for help: Whether in the form of jobs or loans, Africa is at risk of being forgotten amid the tumult of a truly global crisis. The fragility of African economies and societies is a reason to act swiftly.



7 EDUCATION BARRIERS – LOW GDP (AFRICA WEST)

Country	GDP (USD) per capita
Benin	1,260
Cote d'Ivoire	1,736
Ghana	1,884
Liberia	516

Country	GDP (USD) per capita
Nigeria	2,387
Sierra Leone	488
Togo	696
Mali	794

[https://tradingeconomics.com/country-list/gdp-per-capita?continent=africa.](https://tradingeconomics.com/country-list/gdp-per-capita?continent=africa)



8 EDUCATION BARRIERS – LOW GDP (AFRICA CENTRAL)

Country	GDP (USD) per capita	Country	GDP (USD) per capita
Cameroon	1,523	Rwanda	905
Republic of Congo	424	Tanzania	986
DR Congo	580	Uganda	957
Kenya	1,238		

<https://tradingeconomics.com/country-list/gdp-per-capita?continent=africa>



9 EDUCATION BARRIERS – LOW GDP (AFRICA SOUTH)

Country	GDP (USD) per capita
Angola	3,104
Botswana	8,093
Eswatini (Swaziland)	4,819
Lesotho	1,384
Madagascar	500
Malawi	524
Mozambique	587

Country	GDP(USD) per capita
Namibia	5,766
South Africa	7,346
Zambia	1,658
Zimbabwe	1,658
La Reunion	n/a
Mauritius	10,949

<https://tradingeconomics.com/country-list/gdp-per-capita?continent=africa>



10 HOW DO WE SOLVE A REALLY BIG PROBLEM?

African Proverb

“The best way to eat an elephant in your path is to cut him up into little pieces”.

- The best way to solve a problem is to tackle it bit by bit, one step at a time.

Clayton Christensen

“The only metrics that will truly matter to my life are the individuals who I have been able to help one by one, to become better people.”



|| LEVERAGING BYU-PATHWAY WORLDWIDE (INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO ONLINE EDUCATION)

- Pathway Connect (3 semesters) prepares students for higher education by focusing on Life, Professional, and University skills, culminating with an introductory Certificate.
- **Pathway Connect > 2 Certificates > Associate Degree > Bachelors Degree**
- Bachelor's degrees available in Applied Business, Applied Health, Applied Technology, Communication, Marriage & Family and Professional Studies.

Note 1: *The Lord's Hands supports but is not affiliated with BYU-Pathway Worldwide.*

Note 2: All degrees offered through BYU-Idaho except for Communication, which is offered by Ensign College.

<https://www.byupathway.org/>



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- BYU-Pathway Worldwide operates in 152 countries globally (28 countries in Africa), using an affordable certificate-first approach to education.
- Tuition varies by country proportional to the economic circumstances of local residents.
- 88% of Certificate earners continue their education or improve their employment.
- **7,413 African students joined BYU-Pathway Worldwide in 2020, which represents a 94% increase over 2019.**

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LEVERAGING BYU-PATHWAY WORLDWIDE CHALLENGES IN AFRICA TO ONLINE EDUCATION



- The biggest roadblock facing these BYU-Pathway Worldwide students pursuing their online degree is the lack of a decent computer. Smart-phones are not sufficient.
- The Lord's Hands goal is to provide a computer to qualified students; however, the number of qualified students requires generous donors.

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<https://www.byupathway.org/>

PART OF THE SOLUTION: THE LORD'S HANDS

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Celebrating the organization of
The Lord's Hands (DR Congo)



DELIVERING ON THE PROMISE

COMPUTER PRESENTATION CEREMONY (THE FIRST DELIVERY IN KINSHASA!)

The Lord's Hands NGO Board members & students

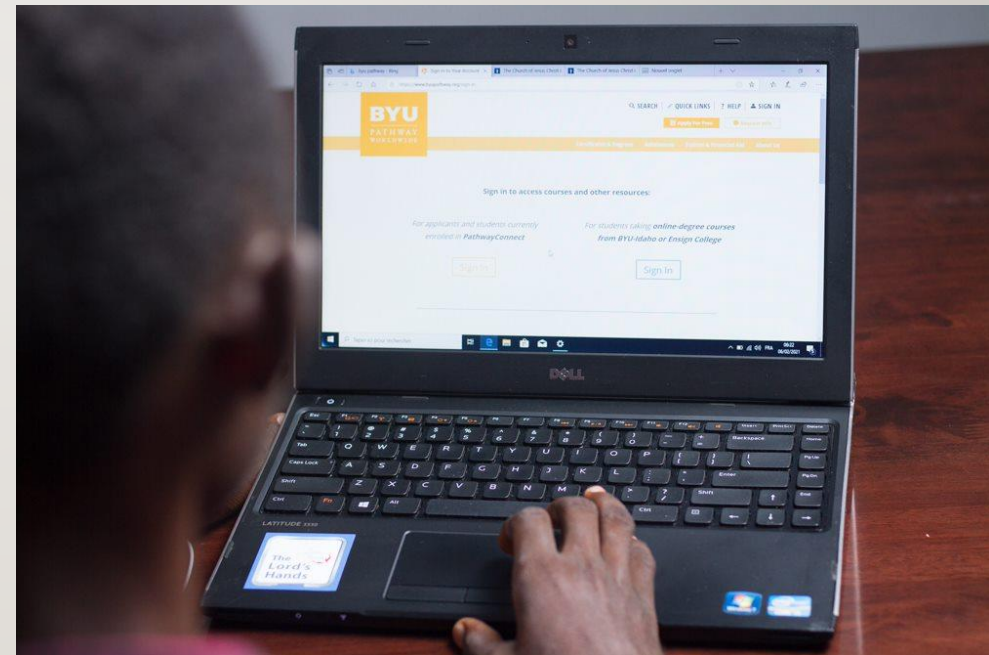
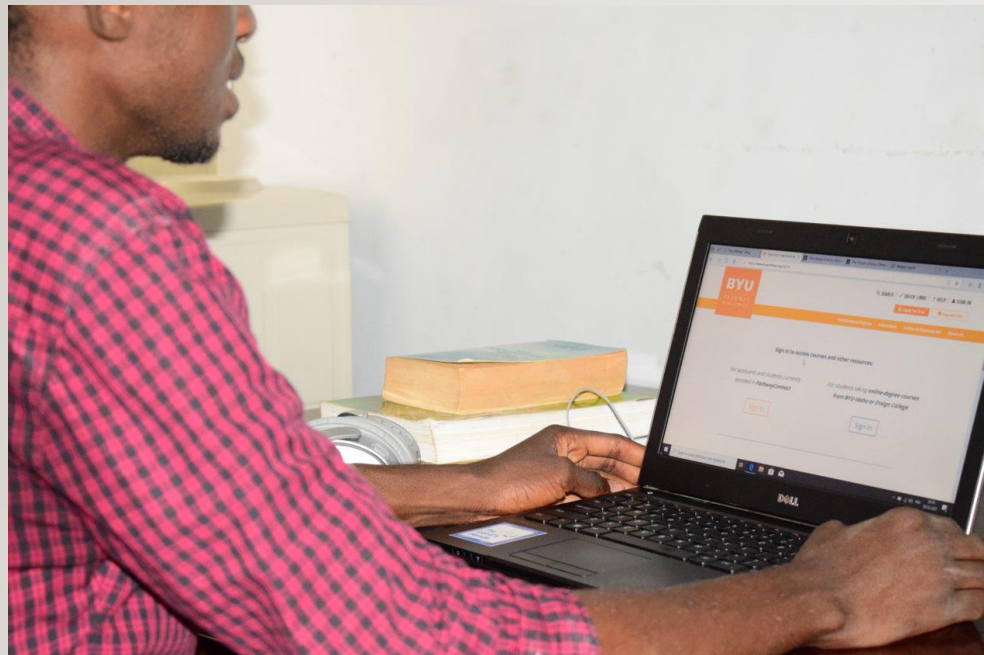


Steve Kapila (founder) with student



Note: Computer recipients pledge to repay through a “Plan for Service” to their community or other students.

16 OFF AND RUNNING!



17 THE LORD'S HANDS – IMPORTANT DATES



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- **November 2020** – The Lord’s Hands NGO was organized in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
 - **January 2021** – The Lord’s Hands completed their Winter “Computers for Students” campaign by donating 15 computers.
 - **April 2021** – Spring “Computers for Students” campaign.
 - **September 2021** – Fall “Computers for Students” campaign.



18 **HOW CAN I HELP THE LORD'S HANDS?**

- Make non-deductible contributions directly to The Lord's Hands NGO – <https://www.thelordshands.org/>
- Make a tax-deductible contribution to “Computers for Pathway Students in Africa” via Global Giving.

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/computers-for-pathway-students-in-africa/>

- Make a tax-deductible contribution directly to educateupward.org (under development)



19 **APPENDIX: STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR A LAPTOP COMPUTER**

- BYU-Pathway students must have completed their first semester with a 3.5 or higher GPA.
- A one-page essay in English: “How Education is Changing My Life.”
- Student video about student’s background, skills, career goals, and a cause they are passionate about.
- Letter of recommendation and a Plan for Service to their community.