The Front Lines of Geek Imperialism

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Why don’t Geeks exist in Afghanistan

- 30 years of war
- Multiple consecutive generations without education
- Violence against students and educators
- Lack of stability deters ‘builders’
- Lack of resources (i.e. food and water)
- Lack of role models in future planning
Why we foster Geeks

- They are useful
- Someone has to rebuild, for the right reasons
- Can’t generate sustainable solutions without local talent
- The problems in AFG will continue longer than our attention span lasts
- Geek Manifest Destiny
How we make Geeks

• Allow self-selecting environments
• Aim for infinite growth potential
• ‘Show’ it’s a better way of living
• Geek-Geek mentorship
• Freedom in learning and creation
• It’s about humans, not tech
me with my dear teacher and my classmate
Geek Skill Sets

- Problem Solving and Communication
- Basic tech tool skills
- Internet communications
- Install, use and teach OSS
- Utilize open culture information tools
- Design and rapid prototyping
goodjbad.reachback.org

- Improvement Of Internet And Books In Jalalabad
- Educational Supplies in Nangarhar
- Being Young – All Work, No Play

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VIDEO – Interview with Ghani Supporter

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By Lutfullah Kamran

JALALABAD - Over the last three decades Afghanistan has been in constant war, and has lost most of its facilities. One of them is electricity, which all of the people need but most do not have.
OpenStreetMap.org

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Comms and power. Give me comms and power.

-- Dr Dave Warner

450 microhydro sites around Jalalabad
Enlightened Imperialism?

• Are we living the best life possible?
• Are our beliefs better than others?
• Should we purposefully spread our ideals?
• Should Geeks dominate the world?
• Can we do it better?
Collaborators

- Synergy Strike Force, STAR-TIDES, Fab Lab Afghanistan, Rotary Club
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