



# 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



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# 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 classmet

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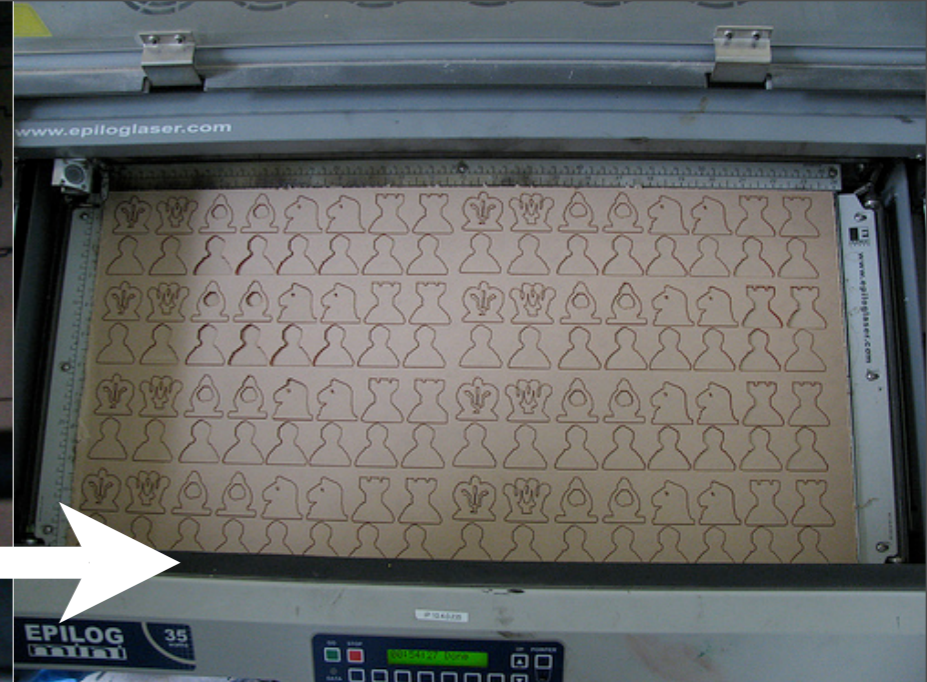
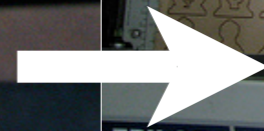
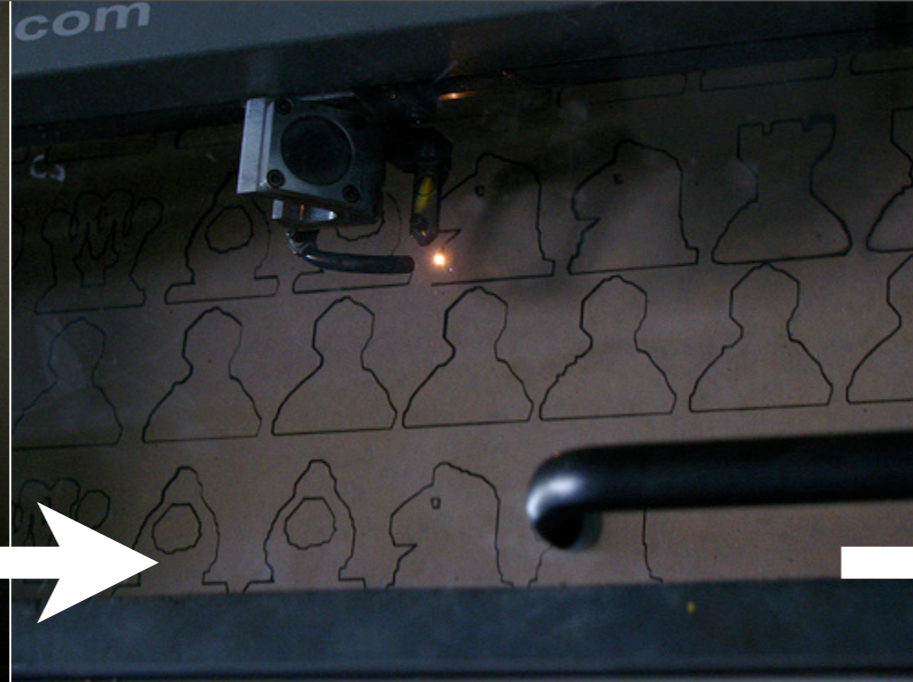
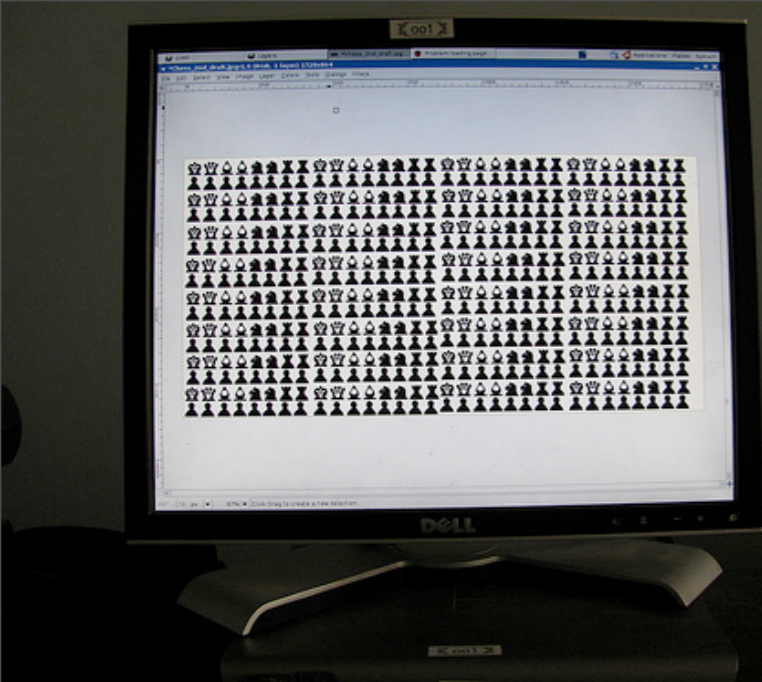




# Geek Skill Sets

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





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

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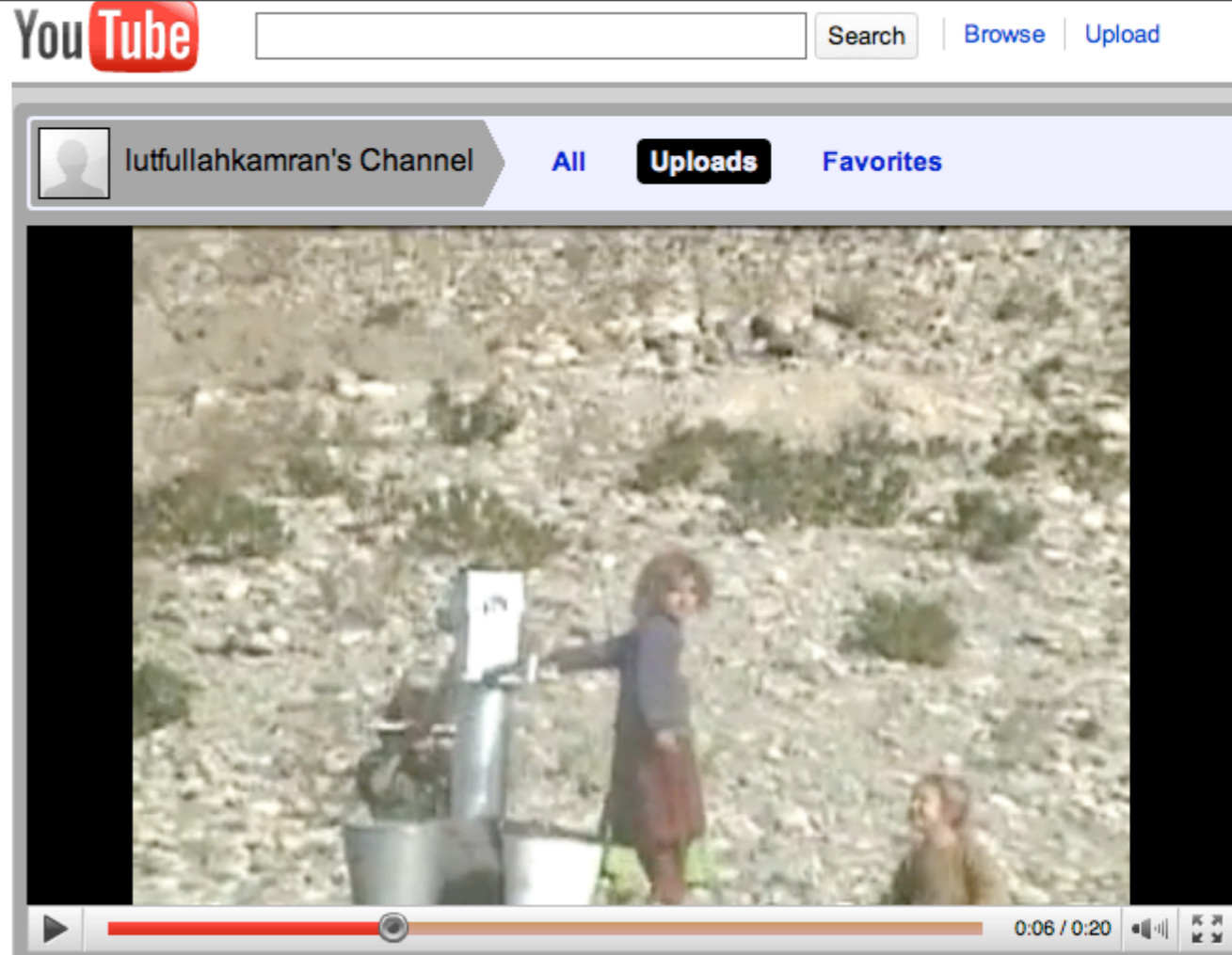
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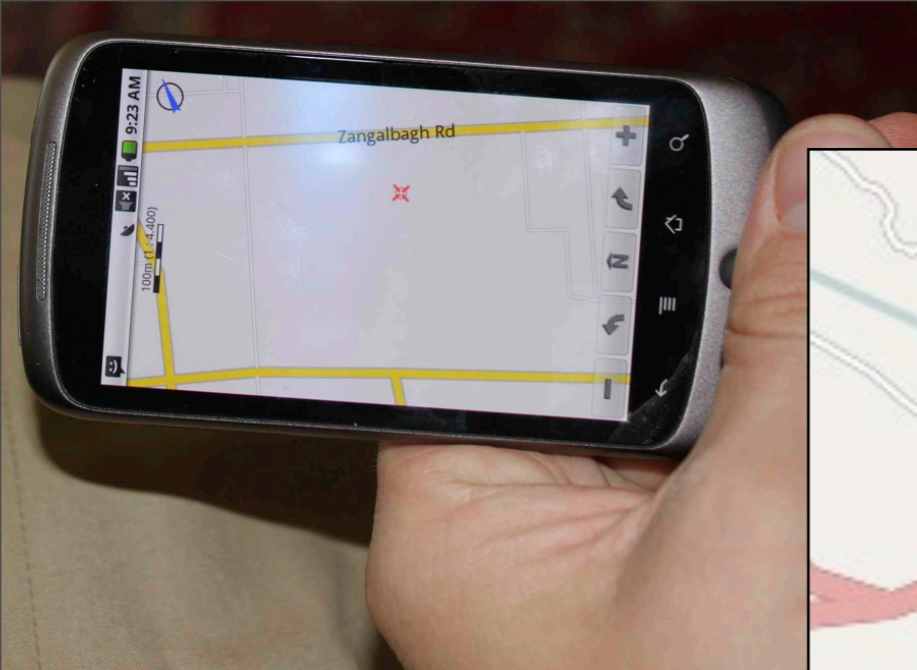
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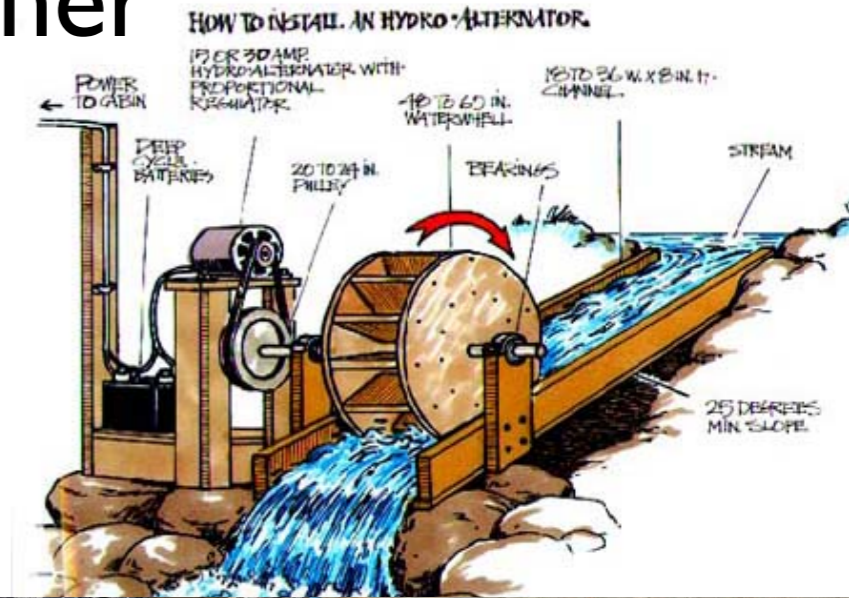
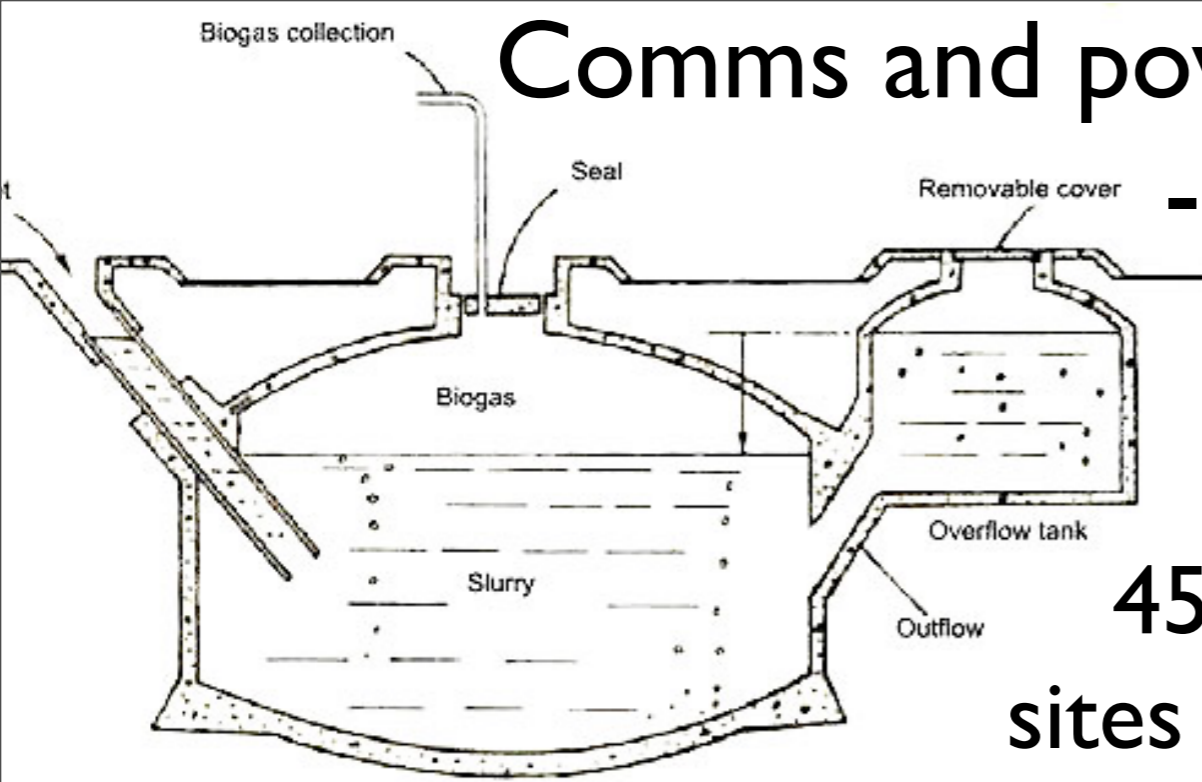
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# Comms and power. Give me comms and power.

-- 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



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