

Meet John Starke



John Starke, came to us from New York where he attended Word of Life Bible Institute. John initially volunteered at ETS before coming on staff in 1999. He has a sharp eye for details and oversees our shipping and data base entries.

Affectionately referred to as "John the Baptist" (because he is a Baptist) he manages our on-line light bulb sales and purchasing of Spanish materials.

He is very familiar with all our book titles and knows exactly where each is located. He also helps with the technical aspects of our publications and mailings.

John is the friendly voice that answers our phone as well as our cashier.

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Equipping The Saints

"for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Eph 4:12

Who We Are

Since 1991, Equipping The Saints has been in the **resourcing ministry**, taking donated and used items and getting them in the hands of US and international ministries that desperately need them.

We buy new and used items at overstocked prices or at close out sales. We also buy items from government surplus sites and from other on-line locations.

We stretch the missionary dollar!

Mission Statement

- We believe in order for missionaries and ministries to succeed in reaching the lost for Christ they must have the tools, equipment and materials available to do the task for which they were called.
- We believe in being responsible stewards of God's resources and are dedicated to recycle, retask, refurbish, and reuse items to stretch kingdom dollars.
- We believe in the mutual sharing of information and in networking "so that the body of Christ may be built up"

About Us

Equipping The Saints was started by Keith Jones, a former missionary to Colombia and Venezuela with The Evangelical Alliance Mission during the 1970s and early '80s. Upon his return to the states he began collecting basic medical tools, books and office supplies for missionaries and national pastors .

Equipping The Saints began in Keith's basement in 1991 . He opened an office in Staunton, VA, after his basement filled. All too quickly the office was full . He rented 17 storage units, and then filled them.

Within 5 years, the ministry needed more space. The Weyers Cave school had closed and went up for auction in 1996. What happened next can only be attributed to God's Blessing.

Keith and some board members showed up for the auction and prayed in the parking lot for God's wisdom on how much to bid for the building. They agreed on a price of 85 thousand dollars (twice the organization's yearly income.)

They won the auction at their set price and after putting down \$500 , had 60 days to raise the rest of the money .

The day before they were to close, the group was \$37,000 short. A couple from a church Keith had pastored offered to loan the funds from their retirement account.

A year and half later ETS was debt free.

Now besides the school building, we have a warehouse and storage units in Weyers Cave and Fishersville, Virginia.

We Need Your Help at ETS Volunteer Opportunities



Whether you have a few hours or a few days, we have a project for you. We always look forward to groups that spend extended time with us. We try very hard to give those groups time with a visiting missionary, (often working side by side with them filling a container such as this group from Savannah, Georgia did.)



This container went to Meserete Kristos College in Ethiopia and was filled with library shelving, light fixtures and bunk beds.

Ongoing Needs

Worried about your skill level?
We always need help with:

Clothing: sorting, boxing weighing

Boxing: books, medical supplies, keyboards, miscellaneous supplies

Facility: inside and outside
Maintenance, cleaning, mowing, sweeping, gardening

Shipping: loading containers for overseas

SEMI-SKILLED

Desk top publishing....typing, collating and confirming information by phone or email

Repair people: for equipment that needs to be checked out before it can be sent out.

Reorganizing Inventory and Displays

Painting, Sanding, Patching, Trim work.....every room

Skilled

Equipment Repair: electronic, audio-visual

Electrical. Plumbing and Carpentry: More outlets , retasking rooms

Window Installing: Currently replacing 104 windows in our building