



Hello and welcome to Mo's Laptop Refurbishment Party!

I am so grateful that you are here.

Thank you for joining me and for making this space beautiful, uplifting and intentional. The focus of this celebration is to support people who need a hand, reflect on how our spare time relates to the rest of the world - even and especially through self-service, and to bless the concepts of gift, provision and equipment.

I believe the greatest gift is the ability to equip someone else with tools they can wield. I am also genuinely grateful to the creator of the universe. The cards many of us have been dealt are favourable - please do not get mud on the carpet. May we use our godly gifts to provide for and support those who have not been so lucky.

Today is the second day of the Jewish festival of Sukkot. Initially, Jewish people - like many other peoples - would celebrate and be thankful for the harvest which concludes at this time of year. We have good reason to be grateful for the provision of physical things.

Over the course of history, Sukkot has come to commemorate the journey of the Israelites through the wilderness, following their dramatic exile and protected not only by the natural environment but by their faith. That journey is symbolised today by small huts we build and live in outside, and a collection of plants and fruit which we shake around us, towards God and towards the earth. These symbols represent the safety and security that our spiritual, natural, social and political environments provide for us.

Some think this provision is a gift from God which we ought to bless, others the cruel distribution of basic protection. Many in this world are deprived of that. We must develop protection for those who seek it, and safeguard the natural environment which facilitates our lives. We must do so with joy and without hesitation!

Thank you for coming with me and supporting me on this journey,

Moses

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