

Mobile Ministry

Connecting ministry with technology

Get Connected
Acts 1:8 Eph 6:10-18

Welcome to the first edition of Mobile Ministry Magazine. As you can tell from the title, this is a magazine that will focus on the mobile aspects of technology and how it can be used best in ministry. We will cover PDAs, mobile phones, and laptops. There will also be some highlights on websites and programs that will help you to get a better idea of just how far reaching technology can take the Gospel (Acts 1:8).

In each issue, there will also be a how-to section called Get Equipped (based on Ephesians 6:10-18) that will help you with some basic tasks with mobile computers and other Internet-based technology so that you can be more efficient, and purposed in using technology.

With that said, I will step out of the way so that you can begin reading. If you have any questions or comments about anything that is here, or if you have any requests on covered content and advertising space, contact Mobile Ministry by email (mobileministry@antoinerjwright.com). Thank you, may the content of this magazine bless you, and encourage you to be a good steward over all that God has given you.

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New Fall Season Means New New Models

With Fall now coldly upon us (especially in the Northeast), many PDA and notebook manufacturers have been busy releasing new devices. The PDA scene is getting some action in the \$300 and higher category with releases from Dell, HP, and PalmOne. The calling card for these devices are their abilities to use wireless technologies to connect to the Internet or to other devices. The Tungsten T5 (\$400), pictured here, also adds a feature called Drive Mode, which enables it to be used like a removable hard drive to transfer files from one computer to another.



Get Equipped

One thing about PDAs not widely known is the ability to carry bibles and biblical resources on your PDA. For any PDA, there are several free and low cost readers and bible resources. On the PalmOS, Palm Bible+, Bible With You, Olive Tree Bible Reader, and MyBible by Landarin are very popular. For the PocketPC Olive Tree, My Bible and Pocket E-Sword are popular. All offer many classic bible versions for free, but to get modern bible versions you will have to pay a price is similar to the hard copy that one would find in a bookstore. So don't let that PDA just be a calendar, get a bible in there and stay on top of the Word.

Keep tuned to Mobile Ministry Magazine as we will review many of these new releases in the upcoming months.

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Judging an E-book by its Cover (Charge)

The old adage says that one should not judge a book by its cover. Rather, we should take time to open the book and really get to know the content before making a judgment call. But what about in our present and not so distant future of e-books, should that same saying hold true?

One of the best aspects of owning a PDA has been the ability to carry tons of references and books that would have otherwise been in one or two backpacks. For example, when I made the jump from an Illxe to an m515, I carried in my PDA two bibles and a dictionary. With the 8MB of space in the Illxe, I was full. Therefore, I went for the m515 because it offered a color screen and the SD expansion slot. That was great when it came to reading bibles and dictionaries. Getting the extra space also put me in the market for e-books. What I heard then was that e-books would be the next big literary thing. They would be the final nail in the paper filled coffin. So I went to places such as MemoWare (www.memoware.com) and Peanut Press (later changed to Palm Reader, and is now eReader - www.ereader.com) anxious to find free and low cost books. It was my guess that they would be cheaper than the printed counterparts (no printing means savings are passed on right?).

I was in for a surprise; mainly because of what was available and the prices. I did not see any of the books that I was interested in. I also saw prices that were as high, and in some cases higher than the printed counterparts. I was not exactly pleased with that and stuck to the free books in many cases. Project Gutenberg (www.gutenberg.org/) and MemoWare became my main places for looking for books. It appeared to me, that the future of e-books was a closed novel.

So for the last few years, the prices for e-books has gone down somewhat. But try being a college student and finding that textbook for your class as an e-book, it is nearly impossible to find. I believe that the reason for that is because publishers do not control that market, college bookstores do. And there is nothing like a book that can be resold three and four times before it being replaced. A e-book for the college crowd is just not happening.

The good thing is that the rest of the world does not mirror the college world (sorry to all admissions directors). You can find e-books on just about any subject out there. There are even companies like MobiPocket (www.mobipocket.com),

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HP iPaq rx3715 Review



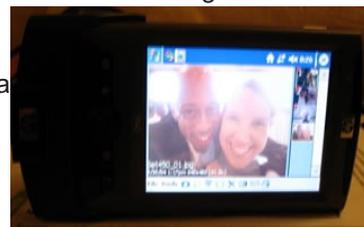
If you are looking for a PDA that combines the familiar Windows desktop, but you need the ability to have wireless connectivity (such as WiFi and Bluetooth), then look no further than the rx3000 iPaq series from HP. There are three models in the series which all offer differing levels of mobile immersion. Today we will be looking at the rx3715, the highest level in the rx3000 series.

The rx3715 combines a sleek shape with powerful features. It has a 400 MHz Samsung processor, 196MB of RAM, a 320x240 QVGA TFT touchscreen, a Secure Digital (SD) slot for memory cards, a consumer level infrared port, a 1.3Mp camera, and WiFi and Bluetooth for wireless connectivity. These stats are more impressive than computers from just five years ago. Today, you can have all of that (plus more) in your hand.

WiFi is used to connect to wireless hotspots in airports, restaurants, and some city parks. Bluetooth is used to connect to other devices like phones and printers. When connected via to a phone, Bluetooth allows you to use the phone as a modem to download your email or surf the Internet on the rx3715.

The camera comes in handy for quick shots. With its 1.3Mp resolution, it is capable of taking pictures that will look good printed on 4x6in photo paper. Be warned, if the lighting is not well, you may have to touch up the pictures in a photo editing program. There is also Microsoft's Active Sync technology to transfer those images to your computer.

The rx3715 is a normal PDA in that it can track your tasks, add and edit appointments into your calendar, and check email (either through Active Sync and your computer, or via WiFi or Bluetooth connecting to a network). It also adds Pocket Word and Excel for editing documents. Windows Media Player plays music and movies; and Nevo Media for the rx3715 controls any devices in your home that use a remote control.



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Living the Commission through a Vibrant PDA Community

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:8, KJV)

In these times, it is refreshing to take a look at a commonly quoted scripture and try to see it with new eyes. I speak in reference to Acts 1:8 as it can (and probably should) pertain to computer technology as a means to open people to the truths of the Gospel. With television and radio, one could just sit in a building and transmit the Word over the airwaves. With the advent of the Internet and other telephony technologies, one could sit nearly anywhere in the world, and transmit information, or pull up information, in a matter of minutes. There is a community on the Internet that does exactly this, though the use of a PalmOS (Palm Operating System) PDA and Palm Bible+.

Palm Bible+ (<http://palmbibleplus.sourceforge.net>) is the product of Yih-Chun Hu. He created it as a fork from an older program called Bible Reader Project for the PalmOS. Since March of 2003, he, along with a community of volunteers, have developed a program that promotes solid Biblical principles of reproof, correction, and instruction (2 Tim. 3:16-17). In March of 2004, the Bible+ website was redesigned and user forums were added. Those forums were used to share new advancements in the developments of Bible+, as well as the availability of resource materials for those using Bible+. Bibles with Strong's Numbers, commentaries, and various bible versions have all been created for use within Bible+. There have been over 5 million downloads of the latest version of Bible+, and that number is sure to grow with the numerous resources being made available for it.

So of course, the question is how can Bible+ be used to be a witness? People are attracted to new technology and often marvel at how much has been made smaller and smaller. As an exercise in promoting Christ, the next time that you go into a church setting, pull out your PalmOS PDA with Bible+ and be open to respond to all of those that ask you how you have placed a bible on so small a device. Be sure to use that PDA to get their contact information or list any prayer requests that they may have. Don't be afraid to use the Bible on your PDA to leave the person with a scripture of encouragement. Using your technology to benefit the body will go a ways toward maturity in Christ.



As for non-believers, you will want to take a less blunt approach. Be sure to highlight all of the uses of your PDA. But show them your to-do list and memo pad with notes about prayer and from Bible studies. Also show them how easy it is to have a small device that you can pull out nearly anywhere to read the Word. If they are interested in getting a PDA,

take down their information and get back to them with good prices. Also, be open to help them set up their PDA. Chances are, they will want a setup similar to yours. Take them to the Bible+, or any other website, to get good materials, and then use your to-do list to follow up with them. In this way you are creating a disciple, as well as leading someone to finding out for themselves the truth about the Gospel.

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GEN 1:1(KJ)



The First Book of Moses, called Genesis Chapter 1

- 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God

Mobile Ministry Games Roundup

Here are some mobile games for the PalmOS and PocketPC/Windows Mobile platforms that may keep you occupied while in the waiting room.



Cubis (Astraware.com) \$12.95
Bejeweled (Astraware.com) \$12.95

GameBox Solitare I and II (PDAMill.com) \$9.95 for each version

Snails (PDAMill.com) \$9.95



Tennis Addict (Handmark.com) \$14.99

Monopoly (Handmark.com) \$19.99

Check out these and other gaming titles at the above websites. Be sure to check out the sales, as many games can be had much lower.



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others, have ensured that if one does turn the page towards electronic texts, that there is enough in there to keep one intrigued until the end.

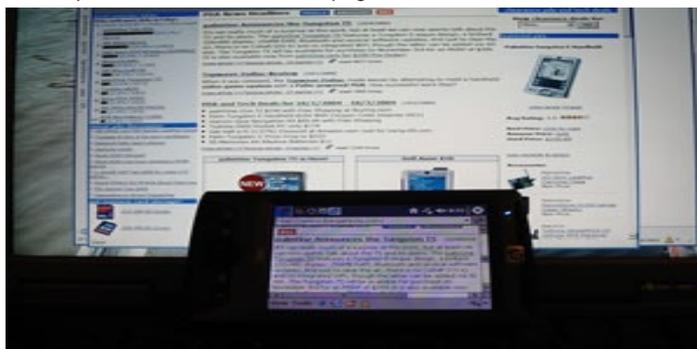
That being said, I am glad that e-books are still around. For many people, e-books are the best way to get a good read in when in hard to read places, like the subway or in bed late at night (try letting your spouse sleep with that bedroom light on and you know what I mean. So if you haven't tried one yet, download a popular reader from our e-store (<http://www.handango.com/brainstore/rhome.jsp?siteId=298>), and check out an e-book. You might find that the cover isn't so bad after all.

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Pictured at right is a PalmOne Zire71 using the eReader e-book reader software



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In conclusion, the only bad part of this device is its bottom line. At \$500, it is more than most people want to pay for a PDA. But you really do get your money's worth if you do take the plunge. There is also the rx3415 and rx3115 that have a few lower features if you do not need all that the top of the line model has. For both personal and business uses, the rx3715 is a capable performer with plenty of technology to spread around.

See www.hp.com for more information about the rx3715 and other iPaq handhelds.

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