



International Project Alliance

Changing lives in Copán, Honduras

Technology Fund for IPA Sponsored Schools

The International Project Alliance (IPA) is a large group of Rotary clubs in northwest Washington State and southern British Columbia. Our partner in Honduras is the Rotary Club of Copán Ruinas. Our partnership is known as "IPA-Copan" and we support many different education and development projects in the region.

IPA in action

The IPA currently sponsors almost 3,000 students in 38 Mayan village schools in Copán, Honduras. We provide school supplies every year to boost the learning opportunities for these students. The libraries in each of the partner villages are stocked with reading books. Over the past 10 years we have seen a marked improvement in the students' graduation rates and total years of education.

Closing the digital divide

We are now tackling the next level of learning. For these students to excel and compete in a digital world, they need access to computers. Before starting this program, we surveyed our university students to determine the importance of having a laptop. They identified many academic needs, from attending virtual classes to Internet research to preparing homework and presentations. They were asked how difficult it would be to succeed in college without a laptop, and every student said it would be either extremely difficult or impossible.

IPA is beginning this program with laptop computers for qualified university students. The current population in our program is 55. We are also providing selected village schools with desktop computers for the classroom, with Wi-Fi via cell phone towers for Internet access.



How the program works

Donors contributing to the Technology Fund can designate their funds for laptop purchases, or for any approved purposes by the Fund.

IPA purchases basic-level Windows laptops of a durable brand for \$300 each. IPA's in-country Education Coordinator configures the systems and installs the approved educational software, all of which is in Spanish. Students pay a one-time \$40 fee to participate in the program and they are instructed on the care and use of their laptops. The student is then off and running to enjoy a heightened educational experience.

Students keep their laptops if they graduate from college. Otherwise, they are returned for use by another deserving student. The program includes repair services to fix laptops that have problems not caused by misuse.

Call to action

Would you please consider making a tax-deductible contribution for the purchase of one or more laptops at \$300 each, or other related technology needs in these villages? You can make your contribution online by going to

<https://ipafoundation.org/support-us>

or write a check payable to "IPA Foundation" with "Technology Fund" in the memo line. Mail it to:

IPA Foundation
c/o Bernadette Halliday
PO Box 282
Burlington, WA 98233

Thank you so much for making a BIG difference in a student's life.



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