



1.3 Million Students 32,000 Teachers 2,600 Schools/Centers 16 Countries



School Improvements in Honduras



About Fe y Alegria:

The International Federation of Fe y Alegria (IFFyA) is the largest and most successful education provider in Latin America and the Caribbean outside of public education systems.

IFFyA is a Jesuit-sponsored network of schools, vocational training centers, and community services that reaches over 1.3 million of the poorest and most isolated members of society. It works in close partnership with the Education Ministries of 16 countries.

The first Fe y Alegria organization was founded by much-loved Jesuit José María Vélaz of Venezuela in 1955. It has inspired similar programs all over the world, including the Cristo Rey Catholic schools in the U.S.

Background Information

Honduras is one of the poorest countries in Latin America, with over 70% of its population living under the poverty line. Citizens emigrate to neighboring countries such as Nicaragua and El Salvador, and above all to the United States, in search of jobs and a better life.

Fe y Alegria opened its doors in Honduras to bring the neediest segments of the population education and vocational training. Like all of Fe y Alegria, however, they struggle to get the necessary funding to expand and improve their services. Overcrowding and lack of supplies are key problems that the organization must address.



Project Description:

As part of its five-year plan to expand and improve educational services in the country, Fe y Alegria Honduras would like to build additional classrooms in some of its schools and open early education centers to begin helping children at a younger age. This project addresses overcrowding in four elementary schools and three pre-schools in the El Yoro region.

The organization would like to add one classroom to each school, establish three early childhood care centers (to be run by community volunteers), and purchase necessary textbooks and teaching materials to improve the quality of education at all seven schools. These improvements will make a significant difference not just to the students but to the communities where they are located, as they contribute to future economic development and instill a sense of pride in residents for their local Fe y Alegria school.

Cost of the Project:

\$81,400	Construction of new classrooms
\$5,293	Books and supplies
\$13,200	Labor and administration
\$99,893	TOTAL

Impact:

- Smaller class sizes and greater attention given to each student
- Education and socialization started at an early age for children attending day care centers
- Improve the overall quality of education for the students by providing access to teaching material, school books, and supplies