



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



Accreditation for Teachers: Improve Teacher Training in 14 Countries



About Fe y Alegría:

The International Federation of Fe y Alegría (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 FyA 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

Fe y Alegría very highly values the presence of well-trained teachers in its classrooms. One of the first programs instituted by the International Federation was its “Permanent Teacher Training Program,” designed to improve teacher performance and implemented in every member country. The program is kept under constant review and regular improvements are made, to ensure that it is as up-to-date as possible.

Most recently, IFFyA has decided that an in-depth renovation and expansion of the program is called for, one that will create an accredited degree program for teachers operated through Jesuit universities in Latin America.



Project Description:

Partnering with the Association of Jesuit Colleges in Latin America, the current program curriculum will be developed into an accredited degree program. Building off of material already in place, IFFyA will add modules on currently un-addressed issues such as the environment, gender and human rights. They will also improve the pedagogical methods taught based on the most recent techniques developed by the universities, and will establish basic standards for the reading, writing and math modules.

Once the new curriculum has been completed, all of the modules will be formatted electronically and published on the internet. This way it will be made available to teachers in every country in Latin America, in both the Fe y Alegría network as well as within public education systems. This project is expected to take place over two years.

Cost of the Project:

\$150,000 Total requested to develop curriculum, and to fund the training and certification of 1,500 teachers

Impact:

- 1,500 teachers certified with basic academic skills, pedagogical guidance,
- 30,000 of their students benefiting from better teachers *each year*
- 14 countries where the program will be initially implemented; later program will expand to 2 others, and be made available to public teachers