



Dear Friend of Reach Out Honduras,

In 2023 we completed our tenth academic school year at Instituto Vida Abundante (Abundant Life Institute)! It is amazing to witness

what the Lord has accomplished through IVA in its decade of existence. Our student body has grown from 60 to 500+, with 577 high school graduates to date. We have served over 1,000,000 meals in one of the most food insecure regions of the country. Our Honduran team has grown from 5 to 42 individuals that work daily to serve our students and support their families. IVA has and is **truly making all the difference** in the lives of our students, for whom studying past the 6th grade would otherwise be financially out of reach. ROH Co-Founders, Alex and Laura, planted the seeds, but the Lord has provided the growth.

In this last year alone, we have had some wonderful successes. In 2023 Slimaly, **one of our very first students and ROH scholarship recipients**, graduated from university and returned to IVA to teach. It is gratifying to see her love for IVA and the students! We added a counselor and a social worker to our team at IVA, helping us better support our most vulnerable students and families.

This year we've had 16 students studying at university thanks to ROH College Scholarship support, the most we've ever had! It has been a tremendously exciting year.

Amidst all the successes, Reach Out Honduras is facing challenges. Post-pandemic inflation has hit this remote region hard. Staple foods like rice and beans have nearly doubled in price and operating costs have spiked. We have done our best to keep IVA staff wages up with inflation so they can afford to serve our students and feed their families. These cost increases, along with the tremendous growth of IVA, have resulted in ROH significantly dipping into our financial reserves in 2023. **As we plan for 2024, we are paring back our expenditures and pausing programs where necessary to be able to continue our core programming.** The board of Reach Out Honduras takes very seriously the commitment to ensuring the financial health of the organization so we can continue to serve our region of Honduras for many years to come. We make sure every dollar donated has the maximum impact possible.

As 2024 approaches, we need your help meeting the headwinds of inflation and global financial challenges. Your prayers and donations support the work of ROH and IVA **as we share the Lord's hope and love** with hundreds of families in the La Mosquitia region each year. In 2024, our hope is to continue our most essential programs, and to rebuild financial reserves to safeguard the financial health of the organization into the future. We ask you to prayerfully

consider a year end donation to ROH's General Operations Fund to help us meet these needs.

Thank you! On behalf of the ROH Board, I want to thank you again for your years of gracious support and extend our blessings to you and your family in 2024.

Sincerely,
James Templer, CPA
Treasurer for Reach Out Honduras

URGENT NEEDS

- Student Sponsors needed for **44** incoming 7th graders
- Funding to continue essential programming



JOIN OUR STUDENT SPONSOR TEAM

\$60/month or \$720/year
Meet our incoming students for the 2024 school year that are still in need of a sponsor.



Give a Gift of Hope!

Only 8% of low income youth in our region graduate from high school. Help provide hope and a future for more students today!



NEW VIDEO: Our Story

THANK YOU! Your support is changing 100s lives each year through the provision of quality education and holistic care. We could not be more grateful to do this work alongside you!

Celebrating

10 years of impact at Abundant Life Institute

- Over 1,000,000 meals fed
- 577 high school graduates to date
- Abundant Life team has grown from 5 to 42, now one of the largest private employers in the region
- Grown from 60 7th graders to 500 7th to 12th grade students



Laura and Alex
ROH Co-Founders, 2015

Full Circle Stories



SLIMALY

One of our earliest dreams came full circle this year as Slimaly Michael, one of our very first 7th graders from 2014, graduated from college through our Scholarship Program and was able to return to IVA as an English teacher!!! Slimaly speaks often about the difference that IVA made in her life, as continuing her studies past the 6th grade would otherwise not have been possible for her. After seeing her dreams become a reality, she is passionate about helping her students to dream big and reach their goals as well. With a huge heart for her students and big dreams for IVA's future, she is a beautiful example of the long term impact IVA is making in La Mosquitia, the fruit of 10 years of seeds sown, with generational impact that has only just begun.



MORFY

Morfy is from the remote village of Tumtumtara. A bright young student, Morfy was referred to IVA by the 6th grade teacher in his village, where many students don't have the opportunity to continue their studies past elementary school. Having been malnourished as a child due to scarce resources in his community, Morfy was on the smaller side when he started at IVA in 2014 and needed some extra support in getting caught up. After graduating from IVA in 2021, Morfy is now preparing to graduate from a Nursing Program in San Pedro Sula, Honduras this December. He hopes to be able to return to Puerto Lempira to be closer to family and friends and be able to help serve and care for his people through his new career!



- Abundant Life Institute
- New Life Project
- Accelerated Education
- Feeding Program
- Bridge to Life Program

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