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with Educated Children.®**

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Cambodia

Population 13 million
% of Pop. (Rural) 84%
Per Capita GNI US\$300

Vietnam

Population 81 million
% of Pop. (Rural) 75%
Per Capita GNI US\$480

Source

The World Bank Group (2003)
UN Population & Statistics Divisions (2002)

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**Tax deductible
contribution
needed to establish
a Language Lab:
US\$16,000**



Language Room

(Establishing Language Labs in Cambodia & Vietnam)

Room to Read Language Labs

In Cambodia and Vietnam, a background in foreign languages is a key to opportunity. The English language in particular opens doors ranging from world trade and foreign investment to tourism, technology, medicine and environmental protection. In many cases, mastery of English can be a ticket out of poverty for under-privileged children, providing a strong edge in today's competitive marketplace. Although the Governments in these countries strongly encourage students to learn foreign languages while in school, the quality of instruction varies dramatically throughout the country. In poor, rural areas, few teachers have ever interacted with native speakers and many lack the simple resources to teach. Even the best effort to teach and communicate can be unsuccessful.

Opportunity: Empower teachers to teach and students to learn.

In Cambodia and Vietnam, Room to Read works directly with schools and partner non-governmental community centers to meet their demand of placing top priority on foreign language instruction. We do this by establishing language labs where students and teachers can access audio and video lessons. The labs are used as a supplement to regular language classes, with students rotating through the lab once or twice a week. With your contribution, Room to Read will establish a full-service language lab that benefits hundreds of children each year. Your support will translate directly into equipment and technology, empowering students to make language central to their education.

Results: What will be the impact of my contribution?

From the moment it is established, the language lab becomes a central fixture in each school or community center. Because the need for language instruction is a constant, your contribution will affect the lives of generations of children. You can expect the following:

Selection Community commitment is central to our philosophy. Communities are selected on the basis of specific criteria including need and dependability.

Technology Each language lab is equipped with 40 interactive lab modules (headsets, microphones, etc.). A main control unit houses the power supply unit, cabling, television and a computer.

Dedication A commemorative plaque will be permanently installed in appreciation of your generosity. You will have the opportunity to select the wording on this plaque and can even dedicate it to a loved one.

What is Room To Read?

Our mission is to provide under-privileged children with an opportunity to gain the lifelong gift of education. Founded on the belief that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and taking control of one's own life, we currently focus our efforts on Cambodia, India, Laos, Nepal, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Room to Read is a dynamic, results-oriented organization. Since our inception as a non-profit in 2000, we have impacted the lives of over 1 million children by building over 220 schools, establishing over 3,300 school libraries, donating over 2 million books, and funding over 2,300 girls on scholarship. The vast majority of donations goes directly into programs.