



**World Change Starts
With Educated Children**

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Cambodia

Population 13 million

**# of Personal Computers
per 1000 people** 1.5

Per Capita GDP \$237

Nepal

Population 24 million

**# of Personal Computers
per 1000 people** 3.5

Per Capita GDP \$230

Vietnam

Population 78 million

**# of Personal Computers
per 1000 people** 8.6

Per Capita GDP \$401

Source

UN Population Division (2000)
UN Statistics Division (2001)



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, Nepal and Vietnam. Room to Read is a dynamic, results-oriented organization. Since our inception as a non-profit entity in 2000, we have impacted the lives of over 120,000 children by building 50 schools, establishing over 500 school libraries, shipping over 200,000 books and funding over 200 long-term girls' scholarships. Over 90% of donations go directly into programs.

Computer Room

(Establishing Computer Labs in Cambodia, Nepal and Vietnam)

Room to Read Computer Labs

No where is the "digital divide" more visible than in developing countries. In the case of Cambodia, Nepal and Vietnam, *less than 10 computers are available for every 1000 members of the population*. Opportunity is inherent in technology and Room to Read works with local schools to make access a reality.

Computer labs can have a life-changing impact on students. Our computer labs provide "life skills" prevocational training in Information Technology for disadvantaged, at risk youth populations. This helps reduce drop out rates. Thus the labs not only have an immediate impact of providing exposure to the outside world, they also provide for long-term growth and access to high-paying jobs for our students.

Opportunity: The Impact of Technology is Staggering.

Working hand-in-hand with local schools, Room to Read establishes full-service computer labs. In addition to installation, Room to Read provides the necessary teacher training for curriculum development, upkeep and growth. Students rotate throughout the computer lab as technology quickly begins to complement standard class time.

Partnering with Room to Read to bring technology to student's hands brings direct results. A contribution of \$12,000 equals equipment, technology and training. As for the impact on students and teachers, a dollar amount cannot explain the value of technology. In many cases, a familiarity with technology and computing opens new doors for entire communities.

Results: What Can I Expect?

For students, teachers and administrators, the computer lab is treated with respect. Your contribution will affect the lives of children everyday. Expect the following:

Selection Community commitment is central to our philosophy. In addition to demonstrating need and dependability, schools are required to complete "Challenge Grants" to provide infrastructure, Internet access where feasible and on-going maintenance and training.

Technology Each computer lab is equipped with 7 to 15 student computers, 1 teacher computer with a CD Burner, and a laser printer. Each computer is uploaded with Microsoft Office software. The lab is complete with the final addition of voltage stabilizers and cable networking. Teacher training is provided to ensure the teachers are equipped with the necessary skills to transfer knowledge to their students.

Dedication A commemorative plaque will be permanently installed as a thank you for your generosity. You select the wording on this plaque and dedicate it to a loved one.

**TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION NEEDED
TO ESTABLISH A COMPUTER LAB: \$13,200**