

## *Club Donation Provides Aid Following Devastating Hurricanes*

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In December of 2020, the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise donated \$1000.00 to the Chispa Project Honduras to be used to purchase school supplies for distance learning in Honduras.



Unfortunately, two devastating hurricanes reached Honduras, Eta on November 03, and exactly two weeks later Iota. Despite both hurricanes initially coming ashore in Nicaragua, neighboring Honduras appears to have suffered the most damage and the most deaths from landslides and flooding caused by the intense rainfall.



With the country in such dire straits following the hurricanes, Chispa chose to use the funds for emergency supplies in addition to some distance learning school supplies. This enabled 51 families to receive 2,000 lbs of food, sanitation supplies and some school supplies.

Chispa Project Honduras is a not-for-profit organization based out of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. In Spanish, "chispa" means "spark," which is exactly Chispa Project's goal: to inspire and empower Honduran students with access to books. Through book donations, teacher development, and international volunteer projects, Chispa Project works with Honduran educational institutions to spark a passion for learning that will grow and be nurtured within the local communities. Its vision is to spark a desire for lifetime learning which will then enhance the quality of life in Honduras.

#### **Additional Financial Support on the Way:**

The Rotary "Wine Country Cluster Club" described in an earlier article on this website, with Chispa Project Honduras, has developed a project in collaboration with the Rotary Club of La Paz in Honduras valued at \$US7685 to install a library in a school in La Paz, using club and district designated funds. The proposal has been forwarded to The Rotary Foundation for final approval.