

Rotary District 6600

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

-Nelson Mandela



Almost everything in this schoolroom is what RCI brings to the preschools or infant 1 classrooms of Belize. Missing is the television, VCR, and sporting and craft equipment. Online applications determine each school's specific needs.



Kent Iler (Elyria Rotarian) prepares computers with loaded educational software. Working with Kent is Mario Bull, Belize Educator who participates in Missions when his work allows.



A Subcommittee of MESA

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

-Marian Adelman

Resource Centers International is a project of the **Rotary Club of District 6600**, and **MESA** its international arm.

Our mission is to establish Resource Centers in Infant and Preschools in communities that lack basic educational resources.

The **mission objectives** are to:

- Coordinate all activities with local Rotary Clubs and Ministries of Education.
- Outfit centers with equipment and supplies.
- Give Workshops to teachers on how to get most benefit from donated equipment and supplies.
- Provide continued support over time.

Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained.

-James A. Garfield



Each school is given several boxes of books as well as the exercise mats so children can comfortably read at their leisure. Teachers are encouraged not to put out all the books but to rotate them as a way of encouraging children to read.



Resource books are also donated to the school library for the benefit of all the children in the school. All books are selected for social, cultural and geographic relevance.



Once in Belize the product is separated by category. When this is done the school principals are called to pick up their allotment.



All activities are coordinated between the participating Rotary Clubs, RCI, the schools and the Ministry of Education. Shown here is a meeting with the Rotary Club of Placencia on their possible participation in a future mission.

PUTTING A MISSION TOGETHER

All the equipment and supplies for a mission are collected and stored in the MESA Warehouse in Fostoria, Ohio. Shipments are sent via container to Belize where everything is stored until the mission team arrives. Approximately 20 sites are set up during each mission.



Loading a container at the **MESA** Fostoria warehouse

What we send to each center

Books	Tables/Chairs
Computers	Sports Equipment
Toys and games	Exercise flooring
Televisions	VCR/VHS tapes
Shelving	Craft Equipment
AV Carts	Storage cabinets

Almost everything we send is donated! Our biggest expense is getting everything to where it needs to go. Of our annual budget, 75% is for shipping and transportation.



The Rotary Club of Punta Gorda and District 6600 mission team taking time for a group photo after a hard day's work!

YOU CAN BE A PART OF A WORLDWIDE TEAM!

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT:

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"The Resource Center International Theme Song" by Laila Salins

*"Resource Centers International
 One by one, strengthening
 communities,
 Resource Centers International
 Building new opportunities."*

*Rotarians, wherever they go,
 Honoring service above self –
 Resource Centers International
 Together we can make this vision
 grow."*