

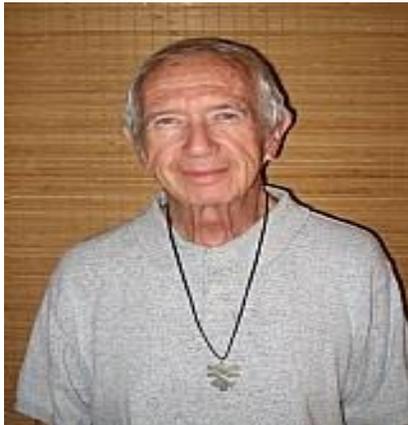
## History and Services

In 1970, Fr. Emil Cook, from Salina, Kansas, began his mission with a single school. By 1986, the first group of university graduates formed the Association of Franciscan Boys and Girls Towns (APUFRAM), who today operate the mission that has expanded to five schools in Honduras and the Dominican Republic. APUFRAM has educated more than 30,000 children and runs seven boarding facilities that provide hope to so many who would otherwise not have any opportunity.

## God: Integral to Education

Without God, what happens?

If you educate children without God, you only make them more intelligent. Without God, children learn to cope with poverty in other ways. That's certainly not what we want. We want the poor to believe in God.



Father Emil Cook

- Can you have a good society without good people?
- Can you have good people without God in their heart?

“Goodness and justice come from God - the reason why God is so important to what we call integral education.”

--Fr. Emil

## APUFRAM:

APUFRAM believes in people and that education is the vehicle that will enable any child to be capable of changing the world. Since forming in 1986 after the first graduates completed university, APUFRAM has educated more than 30,000 students. APUFRAM rejects any concept of entitlement because one is poor, teaching students to take responsibility for their destiny instead.

APUFRAM generates an increasing percentage of their income by raising livestock and growing produce for their own use or for resale. In 1990, they accounted for 10% of the revenue required to cover their costs. By 2000, they doubled their production to pay 20% of costs. Today, they are nearly 60% self-sustaining.

Additionally, APUFRAM strives to provide sorely needed assistance to numerous churches, pastors, and pastoral workers who rely on their support.

[www.apuframhn.org](http://www.apuframhn.org)

## APUFRAM International

APUFRAM International is a United States organization that supports the work of Fr. Emil Cook and APUFRAM. When we see an organization choosing to expand its operations to care for more children, we feel compelled to support them and seek out others help.

APUFRAM provides food, shelter, education, and training in morality to children who otherwise would not have these opportunities.



## The Need is Great!

With your help,

- Schools and boarding facilities closed for lack of funds could be reopened.

- Many more very poor young people could have the opportunity to attend school annually.

- 15 churches could be built or repaired annually.

## Support Father Emil's Vision by:

*Praying for the children and abandoned mothers.*

*Volunteering your time and/or talent.*

*Sponsoring a child.*

*Making a donation or including APUFRAM International in your will.*

*Hosting a fundraising event in your area.*

*Telling others about us and encouraging them to join in this experience.*



APUFRAM International/APUFRAM Honduras/  
APUFRAM República Dominicana

## Helping Our Children

In effect since 1990, APUFRAM's strong child protection program was updated in 2009, 2010, and again in 2012. The Honduran government inspects annually, and the program is aligned with the latest USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) standards.

**In 2008, APUFRAM received the National Human Rights Award.**

## Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome and invited to come as groups or individuals for any amount of time.

Write us at [volunteer@apuffram.org](mailto:volunteer@apuffram.org) for additional details.

*"Helping the poor will bring you  
face to face with Jesus." Fr. Emil*

## Sponsors

Make a commitment to sponsor a student with your monthly donation and establish a personal link with your young person in Honduras.

Write us at [sponsor@apuffram.org](mailto:sponsor@apuffram.org) for additional details.

Any amount graciously accepted.

Recommended monthly amount: \$30

**"Give a child a fish, and you feed him for a day. Give a child a fishing pole and teach him how to fish, and you feed him (and others) all his life."**

To sponsor a child or donate to support APUFRAM, please send your

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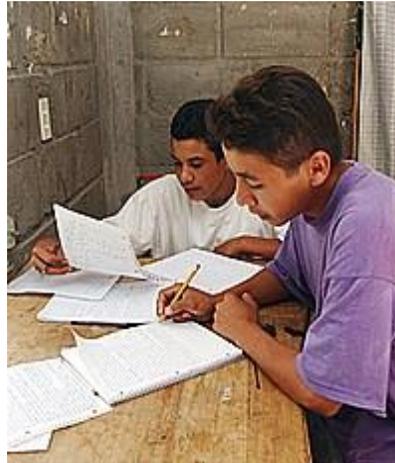
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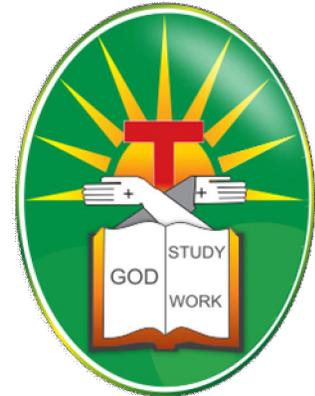
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