



## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Empowering Minds Foundation is to narrow the technological divide that exists between the modern and developing regions of the world. The Foundation intends to provide a long-term commitment in cooperation with host countries, giving them the tools to integrate 21st century technology into their education programs and create a myriad of job opportunities for youth who attain secondary and college level education only to find few career opportunities.



*The future depends on the children, give them tools to grow, give them hope, give them a chance.*

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*Providing under-privileged communities across the world an opportunity to join the 21<sup>st</sup> century revolution.*



## INTRODUCTION

Technology today is rapidly changing the global society. Those changes have broad impacts in the way countries operate, communities communicate, and the way business is done. Unfortunately, there are so many crises happening in underdeveloped countries, they are unable to put the resources necessary into addressing the effects of the digital divide. Developing countries cannot afford to purchase the equipment and provide the necessary training to keep pace with the western world. They are losing ground. Protecting the future by providing the adults of tomorrow with the skills they need to operate in the changing world is key to positive development and its sustainability. The Empowering Minds Foundation is a new organization working to help developing countries become part of the 21<sup>st</sup> century technological revolution.

EMF wants youth in the developing world to have access to information and communication technologies. Our objective is to address the issue focusing on manpower development and sustainability working from the grassroots level.

The Empowering Minds Foundation (EMF) addresses this problem through its core program of three interrelated projects. Computers for the World (CFW), Operation Pride (OP), and Transferring New Technology (TNT).



## OUR PROGRAMS

**COMPUTERS FOR THE WORLD** World is a project designed to place surplus computer equipment into communities through schools and/or youth clubs. The project will respond to official requests from communities for equipment and training. Request will be made via an application process wherein community commitment and contributions are clearly identified. Partnerships with Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's) like the US Peace Corps help EMF identify candidates and complete the application.

**TRANSFERRING NEW TECHNOLOGY** TNT is a project designed to develop a corps of host country computer trainers skilled in information transfer at the grassroots level.

Working with the host country's government, EMF recruits candidates for a training of trainers program conducted every six months. Successful candidates must show an ability to teach the EMF curriculum in a community identified through the Computers for the World program. Computer education is combined with AIDS sensibilizations, general sanitation and student counseling instruction.

Upon course completion, the top TNT graduates are selected to become TNT Scholars. TNT Scholars are provided with lesson plans, necessary classroom equipment and resources for use at site. They will then be assigned to a community identified through the Computers for the World project where EMF will provide a monthly stipend and the community will provide their housing.

## OUR PLANS

|  | 2001    | 2002      |
|--|---------|-----------|
| Number of Countries in Operation           | 1       | 2         |
| Number of TNT Scholars (cumulative)        | 30      | 60        |
| Number of Students enrolled in EMF centers | 1,200   | 9,600     |
| Number of Computers Necessary              | 300     | 600       |
| Funds necessary for Operation.             | 827,000 | 1,107,000 |

TNT thus serves as a training ground for developing professionals by giving them the tools and experience necessary to advance in their careers. EMF plans to offer continuing education and certification for qualified TNT Scholars.

**OPERATION PRIDE** To prepare the computer equipment for use at sites, it is necessary to maintain a warehouse facility where staff and volunteers can properly format each computer for use. We plan to train and employ motivated individuals in each host country to aid us in this effort. Operation Pride is a project designed to provide an alternative for street kids by teaching them computer repair skills and helping them build a sense of pride in earning their own living.



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