

# Without God, What Happens?



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

## 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.

## 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 four schools. APUFRAM operates nine boarding facilities in Honduras and the Dominican Republic that provide hope to so many who would otherwise not have any opportunity to study. In addition, their system includes four university residence houses.

## APUFRAM ([www.apufram.hn](http://www.apufram.hn))

APUFRAM believes in people and that education will enable any child to be capable of changing the world. Since its beginning in 1986, APUFRAM has educated thousands of young people who are now working in various fields helping their community. 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 poultry and growing produce and crops 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 70% self sustaining.

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



“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.”

## 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.

## SUPPORT FATHER EMIL'S VISION BY:

- \* **PRAYING** for the children and abandoned mothers.
- \* **VOLUNTEERING** your time and or talent. ([volunteer@apufram.org](mailto:volunteer@apufram.org))
- \* **SPONSORING** a child ([sponsor@apufram.org](mailto:sponsor@apufram.org))
- \* **MAKING A DONATION** or including APUFRAM in your will. Tax deductible contributions can be made at: [www.apufram.org](http://www.apufram.org) via paypal on the donate page.
- \* **HOSTING** a fundraising event in your area.
- \* **TELLING** others about us and encouraging them to join in this experience.

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