



SALVADOR FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP WITH HEARTS IN ACTION

2013 - 2024

The Salvador Foundation is committed to serving God by bringing together people from all walks of life for the common cause of helping our fellow man. We, as the body of Christ, have a responsibility to care for those in need. By helping and enabling people one project at a time, our goal is to share encouragement, hope and faith.

About Hearts in Action & Itza Wood

Hearts in Action

As a Christian nonprofit, Hearts in Action is focused on building up young people and adults in the Peten with a sense of purpose and identity. Whether through formal schooling, better health care, nutritious meals, creative experiences or greater opportunities for development and employment, HIA is engaged in showing the love of Jesus and a future with hope to our children and our communities.

Itza Wood

Hand-crafted woodwares from sustainable, locally-sourced wood in the Guatemalan jungle.

At Itza Wood, their woman-led team takes inspiration from the Guatemalan jungle, crafting woodwares that embody the essence of sustainability and local craftsmanship.

By utilizing responsibly sourced wood, they not only create timeless pieces but also nurture a work environment that empowers their skilled artisans with fair wages and working conditions.



Our History with Hearts in Action & Itza Wood

The Salvador Foundation began working with Hearts in Action as a non-operating foundation in 2013 and switched to an operating agreement in 2018. Our early work with Hearts in Action centered around The Jungle School, a school dedicated to providing a quality education to hundreds of students, pre-kindergarten through high school, in the Guatemalan jungle.

Over the past 11 years, some of our projects include:

- Funding a computer lab at The Jungle School starting in 2013
- Supporting The Jungle School in basic operational costs as well as the development on new programs, e.g.,
 - Providing shoes and shirts for students at The Jungle School
 - Building and upkeep of a bookstore and a healthy food kiosk
 - Maintenance cost support for school buses
 - New classrooms
 - Creating and maintaining new programs, such as music education, woodworking, and other vocational training
- Assisting in the creation of Itza Wood in as a way to further The Jungle School's mission by providing woodworking training and jobs to the school's graduates and continuing to act in an advisory role for the business--including financial, marketing, and general business strategy support--from 2015 through present day.



Current Involvement with Itza Wood

The Salvador Foundation is collaborating with Itza Wood to grow this woman-owned micro-enterprise, bringing more jobs to their remote area in the Guatemalan jungle. In addition to providing an advisory board who will strategize and develop a business plan that promotes the social enterprise aspect of the program, our team is traveling to and participating with ITZA Wood in trade shows, and making recommendations regarding trade show, email, and influencer/affiliate marketing.

Latest Project with Hearts in Action



Due to financial hardship, The Jungle School shut down in October of 2023. Since then, the Hearts in Action team has been hard at work to determine other potential projects that would allow them to use the resources leftover from the former school. One of their brilliant ideas was to convert two of their school buses into mobile libraries. The Salvador Foundation is partnering with Hearts in Action on this project to bring education and a love of reading to several small towns in this remote area of the jungle. This project also provide an opportunity for Itza Wood to design and build the mobile library's interior.

Starting in November of 2024, our team will be working with Hearts in Action on the design and strategy for this exciting project, with a goal of having the first Mobile Jungle School on the bumpy roads of the Peten by the end of February 2025. We are thrilled to partner with Hearts in Action and Itza Wood on this project.



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The Salvador Foundation is currently supporting efforts in the US and Latin America.

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