

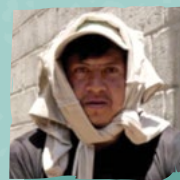
# CLASSES BEGIN AT INTA-KARA



**T**he ASEA Advancing Life Foundation teamed up three years ago with CHOICE Humanitarian in a huge undertaking: building a vocational center from scratch in a mountain community in rural Ecuador. After six volunteer expeditions and countless hours of work by the local community, the Inta-Kara Advancing Life Center finally opened its doors on the first phase of the campus. Welding instruction began in September, and the inaugural class has now completed the course that will open for them the opportunity to earn a certification in welding valid anywhere in Ecuador.



## MEET SOME OF THE INTA-KARA WELDING STUDENTS



**DARWIN  
GUAGALA**  
35 YEARS OLD

**Married, father of one**

**Current income:** \$350/month

**Education:** One year of high school. Darwin began working full time to help his parents support the family.



**LUIS  
YEPEZ**  
24 YEARS OLD

**Single**

**Current income:** \$300/month

**Education:** Primary school. Luis began working as an agricultural laborer at age 12 because his parents were too poor for him to continue. They needed him to work.



**WILSON  
GUEVARA**  
50 YEARS OLD

**Married, father of five**

**Current income:** \$394/month

**Education:** Primary school. Wilson began working at a young age and is passionate about acquiring new skills. He has already been certified in electronics, human relations, and appliance repair.



# CLEAN WATER IN CAMBODIA



**A**dvancing Life has partnered with Vision Cambodia, an organization dedicated to providing clean water to rural communities. The two main metropolitan areas in Cambodia have clean water, but it becomes scarce just outside the city limits. And while water is abundant in Cambodia, it's not clean. More than 60% of the residents have access only to water that has been contaminated by nearby landfills, agricultural pesticides, and waste from livestock.

Vision Cambodia provides water wells and filtration systems, employing locals to build and install these amenities so that they will also be able to maintain them long-term. Each well costs only \$375 and becomes a lasting water source for 200 people. Two of the wells Advancing Life has funded are already up and running.

Communities in Cambodia also need schools, as the government will provide education if there's a facility.

ASEA has funded the renovation of a school building, which had previously been in unusable condition, bringing education back to one community. Classes began in this particular school this past August.

Children attend school during the day, and community English classes are taught at night and on weekends. Those who learn the language can work in tourism and increase their income from around \$2/day to upwards of \$40/day.

At Convention, ASEA announced an expedition to Cambodia to further these efforts, and all 40 spots filled almost immediately at the event! The waiting list was long enough that the Advancing Life Foundation added a second expedition. Volunteers will travel to Cambodia in February and March to continue work on the school, farm the 12-acre plot of land the foundation purchased, and teach English at the school.

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