

Computers for BYU-Pathway Students in Africa



"I consider the creation of BYU Pathway Worldwide to be the most important and far reaching development in the Church Educational System...since the creation of Seminaries and Institutes of Religion over a century ago"

— President Jeffrey R. Holland

There are currently 20,000 BYU-Pathway students in Africa, with a forecast of 70,000 within five years.

Lack of a computer is the number one reason BYU Pathway students in Africa drop out.

Thanks to Help Start Education Foundation there have been huge increases in retention and perseverance in the Africa West Area.

Help Start Education Foundation (HSEF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit, provides computers to BYU- Pathway students in underdeveloped areas of the world where the cost of a university education is prohibitive. Founder Brent Evans is a former BYU-Pathway missionary, and Harvard Business School graduate.

HSEF sources and refurbishes used computers with new batteries and memory at a cost of \$165.

3,500 computers have been donated so far, primarily in West Africa. The program is scalable, with plans to distribute **16,000 computers** in West, Central, and South Africa in 2024 and 2025.



Poverty
Cycle



BYU
Pathway



HSEF
Laptop



Degree



Jobs

Education Can Break the Cycle of Poverty

BYU-Pathway students in Africa

- **74%** fail to obtain 2 meals a day regularly
- **76%** experience unstable housing conditions
- Fewer than **50%** own a computer
- **90%** who withdraw from the program have passing grades but face other obstacles

HSEF coordinates its efforts with the leadership of BYU-Pathway Worldwide and submits monthly reports of its activities, including names of computer recipients. This allows BYU-Pathway Worldwide to track results and hold HSEF accountable.

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