Chispa Project Quick Facts

- First came to Honduras in 2011
  - Have been formally donating books and training educators since 2015
- First library is a mobile library in Opatoro, La Paz
  - Currently serve schools and organizations from coast to coast
- Over 50 schools and organizations served
- Almost 15,000 books donated
- 8 libraries inaugurated this year
  - 2019: goal of 10 new libraries!
- Each library serves an average of 400 students and 10 teachers
- 500 total teachers trained so far
- Chispa Project is unique because we bring books directly to schools and partner with structures that are already in place rather than creating our own.
  - To promote community ownership of libraries we train both teachers and PTA (padres de familia) on proper care and maintenance of libraries
- Strive to create a culture of reading and a thirst for learning
  - Making books more accessible
  - Both for education and for discovery

Honduras Education Quick Facts

- Children’s books continue to be prohibitively expensive
  - Less than 30% of the population has more than 6 books in their household
  - Children’s books almost exclusively accessed by the wealthy
- Honduras continues to rank lowest in the Americas for teacher accountability, and other educational outcomes
- About 2/3 of the population lives on less than $100 a month
- Although primary education is free and mandated by the federal government (about 93% of school age children attend primary school), numbers drop significantly after students reach 6th grade and beyond.