

5. Our school is willing to accept Macintosh Computers Yes No (circle)

6. As School Director I approve and will meet the prescribed ASP requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director's Name Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Stamp

*If this form is used as a self-nomination form by a school, ASP strongly encourages that it be submitted through a local Peace Corps Volunteer.*

*\*An e-mail address and Fax number are requirements for a school that is requesting equipment that does not have a PCV nearby to assist with communication to ASP. The requesting School also has to affix its Legal School Stamp, Fax number where they can receive Notification messages from ASP in English (on when and where to pick up the computers). Schools nominating agree to pick the equipment up at the Yerevan Airport when it arrives.*

## Other Activities of ASP

- Assisted LaGrange Forage Council to ship No-Till Drill to Talin Region Farmers Association (TSHFA) in 1995.
- Worked with TSHFA to establish No-Till Wheat Demonstration plots (96).
- Sent used hospital equipment from Vencor LaGrange hospital to appropriate hospitals in Talin and Yerevan Armenia.
- Accepts donated computers, printers, fax, copiers and other communications equipment for use in Armenian Schools and Farmers Associations.
- Cooperates with PCV's, CARE, VOCA, ATG, SAVE, USDA volunteers and Armenian Extension Agents, via E-mail, voice and fax- to provide equipment and training.
- Communicating with US Universities and Business Contacts to facilitate and enhance the Armenian efforts.
- Assisted Lakeland FFA Chapter provide two Armenian community groups with tools for park beautification.
- Facilitated the LaGrange Rotary Club with Community Improvement & Development projects at the Haghpat Community and Talin Culture Center.
- Assisted LaGrange Rotary club sponsor the first cooperative work project of refurbishing a section of Youth Cancer Treatment Center with the newly formed Rotary Club of Armenia.
- Provided computers for the STD (sexually transmitted disease) Center in Yerevan operating under the ministry of health to implement a number of programs related to women's reproductive health.
- Providing computers for the CDCS, which provides computer training to the non-college bound young women who just finished school and cannot enter into the university or find jobs.
- Facilitated a ROTARY Early Colon Cancer Detection Project by the LaGrange and Yerevan Rotary Clubs that was financed with a R. I. matching grant. 18,000 Hemmicult tests were provided and training was conducted for staffs of 24 polyclinics in Yerevan Armenia for distribution to the 55+ aged residents. Secondary Endoscopic examinations were provided to those whose screen indicated problems.
- Provided donated vegetable seeds to Meghwick Orphanage and Youth Educational Center in Gyumri for youth training and for refuges use in a former Azeri town.
- Provided medical supplies requested by Bagrannian Hospital.
- Assisted PCV Diana Gomez to obtain treatment for a 15 years old Yeghegnadzor girl who had a disabling birth defect.

# Armenian Support Project

*A Ministry of the First Church of God  
LaGrange, Indiana, USA*

*Donated Computers for Rural  
Armenian Schools*

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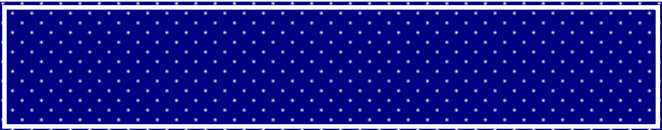
The LaGrange Indiana Church of God through its "Armenian Support Project" (ASP) helps to create opportunities for youth in schools to learn computer operation - better preparing them for their future. ASP provides used computers, for Village or smaller rural schools in Armenia. The computers (mostly 486's) are for teaching programming as well as word processing, financial planning "spreadsheet", data management and poster/card preparation. They include Armenian fonts. Normally one computer (occasionally 2) is allocated to a school. (3-5 Macintosh computers may be provided if the school requests).

Since E-mail is available in Armenia, recipient schools are encouraged to provide an e-mail address for communication.

### To receive computer equipment, the school must:

- **formally request computer equipment by completing a letter of request assuring ASP that the school agrees to:**
- gather appropriate equipment to adapt the computers for local conditions (including transformers, power availability, furniture and classroom security),
- agree to keep the equipment in a safe and secure location,
- maintain and repair the equipment as needed,
- make computer/s available to interested students and teachers,
- assign a teacher to teach computer skills and/or provide for the teachers' training,
- provide feedback to the PCV and ASP and provide summary reports at the end of 6 months and 18 months.

**CAUTION:** Many newer programs require more ram or disk storage than these computers have, and may cause them to stall or become inoperative. If operating systems are changed or new programs installed without written ASP agreement, the consequences will not be an ASP concern.



### The role facilitator is to:

- Identify schools that would be good candidates for this program.
- Help officials of recipient school (both the Director and willing Teacher) develop a formal request and submit it to ASP. (The information can be e-mailed but written request must be submitted eventually to ASP).
- Help ASP and recipient school coordinate paperwork and transport of the equipment to the school.
- Help recipient school accept the shipment at Yerevan Airport, facilitating communications as necessary.
- Communicate to ASP as to the performance of the program (problems, etc.) and help facilitate communication between ASP and the school.

*From January through July, it is requested that second year PCV's arrange with (and provide ASP with name/phone #) a 1st year PCV to facilitate connections in case the shipment arrives too late for effective school connections and follow up.*



"... to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up" Ephesians 4:12

**The mission of the Armenian Support Project is to share America's recent Technology, as a global expression of Gods Love, to inspire cooperative enterprise, improve health care and provide computer technology experiences in schools.**

The Armenian Support project of the First Church of God (ASP) was the outgrowth of former LaGrange County Extension Agent, *Dale Redding* serving with the USDA Armenian American Extension Project in Armenia in 1994.

ASP has been involved in assisting Armenian Farmers Associations, schools, hospitals and the ROTARY Club projects in Armenia, helping them to better their schools, hospitals and community health with equipment and technology from the US.

### The role of Armenian Support Project

- Accept and condition computers for shipment to Armenian Schools (this includes collection, storage, inventorying and keeping logs of donor, of computers setup, school placement of computer and school success)
- Communicate with the PCV/facilitator about shipping arrangements, etc
- Ship computers to United Armenian Fund's warehouse in New York for inclusion in their humanitarian shipment to Armenia
- It is expected that **everyone** a part of this program will conduct themselves so the Schools, Teachers and pupils will be the sole beneficiaries.

Requests or questions should be directed to Dale Redding 0440W 050N, LaGrange, IN 46761 ph/Fax (260) 463-7015  
E-mail: [dale@tln.net](mailto:dale@tln.net) or A. Khachatryan in Yerevan [arpineh3at@yahoo.com](mailto:arpineh3at@yahoo.com)

### School Request Form / PCV "School Proposal Form" "Armenian Support Project"

Mail, fax or e-mail to Dale Redding  
0440W 050N LaGrange Indiana,  
46761 Ph\FAX (219) 463-7015  
E-Mail: [dale@tln.net](mailto:dale@tln.net) <http://www.tln.net/~dale01/>

**(Please, English print)**

1. It is recommended that \_\_\_\_\_ school located at address \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Marz be considered to receive computer equipment because: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ has agreed \_\_\_\_\_ Name to serve as a teacher at this school helping the pupils learn how to operate the computers. She/He is qualified to do this because \_\_\_\_\_

(knows or will learn computer operations, **programming** and other computer skills to teach students). His/her signature on this form attests to his/her intent to act as a teacher.

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's signature

3. \*E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number \_\_\_\_\_ of a teacher, director or a staff member. \_\_\_\_\_ Name

4. PCV as Facilitator / Self-nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Phone

\_\_\_\_\_ PCV Name  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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