



Tuvalu children benefit from U.S educational software company

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A U.S educational software company, Imagine Learning has donated more than US\$30,000 in software and computer supplies to schools in Tuvalu.

Called Tuvalu Project, it's an initiative to improve education on the island nation of Tuvalu. It is sponsored by the Brigham Young University in Hawaii.

The donation will help the children of Tuvalu learn English and prepare to face the challenges of their country's uncertain future.

Education for Tuvaluan children has become increasingly important because of the country's uncertain future.

At its highest point, Tuvalu is just 15 feet above sea level. Based on current climate trends and rising ocean levels, experts predict that within decades Tuvalu, which is located halfway between Hawaii and Australia, will be uninhabitable. Mastering English language skills will prepare the children of Tuvalu for employment in a competitive global economy.

Imagine Learning's award-winning software, Imagine Learning English, helps students develop English reading and speaking skills through engaging activities, games, and songs. Access to the program will give hundreds of Tuvaluan children the opportunity to learn English. Imagine Learning donated headphones, Imagine Learning English software licenses, and laptops pre-installed with the educational software, which Students in Free Enterprise delivered to schools in Tuvalu.

"Our student team wanted to assist the Tuvaluan youth in preparing for their futures," said Dr. William Neal, assistant to the president at Brigham Young University-Hawaii and a Students in Free Enterprise advisor.

"Developing these skills will build confidence in the children to attend college and to compete in a dynamic economic environment, Dr Neal said.

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