

## Update – June 2020

*“Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, the son of a mine worker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation.” – Nelson Mandela*

Dear Friends

We are excited to report on some activities and achievements. We also share some needs for your consideration.

Library Aid International Inc (LAI) aims to improve educational outcomes and life opportunities for children by sending used books and educational resources to needy schools in developing countries. We hope this will to encourage 'Readers to Become Leaders' in their own communities and countries.

### ACTIVITIES and ACHIEVEMENTS

- After a delay in Burnie due to a problem with our purchased container and a string of delays caused by COVID-19 controls, our seventh container arrived in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe on May 18. COVID-19 restrictions will impact on delivery by our partners to 205 primary and secondary schools, as well as to vocational colleges, universities, churches and seminaries.
- A 3-minute video 'Burnie to Bulawayo' is featured on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Library-Aid-International-276684439132338/> . It gives information about the 90-day, 11,000 km journey the shipping container undertook.
- A new look website <https://www.libraryaid.org> . This was provided and will be maintained at no cost to LAI by IT Excellence, Devonport.
- Books continued to be donated and received regularly despite closure of the LAI building for several months due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our next (eighth) shipping container is just over 10% full. The building re-opened on May 26 and will operate from 10am to 4pm on Tuesdays and Fridays in accord with the WorkSafe Tasmania COVID-19 Safety Plan for Small Businesses.

### NEEDS

- Continued donations of books, educational items and finances from schools, libraries, individuals and organisations. Our changed world due to COVID-19 may affect our financial donations.
- Opportunities to give a presentation about LAI to groups, clubs, churches, etc.
- More volunteers who are willing to sort books and offer other help.
- Your encouragement, support, prayer and strengthening thoughts.

LAI is thankful for your continued interest and support.

Yours sincerely



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