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## Feedback from books and educational materials sent by LAI to Zimbabwe



In November 2016, Library Aid International Inc received, via the Rotary Club of Bulawayo South, Zimbabwe, a disc with photos and letters and emails of thanks from several of the schools that received books and educational materials from the container shipment sent in August 2015.

The books and educational materials were distributed to 92 schools in October and November 2015 and benefited at least 92,000 children.

The four Rotary clubs in Bulawayo (Belmont, Bulawayo, Matopos and Bulawayo South) assisted with the unpacking and distribution which was co-ordinated by the Bulawayo South club.

Some excerpts from letters and emails received are as follows:

“This has been an amazing project, and will change many, many lives ... The thank you letters are trickling in...Thank you to all at Library Aid...The Rotarians who helped with the distribution were very impressed with the way LAI had packed the books in separate boxes for primary and secondary, and how extremely well they were labelled. It made the distribution very easy.”

Jean Whiley, Secretary, Rotary Club of Bulawayo South, Zimbabwe

“The books will add an invaluable stake in our library stock and expand the students, members of the community and teachers’ reading world.”

E Hleza, Head, The Salvation Army High School, Tshelanyemba, Zimbabwe

“The books...were all appropriate to the levels and learning needs of the students. They will assist in boosting the depleted Library stock and inspire a reading culture in our students.”

C Buhwa, Headmaster, Tennyson Hlabangana High School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

“The generous donation of books...will go a long way in inculcating a reading culture in many of our pupils at the same time expanding their horizons of knowledge and learning.”

A S Nkomo, Teacher Librarian, Mpopoma High Schools, Bulawayo

“Your generous gesture of educational and teacher resource books and readers will go a long way to improving the teaching and learning of our pupils.”

S Zhou, Head, Mhali High School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

“We want to appreciate the good work you did for us by giving us library books Thank you so much.”

L Mudzudzu, Head, Lobengula Primary School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

“We really appreciate so much as these books will go a long way in consolidating efforts of improving and cultivating a whet for a sound reading culture. The books actually came at a time when the school was burndened by the need to top (up) the few library books on stock. Students were overwhelmed and will be forever grateful.”

N Mpofu, Head of Department English, Lobengula Primary School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

“In our school we had a shortage of reading books. We hope the books will help to improve our English. Thank you so much.”

Princess Naibe, Grade 6C, Lobengula Primary School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

“The donation...has left us with tears of joy. We are promising to keep these books new and use them carefully. These books will improve our learning skills and can make a difference in our school. We promise to keep the books safely...away from thieves. They will make our teachers’ work easier.”

Vuyani Moyo, Grade 6C, Lobengula Primary School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

“When we arrived at the library we were bemused to see that there were hundreds of novels you sent and that there were people who still cared for school children. We were exhilarated that we were going to make improvements in English. The more we read is the more we improve our language and vocabulary. We were insoluble of how we were going to make it due to the lack of novels which are pre-eminent to our school.”

Primrose Noubé, student, Lobengula Primary School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

“Thank you for the library books. The books are understandable and we are taking care of them. We are asking for more donations.”

Faith Sibanda, Grade 5B, Lobengula Primary School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

“We were elated when we heard that you had donated 300 novels to our school. We were flabbergasted to know there are people who still care for other people out there. We do not know how we can thank you but hope that my words can show you that we are happy. Our compositions are going to improve because while reading the novels we will be observing spellings, grammar and punctuations.

Wendy Hlomani, student, Lobengula Primary School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

“We have recently renovated our library and removed old and torn books from our shelves, leaving our shelves with a lot of space without books. Your donation has managed to see us reequipping our library to its former glorious state.”

P Hadebe, Head, King George VI Memorial School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

“We are most grateful for the library books which you donated. When we received the consignment there was untold happiness among the pupils and the teachers. Our prayers now are for a proper library where we will house our books. Furthermore, our readership surely will increase as the library now has additional books.

S Chinhara, Teacher in Charge, Library and Information Technology Department  
Entumbasne High School, Zimbabwe

“We really appreciate the donated books we received. The books will go a long way in assisting our students in their studies.”

V Magutshwa, Head, Emakhandeni Secondary School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

“The school and Parents Association are grateful and privileged to receive the donation of library books. The school needed those books as it is still lacking in most learning and teaching materials.”

M Dhlula, Head, Cowdray Park Primary School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

“On behalf of the parents, school and community at large we are really grateful about this donation. The textbooks will go a long way to solving problems bedeviling the school. The school has an acute shortage of textbooks and reading material. We will expect to see an improvement in our pass rate.”

K Magwala, SDC Chairperson, Bethel Secondary School, Gwanda, Zimbabwe

“We are honoured to have these books, which would be useful additions to our library collection. Thank you very much for your kind donation.”

D Sibanda, Acting Librarian, National University of Science and Technology, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe