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Supporter Update – November 2016

Dear Friends

I write to thank you for your continued support of Library Aid International Inc. (LAI) and to update you of some achievements and continuing needs.

As always, our desire is to see young 'Readers Become Leaders'. To-date, more than 120,000 books have distributed by our overseas partners to over 160 schools and libraries at two prisons and a HIV/AIDS clinic.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- LAI has a new logo and website (provided as a gift) and better positioning on the web so our website attracts around 100 hits per month.
- A fifth container of some 30,000 books and educational materials is almost ready to be shipped to Cape Town, South Africa and distributed to needy schools with the assistance of Rotary clubs. We are grateful to be in this position as we lost 200 boxes of sorted books in June due to flood damage to our storage container.
- Romaine Park Christian Centre in Burnie continues to provide us with a great venue at no cost to us to sort and pack books.
- Supervised ~~u~~Work for the Doleplacements and volunteers continue to assist in book sorting and other tasks.
- Several opportunities to speak to service clubs and other groups have resulted in interest in LAI.
- All positions on the LAI Committee have been filled for 2016-17 (See Needs below).
- Successful fundraisers including a Sausage Sizzle outside Woolworths in Upper Burnie and a combined Sausage Sizzle and Book Sale (books surplus to requirements as can't be sent overseas due to cultural and other reasons).
- Financial giving has increased and we have adequate monies in hand for the next shipment.

NEEDS

- For more people to become involved with LAI, volunteering for various tasks including book sorting and/or becoming a financial member. We are in need of a Treasurer to avoid one person having twin roles on the Committee.
- Further opportunities to give a 20 minute presentation about the work of LAI to individuals, groups, companies and organisations. References from past speaking engagements will gladly be provided.
- Continued donations of books, educational items and finances.
- Your encouragement, support and prayer/strengthening thoughts.

LAI is thankful for your continued interest and support. Also, we are grateful for De Bruyn's Transport, which, at no cost to LAI, transport books left at their various depots around the state to Burnie for sorting and packing by LAI volunteers into labeled boxes. They also kindly provide a site for a storage container in their yard and transport of containers to wharf for shipping.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary