



# Library Aid International Inc

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## Supporter Update – April 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 to over 160 schools and libraries at two prisons and a HIV/AIDS clinic by our overseas partners.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- A fourth container of 30,000 books has been shipped to Zimbabwe, Africa and distributed to 90 schools with the assistance of a Rotary club.
- Plenty of books are arriving from around Tasmania and another container is almost full.
- Romaine Park Christian Centre in Burnie continues to provide us with a venue to sort and pack books.
- Faithful volunteers have continued to assist in book sorting and other tasks.
- Opportunities to speak to service clubs and other groups resulting in interest in becoming members of LAI, encouragement and support.
- Visit by representatives from Health and Development Aid Abroad Australia Fund Inc. to inspect our operations and to offer encouragement and support.
- Registration as charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and tax deductible giving (DGR) status by the Australian Taxation Office.

### NEEDS

- People being involved on the LAI Committee, volunteering for various tasks and/or becoming a financial member.
- More volunteers to help sort books.
- Finances to ship the next container of books and educational materials. It costs about \$9,000 to hire and transport a container and distribution costs. We have sufficient books, with half still to be sorted and boxed, and nearly half the funds due to faithful supporters and fundraisers.
- Further opportunities to speak about LAI and show a promotional DVD to individuals and groups.
- Continued donations of books and educational items.

LAI is thankful for your continued interest and support. Also for De Bruyn's Transport which, at no cost to LAI, faithfully transport books left at their various depots around the state to Burnie for collection by LAI for sorting and packing into labeled boxes, store the boxes and provide transport for containers to wharf for shipping as needed.

Yours sincerely

Leonie Stitz  
**Secretary**