

Update – December 2021

“Watershed Primary School in Ladysmith, Zimbabwe hereby acknowledges receipt of an All-in-one Computer from Library Aid International. This donation will go a long way in the teaching and learning of ICT as the school had no computer before.” - Mkandawire Qhawe (Head Teacher)

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

You can see from the response from a Primary School above and the pictures on the next page that, with your help, we are making a difference to the lives of those who are far less fortunate.

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

ACTIVITIES and ACHIEVEMENTS

- Our seventh container which was sent to Zimbabwe in February 2020 and arrived in May 2020 is still slowly being distributed to educational institutions.
- Our eighth container sent in August 2021 arrived in Cape Town, South Africa in early November 2021. It will be distributed over the next month by the Rotary Club of Newlands and other organisations.
- We were able to purchase our ninth container even though it was almost double the cost of the previous one as prices have risen. The selling company kindly certified the container as seaworthy for five years at no cost to us.
- This is already 34 per cent full with sorted and boxed books and educational resources. It possibly will be shipped to Vanuatu and be distributed to far-flung village schools by Hope Education Inc of Ulverstone, Tasmania in conjunction with the Ministry of Education and a Regional Chief of Villages there.
- There have been opportunities to give presentations about the work of LAI at a meeting of school librarians and at churches and clubs. Some talks have been postponed to 2022.
- Extra volunteers have come onboard including two Centrelink 'New Start' work placements. With their help and enthusiasm, it is likely that our ninth container will be sent sooner rather than later as long as we receive sufficient book donations.
- A sale of books that we could not send overseas went well with us making \$550 from sales and donations of \$100 and \$50 from two people who saw the advertising but could not make it along.
- After a suggestion from one of our volunteers to raise funds, we have begun to put a few books about Tasmania on Facebook for people to make offers on. Some of these are from donated used books and others are new and have been donated by Tasmanian tourist organisations. So far, we have raised \$350 by this means.

NEEDS

- Continued donations of books, educational items and finances.
- We need more books as we only have 30 per cent of a container of unsorted goods on hand. Please see the book donations page on our website for a list of what we are after for donations of books and school supplies.
- Your encouragement, support, prayer and strengthening thoughts.

Please take a look at our website <https://www.libraryaid.org> and Facebook page.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

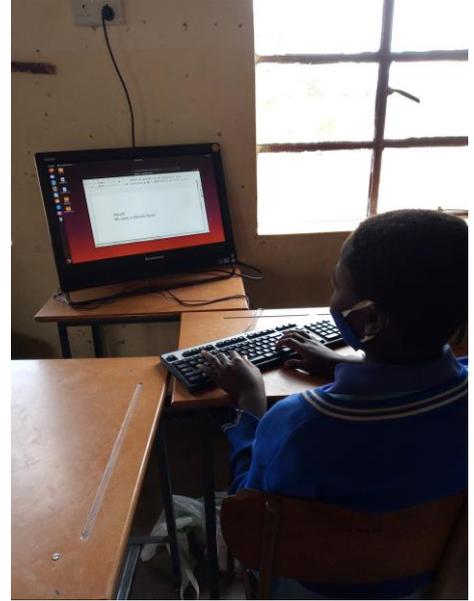
Yours sincerely



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Maqhekeni Secondary School, Zimbabwe



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