

. Update – June 2022

"Watershed Primary School in Ladysmith, Zimbabwe hereby acknowledges receipt of a 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)

"Maqhekeni Secondary School in Plumtree, Zimbabwe would like to acknowledge receipt of a computer you donated. We are very grateful for the kind gesture you have extended to us. This donation will go a long way in enhancing the education of learners and community at large. May the Almighty God bless you." – Hubert Masibi (Mantula Unit Headmaster)

Library Aid International Inc (LAI) aims to improve educational outcomes and life opportunities for children by sending used books and educational resources including computers to needy schools in developing countries. We hope this will to encourage 'Readers to Become Leaders' in their own communities and countries. To-date over 450 schools have benefited from our shipments, including the two expressing their thanks in the section in italics above and those pictured Page 2.

Despite the Covid era, things are going extremely well for LAI. We are excited to report on some activities and achievements. We also share some needs.

ACTIVITIES and ACHIEVEMENTS

- Books continue to come in. Our inwards goods container is half full with books that are "weeded" from school, college, university and public libraries and kindly donated to us. Others come from the general public and other charities.
- In March we were visited by representatives from Health and Development Aid Abroad (HADA) to review the 'Books For Kids Who Need Them In Developing Countries' project that we have registered with them. HADA renewed the project and invited us, together with five other projects of the thirty projects they oversee, to have a display and a 'Zoom' interview at their 25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner to be held in Brisbane on September 10, 2022.
- Our ninth container is currently over 90% full of sorted books and educational resources in labeled boxes and 35 computers which will be sent to needy schools in Zimbabwe later in 2022. See Page 3. We then plan to start on our tenth container.
- Several new volunteers and Work for the Dole placements have recently commenced.
- A presentation on the work of LAI was given at the Forth Valley Lions Club Members and Partners Dinner in February. It was a fun night with the club adopting an African theme and donating new and used books and stationery items. Mersey Valley Probus Club has invited us to give a presentation in August.
- The sourcing of used Government computers via Hobart companies, Nextband and Travel With A Cause.

NEEDS

- We will soon need to purchase our next shipping container. Hopefully, a seaworthy container can be bought at a reasonable price.
- Continued donations of books, educational items and finances. Our recently-paid annual volunteer workers and public liability insurance cover amounted to almost \$1,000.
- Younger volunteers who are able to pack books into boxes and lift the boxes.
- Your encouragement, support, prayer and strengthening thoughts.

LAI is thankful for your continued interest and support.

Yours sincerely

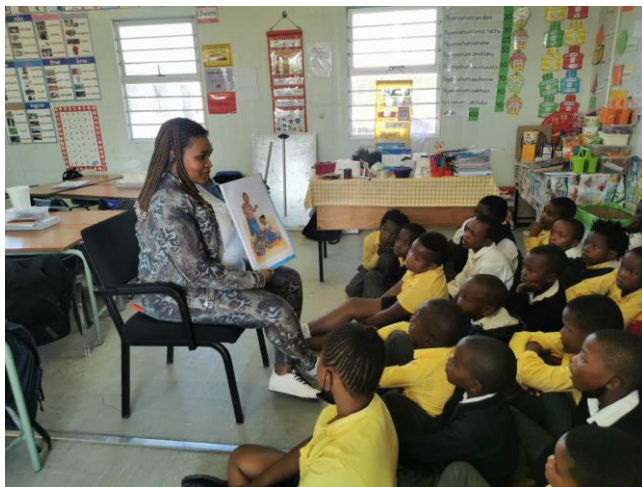
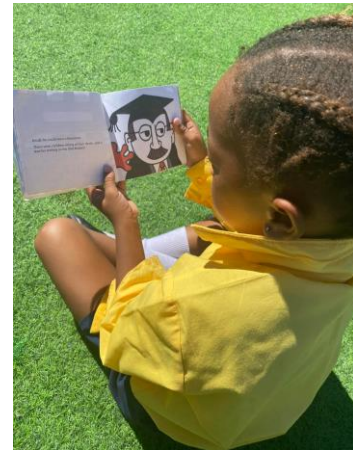


Ian Hubble (Secretary)

GRATEFUL RECIPIENTS

Silverleaf Primary School, Cape Town, South Africa

Books and educational resources from our eighth container shipped in August 2021 to Cape Town, South Africa were distributed to many needy schools by several Rotary Clubs.



OUR NINTH CONTAINER

The container is 90% full and will be shipped later in 2022 to Zimbabwe. It will contain 840 boxes, 19 flat packs and thirty five computers packed in bubble wrap.

