

Update – December 2022

LIBRARY AID'S TENTH SHIPPING CONTAINER TO GO TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

“The Chief Education Officer from the Temotu Education Authority, the Seventh Day Adventist Education Authority and the Permanent Secretary of the Provincial Government are appreciative and super excited in receiving such a huge donation from your organisation.” – Casper Hillary

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

Following a request from Casper Hillary, a Solomon Islander, who teaches at a University in Fiji which received books from our last shipment, our tenth shipping container will go to Honiara, the capital of the Solomon Islands. Hopefully, this will be sent by mid-2023.

Casper's simple plea was, "I wish you can help schools in the Solomon Islands too. We have also just completed a public library building in my provincial capital in the Solomon Islands. It's virtually empty and we desperately need books. My province of Temotu has the lowest literacy rate in the Solomons."

Casper has been in touch with the Chief Education Officers of Temotu and Seventh Day Adventist Education Authorities to supply a list of schools and set up a committee to coordinate the distribution. He has also contacted the Permanent Secretary of the Provincial Government to get the container from Honiara to his province and the Minister of Finance of the Central Government to assist in granting exemption from Customs.

Casper says, "The donated books and laptops for our public library will greatly benefit both the public and students in our high schools around the island and in Lata town to do research online, and to do assignments. This will really boost their learning morale and promote access to quality education.

At present, we have access to the internet but have no computers. About 50,000 people will use the library and benefit from your donation. This is a huge help. I wish you could come to the Solomons to see how these donated resources are utilised. God bless your heart."

CAN YOU HELP US?

We have had a great response since our August 2022 special update in which we shared that we had started to fill our tenth container but had completely runout of incoming resources.

Four months later the container is 80% full – but incoming books have slowed again. The preferred list of what we need is available under the Books tab of the Donations page at the Library Aid website. <https://libraryaid.org>.

Thanking you,



Ian Hubble (Secretary)

Please see pictures overleaf.



Pictures: The new but virtually empty library in Lata, the provincial capital of Temotu Province in the Solomon Islands. It has few books from the old library, internet access, one computer monitor, but no computers!



Picture: 80 per cent full shipping container to be sent to the Solomon Islands.