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LIBRARY AID IS BACK IN BUSINESS!

After changes over several months, registered charity Library Aid International Inc (LAI) is again back in business collecting and sending used books, educational resources and school supplies to needy schools in developing countries.

In 2020, the LAI Committee decided, after sending seven shipping containers to South Africa, Zimbabwe and Fiji, it would 'close the books' after LAI's tenth container. This began to be confirmed when we were notified that our operational building of 11 years at Romaine Park Christian Centre was required for other purposes. Also, major redevelopment at DeBruyn Transport's Burnie depot meant relocation of LAI's inward goods container that was stored there.

After sending our eighth container to Africa in 2021 and our ninth to Fiji in 2022, we started to turn what we believed was the last page as our tenth container left for the Solomon Islands in April 2023. However, we discovered that God was already writing the next LAI chapter. A surprise phone call came from Sheffield indicating that several people there would like to carry on the work of LAI.

Then the General Manager of DeBruyn's Transport, John DeBruyn, offered his continued support of LAI for his company's state-wide depots continue as collection points for boxes of donated items and these are transported to our inward goods container, which is now relocated to their East Devonport depot.

We ended the 2022-23 financial year waiting on an offer from Kentish Council to be finalised to allow LAI the use of Beulah Memorial Hall to sort and box-up books. So, with the 'ducks almost in a row' we asked in the April 2023 Update that books and educational resources not be sent to us until further notice. This has now changed as the 'ducks have now lined up!'

We are now glad to advise that: LAI IS NOW ACCEPTING BOOKS AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES.

(See <https://www.libraryaid.org> DONATE PAGE, BOOKS TAB for a list of Preferred Items.)

Donations:

Label boxed books and educational resources and school supplies:

Library Aid International c/- DeBruyns Devonport depot

Deliver to a DeBruyns Transport depot (Burnie, Devonport, Launceston (Mowbray), Hobart (Moonah))

Some other arrangement may be able to be made by contacting LAI via the website CONTACT PAGE.

Thank you to the schools, libraries, churches, organisations and individuals who have donated books and educational materials (and finances) to LAI in the past. We are pleased that, as we begin a new chapter for LAI, we will be able to send more containers of goods to improve literacy, educational outcomes and life opportunities for children in disadvantaged schools overseas.

Please be assured your continued donations are treasured by the children and greatly appreciated by the teachers in needy situations overseas. See our Facebook page for up-to-date reports and photos.

Thanking you,

Leoni Read (President/Secretary)