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BOOKS SHIPPED TO SCHOOLS

ZIMBABWE

“We have finished the distribution of all the books to the schools... This has been an amazing project, and will change many, many lives ... The thank you letters are trickling in... Thank you to all at Library Aid and to Bekithemba Bulle” (Jean Whiley, Secretary, Rotary Club of Bulawayo South, Zimbabwe).



Unloading 30,000 books in Bulawayo

These are words from an email recently received after the Rotary Club distributed a container shipped by Library Aid International (LAI) of 1070 boxes with some 30,000 books and various educational materials to 90 schools in and around Bulawayo.

Jean continues, “The Rotarians who helped with the distribution were very impressed with the way LAI had packed the books in separate boxes for primary and secondary, and how extremely well they were labelled. It made the distribution very easy.”

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The happy team after the boxes were unloaded

The suggestion to send this container of books to Zimbabwe came from Dr Bekithemba Bulle from Zimbabwe, now a GP living in northwest Tasmania. After 15 months of email exchanges, quotes and more quotes, and fundraising, the container finally sailed in late August 2015. It arrived in Bulawayo late October where the Rotary Club competently and professionally accomplished the unloading and distribution in less than three weeks. A keen supporter of LAI, Dr Bulle provided a list of some schools that the books could be given to and assisted with some of the transport costs. The Rotary Club also provided a list of deserving schools.

LAI aims to help teachers improve literacy and educational outcomes in disadvantaged schools in developing countries by providing secondhand

books and educational materials free of charge. These are sourced from discarded materials from schools and public libraries, and books donated by the general public in Australia.

To-date, LAI has now sent four full shipping containers, with approximately 120,000 books, which have gone into more than 160 schools, an AIDS Clinic and two correctional service institution libraries in southern Africa.

Small quantities of books have also been provided to Burma and the Philippines, and advice given to people wanting to establish a similar organisation in Brazil. We have been contacted about supplying books to schools in cyclone affected areas of Indonesia.

We now have another 25% of a container load of age-appropriate books and educational materials sorted and another 50% to be sorted. It will soon be ready to send at a cost of around \$9,000. We have about half of the needed funds in-hand.

LAI was recently registered as a Public Benevolent Institution with Deductible Gift Recipient status with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission. Contributions given through HADA or directly are tax deductible.

~ *Peter Cunningham and Ian Hubble*

HAILAAS COMMUNITY CENTRE

ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA

Narenjol is an 11-year-old girl living in the Hailaast area of Mongolia. She has a younger sister, Tsetseg who is five years old. Narenjol first came to the Hailaast Community Centre five years ago and at that time, everything at the centre was very strange to her. She has

an older brother, but since her mother passed away, he has separated himself from his sisters. Narenjol's mother suffered from alcoholism and died as a result of it soon after she gave birth to Tsetseg. As no one knew who the father was, Narenjol and Tsetseg were sent to their uncle. Her uncle was

very poor because he was unemployed. Her uncle's three children had dropped out of school and he too was addicted to alcohol along with his wife. They lived in a small house, but had no coal for heating and not enough food for the family. Trying to support Narenjol and Tsetseg in this very desperate situation was a big burden to their family.

Good Neighbor Society (GNS)

All five children were soon introduced to Good Neighbor Society (GNS) by a social worker and started attending our after school care program in the Hailaast Community Centre under GNS. Thanks to the support of GNS, three children including Narenjol were able to go to school again and the two younger girls could go to kindergarten. They come to the centre four days a week and have a warm meal before going to school. After school, they come again to do their homework or attend the study class with other children from the centre. Sometimes they enjoy playing games and have become friends with all the other children in the after school care program.



After school assistance

Narenjol had the opportunity to go to a camp with lots of other children for the first time in her life. It was held by GNS. During this summer camp, Narenjol never once smiled or opened her heart to anyone. Since that time however, she has started to change little by little and now she entirely enjoys her time at the centre. Her smile is so beautiful and bright like a shiny diamond.

Family Development Program

In 2013, Narenjol's uncle and his family were invited to our Family Development Program, along with Narenjol and Tsetseg. They had never

once had a meal together around a table, but through this program the whole family were able to learn how to love and care for each other, and also how to express their appreciation. They even played games and enjoyed wonderful meal times together with good conversation. The most amazing thing is that the uncle and aunt have also changed. They have quit drinking and try to find work, even if they are just odd jobs here and there. Her aunt worked as a voluntary helper for our cook at the centre for 18 months. They have become very diligent and are developing their lifestyle.

Through a gift from our hearts, we are able to give hope and love to Mongolian children who are being hurt, and to families living in poverty. We can help them improve their life values and to dream better for their future. Please join us in this valuable work.

After School Care Program:

The main aim of our program is to provide educational assistance to underprivileged children who are struggling with their schooling or have dropped out of school. We also provide them with food, vitamins and gifts.

Family Development Program:

The aim of this program is to improve local family values that result in the family unit staying together as one, and reducing the risk of children being forced to live on the streets.

RAINWATER HARVESTING

NEPAL

Fresh clean water from a tap is something many people take for granted. But not the women of Kaskikot, a rural village in the hills of Nepal. Each day women from every household spend at least three hours trudging up and down the hill carrying water back to their house.

ACN (Asal Chhimekee Nepal — Good Neighbour Nepal) has been working with low caste women in Kaskikot for a couple of years now. These women have joined together to form two self-help groups. They meet regularly to encourage each other, to save money, to learn from health topics ACN teaches – and to discuss community problems and look for solutions to them.

UNSAFE DRINKING WATER

One of the biggest community issues is water supply. There is a pond 15-20 minutes walk from the village that the women use for washing clothes, watering their gardens etc. But the pond water is dirty – animals and children bathe in it, go to the toilet in it, some people throw rubbish into it. After learning about safe water and hygiene, our group members realised it is not a good source of drinking water. And it dries up in the dry season.

For drinking water and water to

cook with, the women walk 40 minutes downhill to the nearest clean water source, fill their water containers, walk uphill again with the water container on their backs (causing back and neck problems) and do this at least three times every day. Those from larger families sometimes make four

families to see how it would work. So far, it is working well. The pipes and tank are collecting and storing plenty of rainwater, and families can access this instantly when they need it. The women have more time for other responsibilities and back and neck problems have decreased.



Kaskikot women walking to the community building for a meeting

or five trips a day. In the dry season, water is not always available, and this is a big problem for the village.

HARVESTING RAINWATER

Kaskikot village is built on the side of a hill. It usually gets a lot of rain – and the rainwater washes down the hill. We are helping households to harvest and store rainwater as a cheap and effective water source for the family. The main cost is in the initial setup – the holding tank, taps and guttering/piping. Each tank holds 1000 litres.

ACN trialled this first with some

After seeing for themselves how rainwater harvesting works and the benefits of it, other families now want to harvest rainwater too. There are currently 56 households wanting rainwater harvesting systems. The cost of installing a system is approximately \$180. Each household needs to provide a base for the tank and \$35 towards the cost. This is a significant amount for a poor household in Nepal; only families who really want the system

are willing to sacrifice and save for this cost. These families will usually 'own', look after and use the system well. ACN will provide the remaining \$145 needed for each system and provide technical advice and follow-up.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

If you would like to donate towards a rainwater harvesting system, providing water to poor village households and saving women from having to walk several hours a day carrying water, please donate to ACN — Health Promotion Project NPL-012.