

BOOKS FOR AFRICA



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NEWSLETTER

Books For Africa is the largest shipper of donated textbooks to the African continent. Books For Africa has shipped over 17.5 million primary, secondary, post-secondary, and community library books to 35 countries since 1988. BFA has received the highest ratings from the Minnesota Charities Review Council and Charity Navigator.



USAID Project Completed

Books For Africa has almost completed its project partnership with the Africa Education Initiative of USAID to deliver eighteen containers of textbooks to Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, and Zambia. Sixteen of the eighteen containers have been delivered. Here is a photo and message from a recent container delivery for schools in Durban and Johannesburg, South Africa.

“We are very excited as we see God bring to pass the things we have desired of him. The ship carrying the books docked on the 18th

June 2007 at Durban harbor and the books cleared on the 21st June 2007 at about 12:00 p.m. We accompanied the container to the warehouse and the container was opened in our presence. We were with Angelina and some of the teachers from her school. The col. Habebe assist to see that no import duty or VAT was paid. The books were divided to the three recipients, with us at Elohim Ministries receiving 9 pallets. The books were forwarded to us in Johannesburg arriving Monday the 25th June 2007 at about 3pm and we stored them.”

BFA Shipments in FY 2007

Country	Containers
Liberia	26
Ethiopia	15
Tanzania	14
Ghana	8
Kenya	8
Uganda	7
Zambia	7
Somalia	6
Nigeria	5
Zimbabwe	3
Benin	2
Botswana	2
Cape Verde	2
Chad	2
Guinea Bissau	2
Malawi	2
Senegal	2
South Africa	2
Angola	1
Burkina Faso	1
Cameroon	1
Democratic Rep. of Congo	1

Totals:

22 countries 119 containers

FY2007 Shipments

Books For Africa is pleased to report that we have wrapped up our most successful fiscal year ever! In FY 07 (ending June 30, 2007) BFA shipped 119 containers of books (approximately three million books) valued at over \$15 million to 22 African countries. This represents a 51% increase in container shipments over the previous year. 80% of all container shipments originated out of BFA's core warehouse facility in St. Paul, Minnesota. Over \$1.1 million was raised to ship these containers of books. FY 07 also featured BFA's first ever shipments to Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Cape Verde. Since 1988, BFA has shipped over 17.5 million books to 35 African countries. None of this would be possible without the support of you, our faithful donors. Thank you everyone for making it happen!

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As a special holiday promotion, BFA supporters will also get a special 10% discount on all purchases made through 12/31/07. Just type

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Books has provided BFA with over \$1.3 million in funding—all through the sales of new and used books.



As you buy books for yourself or friends and family members this holiday season, consider helping out the children of Africa in the process! Thanks for your support.



Pictured above are students receiving books from Action Child Mobilization, active in Ghana and Togo. ACM reports that “It has been very difficult for me to sit and write a good report. The reason being that the books you donated have made us very, very busy. It came in at a time the schools here were breaking for holidays. Most of the schools wanted to have their share before closing. That way, they could have time to study them and make all lesson changes before the children come in January. ... Yesterday, children from our five Cadet groups (different communities) were in the office to sort out and share books separated for them. They had 150 books each, totaling 750 books. These children from different communities (some from remote villages) were glad to have their first ever library books donated. It was therefore with much joy that they shared the books among themselves.” Francis Opoku – Director, Action Child Mobilization.

Access to school in Ethiopia, in general, and in my small village, in particular is significantly increasing. Nonetheless, many hundred thousands of students, mainly in the rural areas, are deprived of books and basic educational support materials necessary to acquire basic knowledge. One of them is my high school. I would, therefore, like to request the assistance of your good organization in this regard.

—Abebaw Belachew,
Master of Public Administration,
Edward Mason Fellow in Public
Policy and Management,
John F. Kennedy School of
Government,
Harvard University

I am pleading for books to end book famine here in this part of Cameroon. It is very unfortunate to see that our schools don’t have libraries. The economic recession in the country is affecting us here to an extend where parents are unable to afford text books and writing materials to their children. I ... plead to the BFA family to help our children who are the future of tomorrow in this our country Cameroon.

—Rev. Elangwe Eugene Baloko,
Cameroon

If you would like to learn more about Books For Africa please call 651-602-9844 (fax 651-602-9848).

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Container Shipped to Peace Corps in Uganda

Peace Corps Volunteers Tim and Anne Reneau-Major worked tirelessly to fundraise to send a 40-foot sea container of books to western Uganda. Tim and Anne, and colleagues, held a workshop for the schools receiving books to help them utilize the books most effectively. Tim and Anne's work

reached 26 schools and one orphan community center, serving a total of 16,553. Tim stated that, "This project enabled the children of Kabarole District in Uganda to better prepare for their future and all the possibilities this world can hold for them."

The need for a Library which is fully equipped has now become an emergency in that more and more people would like to access Law Books. As you are aware, Law Books are quite expensive on the market. The cost is beyond the reach of many lawyers and students. The Law Association of Zambia... cannot afford to ignore the need to have a stocked library for it's members to have easy access legal materials, as society depends on its members for counsel in their daily affairs.

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**Saturday, November 17th is our
Donor Appreciation Warehouse Open House**

*BFA is pleased to welcome all volunteers, donors,
and friends to a special donor appreciation event.
Visit our new, huge Books For Africa warehouse
on November 17th and see what all
the excitement is about!*

Time: 3:30 – 6:30 pm (brief program begins at 4:30)
Where: 715 East Minnehaha Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55106
Music, refreshments and light Hors d'oeuvres will be provided.