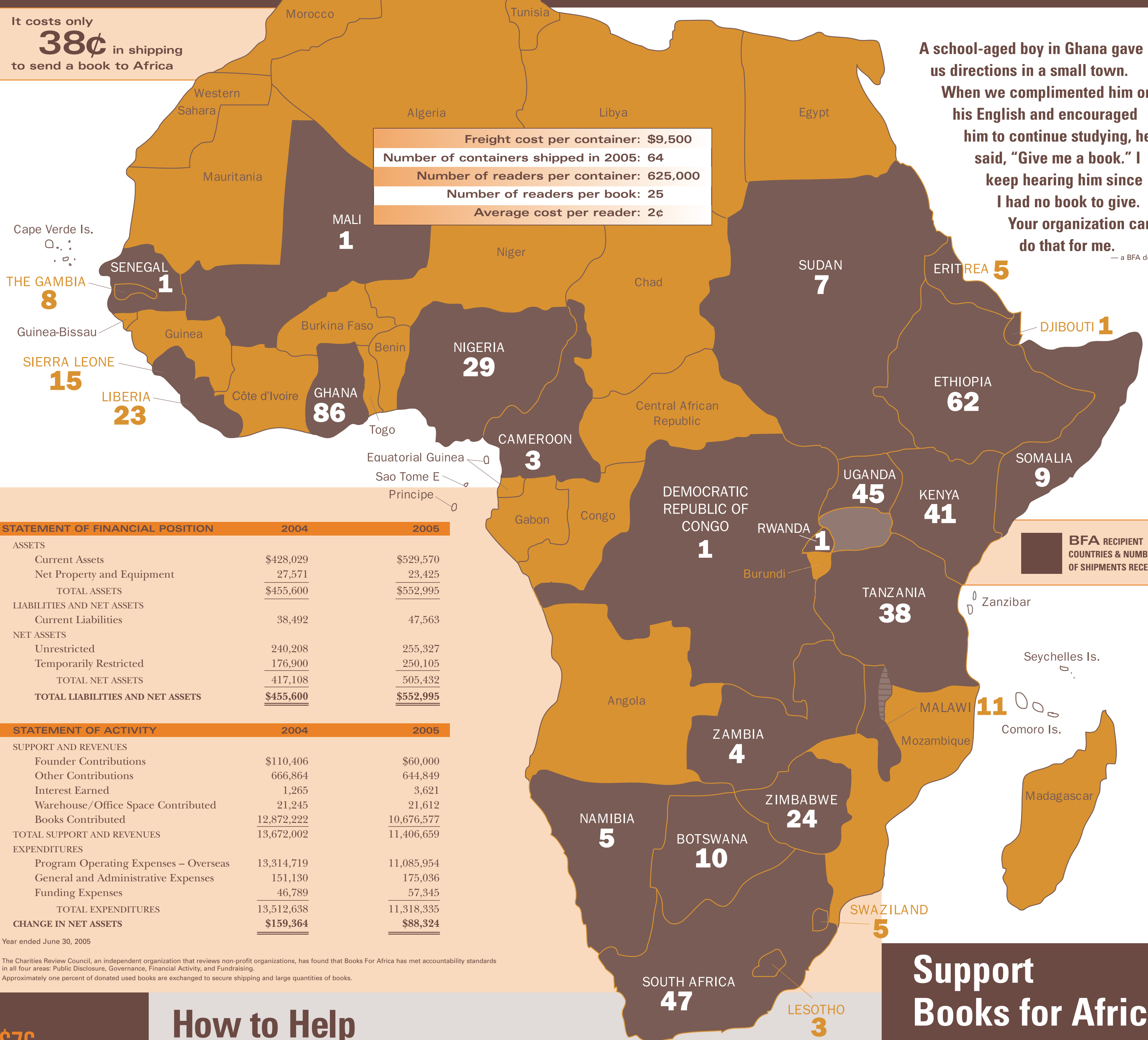


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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	2004	2005
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets	\$428,029	\$529,570
Net Property and Equipment	27,571	23,425
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$455,600</b>	<b>\$552,995</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Current Liabilities	38,492	47,563
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	240,208	255,327
Temporarily Restricted	176,900	250,105
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>417,108</b>	<b>505,432</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$455,600</b>	<b>\$552,995</b>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY	2004	2005
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>		
Founder Contributions	\$110,406	\$60,000
Other Contributions	666,864	644,849
Interest Earned	1,265	3,621
Warehouse/Office Space Contributed	21,245	21,612
Books Contributed	12,872,222	10,676,577
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>	<b>13,672,002</b>	<b>11,406,659</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Program Operating Expenses – Overseas	13,314,719	11,085,954
General and Administrative Expenses	151,130	175,036
Funding Expenses	46,789	57,345
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>13,512,638</b>	<b>11,318,335</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$159,364</b>	<b>\$88,324</b>

Year ended June 30, 2005

The Charities Review Council, an independent organization that reviews non-profit organizations, has found that Books For Africa has met accountability standards in all four areas: Public Disclosure, Governance, Financial Activity, and Fundraising. Approximately one percent of donated used books are exchanged to secure shipping and large quantities of books.

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- \$76** supplies 200 books — enough for two classes
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- \$2,375** is 6,250 books — enough for 5 schools
- \$9,500** is a full container of 25,000 books — enough for 20 schools



Dear Friends—

It has been another great year at Books For Africa. As we look back on 2005, we see many accomplishments in our continuing efforts to ship more and more donated books to schools and libraries in Africa, and we are pleased to provide this status report to you in the annual report. Specifically, in 2005 Books For Africa shipped 64 containers (roughly 1.6 million books) valued at approximately \$10.6 million to 15 African countries! We appreciate the support of our many financial and book donors in accomplishing these goals. Thank you!

2005 saw the following accomplishments at Books For Africa:

- Books shipped from the St. Paul, Minnesota warehouse increased by 62 percent;
- \$10.6 million in books were shipped on approximately \$500,000 in cash (a 21-1 return on financial donations) with a paid staff of only six people;
- First ever shipments were made to Djibouti, Rwanda, and Mali (including the first ever shipment of French-language books) bringing to 26 the total number of African countries served by Books For Africa since 1988;
- Books For Africa presented to the African diplomatic corps—ambassadors from Africa to the United States—at a special session in Washington, D.C.;
- The partnership to deliver books to World Food Programme school feeding sites in Africa was completed in partnership with USAID support;
- The Books For Africa / Better World Books partnership reached approximately 600 college campuses across the United States and provided approximately one third of the BFA cash budget and substantial book donations; and
- BFA's membership in the Aid To Africa Federation resulted in sizable donations through the Federal Combined Charities Campaign.


In thinking back over this year and what it has meant for Books For Africa, we immediately think of all our friends—new friends, and friends who have been with us for some time. As in our personal lives, it is friends that make our efforts full, lively, and enjoyable. You have made this another banner year. It has been a year of considerable growth in number of books shipped, which means children's lives are being directly touched and enriched because of books and the gift of reading in their lives.

The gift of having a book, which directly relates to the possibility of succeeding for any child, has been made possible because of you, the friends of Books For Africa. On behalf of the children of Africa, we thank you for your generous support and encourage your continued support which will enable us to serve those millions of children in Africa who are still waiting for their books.

Sincerely,



Doris Pagelkopf  
President



Pat Plonski  
Executive Director



**I have to express my deep sense of gratitude for your immense work to achieve sending a container of books to Nigeria. Without you we cannot carry out this project.**

Gandomenico Massari,  
Nigerian Society of Engineers



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Year ending June 30, 2005

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Emilie Smith  
The Gambia YWCA

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## A Story About a Container of Books

**B**ooks For Africa shipped 64 containers of books last year. Each container has a story. Here is the story of a shipment of books sent to Sacred Heart Seminary in Gulu, Uganda through the special efforts of Pete Truax, Dan Vaughan and other supporters of Sacred Heart Seminary working in Minnesota.

After a successful shipment of books in 2004, including enormous logistical challenges in shipping into war-torn northern Uganda, the need for more books was still tremendous. Supporters, were determined in the United States to send another container to aid the children of northern Uganda afflicted by war. On September 1, 2005, at a special reception in St. Paul, Minnesota for U.S. Ambassador to Uganda Jimmy Kolker attended by Monsignor Matthew Odong of Sacred Heart Seminary, it was announced that funds had been raised (\$11,000) for the shipment of a second container.

The Sacred Heart Seminary newsletter noted that "On October 3rd the second 40' container of books through Books For Africa left St. Paul for Gulu. The first container provided books to over thirty schools. We hope to continue these shipments until we can satisfy the needs of all the schools in northern Uganda. Msgr. Matthew also asked for books on philosophy and theology for use in the seminary. Several individuals provided these religious books. One of them was Archbishop Harry Flynn who donated 30 grocery bags of books from his personal library that he felt would be excellent resource material for the library at the seminary."



Books For Africa commends Msgr. Matthew Odong, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Pete Truax, and Dan Vaughan for all of their good work in educating young people in northern Uganda. These books are giving hope to children living in fear and an opportunity to continue their education during this horrific civil war conflict. We are honored to work with you, and with all of our container sponsors!

## BFA Founder Reaches Hastings

**T**om Warth, Books For Africa's founder, continues his walk across Minnesota from Canada to Iowa. Tom's walk has raised over \$26,000 for Books For Africa. Tom has currently reached Hastings, Minnesota and will continue on his trek this Spring after returning from climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania with a BFA delegation.

Pictured are a group of supporters who walked with Tom to the steps of the Minnesota state capitol.



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