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Dear Friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for another outstanding year. 2014 was our biggest year ever, with more books shipped to Africa and more funds raised than ever before! We are pleased to share with you some of what we achieved in 2014:

- **We shipped books by the ton (yet again):** BFA continues as the world's largest shipper of donated books to Africa, shipping over 2 million books to 49 African countries in our 28-year history. This is guaranteed as Guidestar and the Minnesota Charities Review Council. In 2014 alone, we shipped 2.6 million books and 299 computers valued at over $35 million in 27 containers. This represented a stunning 70% increase in books shipped over the previous year.
- **We are becoming kind of a big deal:** BFA is on its way (we hope!) to becoming a household name. We are securing new donors every day from across the world. We hosted some 13,000 volunteers who helped pack books (we are one of the top volunteer sites in Atlanta, GA). Our bookboxafrica.org website hosts over 10,000 visits monthly, and we have over 7,000 Facebook likes.
- **We are meeting the right people:** We hosted a Summit Society dinner reception at the Washington, DC, residence of South African Ambassador Ebrahim Rasool in May. Her Excellency Liberata Mulamula, Tanzanian Ambassador to the U.S., served as keynote speaker for our annual May luncheon in St. Paul, Minn., followed by a "Young Leaders" event co-hosted with Thomson Reuters and the Minnesota Trade Office. In June and October, special fundraising events were held in Atlanta, GA. Our annual summer Kilimanjaro Society reception was held at the Hitower Alfred Pillsbury Home in Minneapolis with 25 Peace Corps Returned Volunteers and Young African Leaders Initiative members as guests of honor. Finally, our annual Braai (South African barbeque) was bigger and better than ever with our very own BFA Westbrae Band providing rocking entertainment.
- **We are meeting even more of the right people:** In November, on a tourist swing through Washington, D. C., we met with The Raoul Wallenberg Fund, the Library of Congress, USAID, Peace Corps, the U.S. State Department, USAID, Mapwatch Geographic, the Egyptian Ambassador to the U.S. and the Embassy of Portugal. These meetings represent new and unique partnership opportunities and demonstrate the level to which our collaborations are taking us!
- **We executed big plans:** We finalized a $600,000 project with the Sir Emeka Offor Foundation of Nigeria to ship one million books to 18 African countries. We are well on our way to shipping 600,000 books to Uganda as part of a $957,000 project in collaboration with USAID. More plans of this size and scope are in the works!
- **Partez vous Francais?** We shipped French language books from Paris to Senegal in June and to Guinea in December that books are our business; in any language deemed useful in Africa. A Portugese book project is also in the works.
- **We advanced the rule of law:** In our sixth year of the Jack Mason Law and Democracy Initiative, we shipped 11 law and human rights libraries to Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria, Liberia, Cameroon, Ethiopia, The Gambia, and Uganda. This initiative, sponsored in large part by Thomson Reuters, has served law schools, universities, parliaments, and human rights groups in 36 countries across Africa, with 54 total libraries shipped.

In 2014 we have strived to take things to a new level in order to end the book famine in Africa. Together, we support the children of Africa will be able to pursue their dreams and lead their continent. This was the dream of Nelson Mandela, who stated, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." It is our dream — and we know it is yours as well.

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TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES	35,252,561	33,547,674
Program Operating Expenses - Overseas	24,432,351	32,207,143
General and Administrative Expenses	75,215	79,610
Fundraising Expenses	141,193	150,720
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	24,648,759	37,437,473
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Change in Book Inventory	9,827,050	-3,805,685

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