Dear Friends—

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our donors, and all supporters of Books For Africa for another great year. 2006 was another record-breaking year with more books shipped to more countries with more funds raised than ever before. 2006 saw the shipment of 79 containers to Africa, approximately two million text and library books valued at over $13 million. Since our founding, in 1989, 27 million books have been shipped to 28 African countries. Thank you everyone for your help in sending books to the children of Africa!

Books For Africa is also proud to report that in 2006 the following milestones were met:

- A new warehouse was opened in St. Paul, Minnesota dramatically increasing Books For Africa's capacity to receive, sort, and ship textbooks. Book shipments from our base of operations in St. Paul, Minnesota increased by 45% in 2006.
- The United States Agency For International Development (USAID) Africa Education Initiative signed a new partnership with Books For Africa to ship 1560 hyge containers of textbooks to seven African countries.
- A partnership to ship 10 containers of textbooks ($10,000) to Liberia was initiated to help rebuild infrastructure following the election of Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, Africa's first female president.
- A continued partnership with Better World Books resulted in a presence on approximately 900 college campuses and leveraged funds that provided approximately 30% of Books For Africa's cash budget.

We are excited about how Books For Africa is able to secure the resources and overcome the logistical hurdles to send approximately 25 books every week to Africa.

But even more important is that we do what we do. To see the joy on the faces of children who have never before held a book or had a school library; to see the excitement on the faces of the parents, teachers, and communities in the United States who know what these books will mean; to know that these books are giving hope to a whole generation of children and young adults who would otherwise be left behind in the world move forward .... This is why we do what we do. We thank you for your support in these efforts.

Although the book famine in Africa is far from over, nothing could be achieved without the support of you, our faithful donors! Please remember the joy, and future possibilities, a book can bring to a child in Africa.

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"We are very grateful to Books For Africa for this book donation. The books will act as keys to open the brains of our children."

President, Parent Teachers Association of City College, Kambia, Cameroon