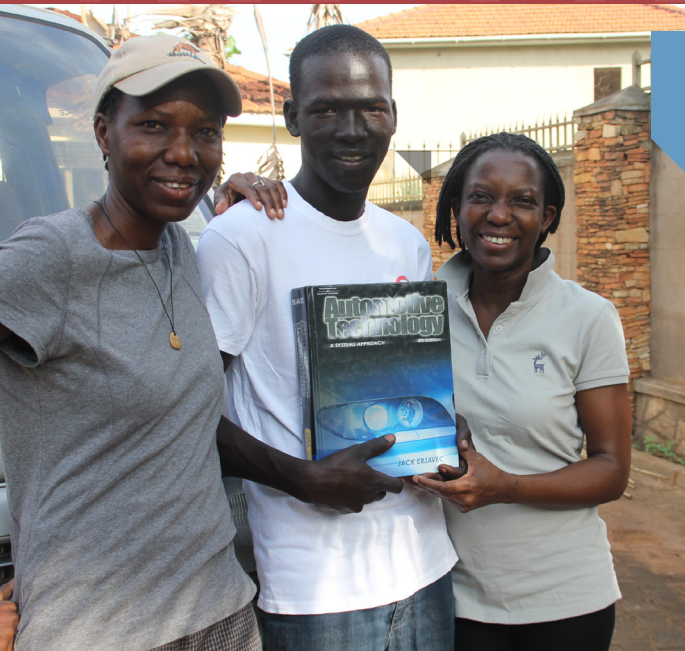




Books For Africa has shipped more than 34 million books to 49 African countries in the past 27 years.



One Student, One Book, and an Inspired Future

In our Fall 2015 Update we featured the story of a student at Chain of Hope, an organization in Uganda providing assistance to orphaned children who have been victimized by war. Director Agnes Igoye (far right) reported that one of their secondary school students took a keen interest in a book donated by BFA about automotive technology. He uses it as a reference as he spends his free time learning how to fix cars. The publisher of this very book saw the story in the BFA Fall Update and has sent a brand new edition to the student to support his dreams of becoming a motor engineer! Books For Africa is grateful for the ways—big and small—we can partner with publishers and organizations to inspire students. Sometimes all it takes is one, perfect book.



An Expanding Organization

Books For Africa is growing! To better accommodate that growth, and to better serve the organizations and individuals with whom we partner, our Atlanta Warehouse and Minnesota Administrative Headquarters recently relocated.

Visit (or ship book donations to) our bigger, better Atlanta Warehouse:

3655 Atlanta Industrial Blvd.
Building 250
Atlanta, GA 30331

Take note of our new Headquarters location:

26 East Exchange Street
Suite 411
Saint Paul, MN 55101



Ethiopia

U.S.-based organization HelpMyVillageKids partnered with BFA to send books to rural Gog, Ethiopia. The goal was to provide important educational tools to the children of Gog by getting quality books to Gog's two schools. Project coordinator Marion Dirado shared this report when the shipment arrived in Gog: "Opiew Ablla called to tell me that the books had made it to his childhood village of Gog! He told me how the people there were exuberant and planning a joyous celebration as this was the biggest thing to happen not only to this town, but to the wider area than anyone could remember. I must tell you, Opiew's voice and manner was incredulous and full of wonder, I think he just couldn't believe this had really happened."



Cameroon

"I like to think of the possibility of there being a book for each person in Tombel, and that each book, in turn, has its place in someone's imagination," said Peace Corps Volunteer Anna Nathanson. She worked with local community members in Tombel, Cameroon to create the Tombel Public Library. She was determined to make a community resource in an area where books are scarce, and in a country that does not have a well-established reading culture. She worked hard to promote the new library, partnering with the principals of the four area high schools and touring all the primary schools in the area to build excitement. "Our marketing strategy worked," she said. "Kids rushed the library that first week to get more of the books they'd sampled in their classrooms!"



Tanzania

The University of Iringa in Iringa, Tanzania received a container of post-secondary books to stock the shelves of their library with updated materials. Partnering with Easter Lutheran Church in Eagan, Minnesota, BFA sourced & sent books in a variety of subjects to support the teaching and learning of departments throughout the University. Fredy Msigallah, ICT Technician and Course Instructor, reported that "these books are very useful to our students because [they are] current books. Before, the University had old books not useful to our IT students. We thank Books For Africa for your support."



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