

BOOKS FOR THE WORLD



*A World Community Service Project of
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BOOK PROJECT SHIPS A MILLION! The *Books for the World* project has shipped more than a million pounds of used textbooks to four developing countries. Ten universities and several hundred schools in Uganda, Thailand, Cambodia and the Philippines have received books since 2002. The book project collects donated textbooks from schools, school districts, college faculty and students, bookstores, on-line booksellers and individual donors in Oregon and SW Washington and ships them in 40 ft containers to Rotary Clubs in countries where the books are needed. Our Rotary partners distribute the books to educational institutions and ensure that books are distributed free of charge. We do not buy or sell books. A US government program pays most shipping.

BOOKS FOR THE PHILIPPINES Fourteen thousand new math, English and science textbooks donated by McGraw Hill Publishers are helping to educate thousands of schoolchildren in the Philippines. The books, valued at \$806,000, were shipped to the Downtown Manila Rotary Club for distribution to public elementary schools. Sixty-three schools in Manila and in eight provinces of Luzon received an average of 200 textbooks per school. The International Book Project, a non-profit in KY, arranged for the shipment and the United States Agency for International Development paid for ocean freight. Beaverton Rotary Foundation helped with the costs of distribution.

BOOKS FOR UGANDA We shipped 391,000 lb (ten 40 ft containers) of used K-12 and college textbooks from Oregon to Uganda between July 2008 and July 2009. Seven containers of books are helping to reestablish schools in the war-torn northern region. For 20 years, the rebel Lord's Resistance Army waged brutal attacks on the civilian population, convulsing the region and driving nearly two million people from their homes into camps for security. There were no schools in the refugee camps, so an entire generation of children grew up without schooling. Now peace has come, and the displaced people are returning to their farms and villages. There is great need to get schools functioning again, as half of the population is under the age of fifteen years. But many school structures were burned or fell down, there is not enough money to pay all the teachers that are needed, and many schools have virtually no books. Teachers spend much of their time writing lessons on the blackboard for children to copy into their copybooks. The K-12 books that we ship are distributed thinly to many schools, and one textbook may be shared by many children. Our higher education books go into the library of the fledgling ten-year-old Gulu University, where 90% of the books were donated by the *Books for the World* project since 2005. Three containers of our books went only as far as Kampala because funds could not be found to truck them onward to northern Uganda. The librarian of Busoga University, which received about 25,000 college textbooks, wrote: "I may not have the right words to use to express my gratitude, apart from saying many thanks to all the individuals and organizations that collected, packed, transported and above all those who donated the books—". If you would like to read his full message, I will be glad to send it to you.

BOOKS FOR THAILAND Eighty-four thousand lb of used children's pleasure reading books, K-12 textbooks and college textbooks were sent to NE Thailand in May 2009. Ubon University and Ubon Rotary Club requested the books and paid the shipping costs (about \$4000 for a 40 ft container). The children's books are being distributed to 23 schools in which English is taught as a second language but have no books in English except ESL textbooks. We ran a six week book drive in Beaverton to get the children's books and netted about 40-50,000 children's books for this shipment. Twenty-five students in the Bonny Slope Elementary School collected 2,600 books and students in the International School of Beaverton collected a thousand. Thanks, kids!

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