



# BOOKS FOR THE WORLD

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## ***EIGHTY TONS OF USED TEXTBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED IN UGANDA!***

We Americans waste huge quantities of one of the most valuable resources that we can share with poor countries, our still-useful used textbooks. But the Books for the World Project is doing what it can to get some of our used textbooks to countries where they are needed most. Eighty tons of used school and college textbooks in four 40 ft shipping containers arrived in Gulu in northern Uganda in September. Sorting and distribution of the books to dozens of schools has begun. Shipping to Mombasa was paid by the Funded Transportation Program, a US government program that pays for the shipping of humanitarian goods by non-profit organizations as far as seaports. A Rotary matching grant paid \$5400 per container for trucking the books onward to Gulu. These books are part of our on-going efforts to provide textbooks to help restart schools in the war-torn northern region of Uganda, where the rebel Lord's Resistance Army waged a brutal 20 year war that drove 1.7 million people from their farms and villages into camps for displaced persons. Peace has come, and people are moving home. But there were no schools in the camps, and an entire generation of children grew up without education. Now those children are creating a huge demand to get schools going again. But the government of Uganda can provide only a small proportion of the textbooks that are needed. Education in Uganda is in English. The Books for the World Project has sent a million lb of textbooks that our schools discarded when they brought in new editions, most of them to Uganda. Those books will be read by hundreds of thousands of Ugandan children. And college textbooks that we send will help to build the libraries of Gulu University and other colleges. Thanks to our partners, Bookbyte, an on-line bookseller in Salem, and Don Lackey Books in Harrisburg for their generous donations of this huge quantity of much-needed books!

***DICTIONARIES FOR UGANDA SCHOOLS*** Students in half a dozen Interact Clubs in Rotary District 5100 (northern OR and southwestern WA) raised a total of \$2000 during the 2007-2008 school year to purchase dictionaries for distribution to needy schools in Kampala. The Houghton-Towers Rotary Club in England subsidized the cost of 240 color-illustrated secondary school dictionaries and the publisher paid half of the cost of airfreight to Entebbe. Rotarians and students in Interact clubs in Kampala distributed the dictionaries to ten schools. A message of appreciation from one of the schools said that "the dictionaries were manna from above". Our students who raised funds by washing cars and collecting donations for the project are helping kids in Uganda get better educations. Well done!

***55 TONS OF BOOKS*** shipped to Uganda in Dec. 2008 were distributed to dozens of schools in Kampala plus Busoga, Kampala, Muteesa Royal, Mountains of the Moon and Islamic Universities. The shipment also carried used anesthesia equipment from the Waterloo Iowa Rotary Club to Nsambya Hospital and used library shelving no longer needed by the Tualatin Public Library to the Islamic University.

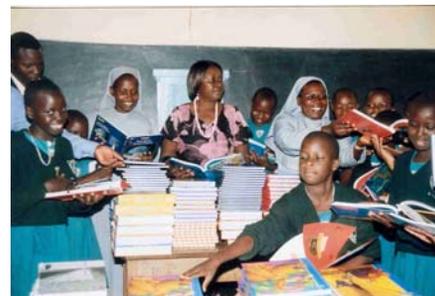
***WHAT NEXT?*** Books for the next shipment are being collected and packed in the Blue Bird Transfer warehouse in Tigard. Can you donate, collect, deliver, help pack?

***THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS,*** including Blue Bird Transfer, Powell's in Beaverton, Bookbyte, Don Lackey Books, Nebraska Book Co., DirectBuy, faculty, students and bookstores at PCC, PSU, OHSU & University of Portland, Rotarians---and innumerable others who make this project work!

***ACCESS TO EDUCATION GIVES HOPE IN SUBSAHARAN AFRICA, WHERE  
ONE THIRD OF THE MEN AND HALF OF THE WOMEN ARE ILLITERATE!***

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**Books ready for shipping**



***Recycle your used textbooks  
through the minds of others.  
Donate them to the BOOKS  
FOR THE WORLD project.***

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