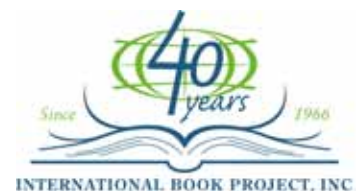


Books Change Lives.

International Book Project

2008 Annual Report





Rachel Lewis
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Dear IBP Family,

I am so pleased to report on IBP's activities in 2008! It was a challenging but productive year. High fuel prices, declining financial markets, and unstable governments all created obstacles to delivering books to the developing world. However, the International Book Project was undeterred, sending over 157,000 books to more than 300 organizations in 67 countries with just two full-time employees, committed volunteers, and the support of you, our donors.

The need for books around the world is great. In many parts of Africa and Latin America, libraries often simply do not have books; those they do have are dangerously outdated or irrelevant. In Eastern Europe and Asia, high school students are hungry for English language books to improve their educational and vocational opportunities. The International Book Project meets these needs around the world.

We are grateful for your support as we work to provide books to our partner organizations around the world. Without your generosity, hundreds of thousands of students would not have books today.

Thank You,

Rachel C. Lewis
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If Education is the road out of poverty, then Books are the wheels needed for the journey.

Richard Crabbe



Democratic Republic of the Congo

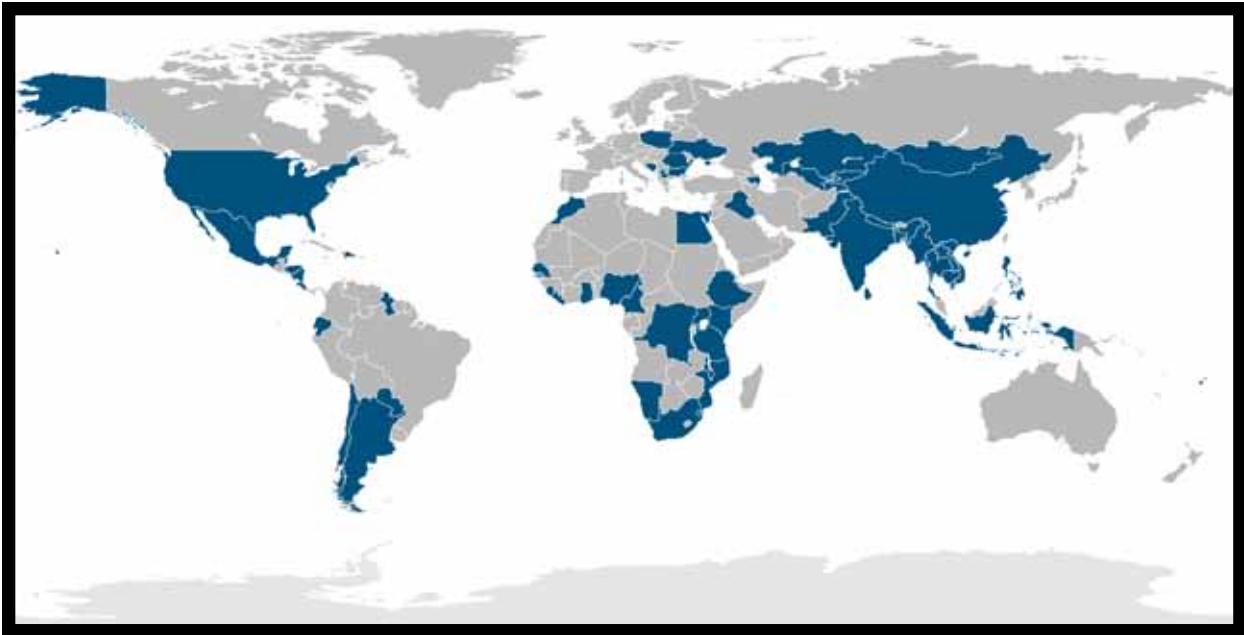
Volunteers

By the Numbers

Volunteers	236
Volunteer Hours	1,308
Average per Volunteer	5.54
Value of Donated Time	\$21,600

Volunteer Projects

Sorting Books
Cleaning
Warehouse Clean-Out
Packing Sea Containers
Data Processing
Book Sale Cashiers



2008 Small Shipments Received

Small Shipments

“Upon receiving the books, the children were ecstatic and couldn't wait to begin reading them. The small one room schoolhouse now has a library of 53 books!”

-Peace Corps Volunteer Dennis Maloney, San Jose, Costa Rica

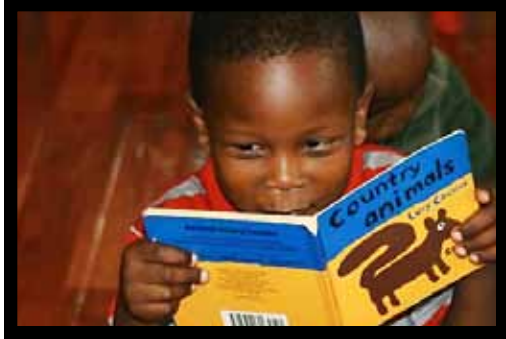
Small book shipments can be delivered to the post office or front door of any organization with a postal address, making them a very effective way to get books into small or remote schools and libraries. Not every organization needs or wants thousands of books; some just need a few to start their first library or add to their collection in a specific area.

IBP also provides books to overseas partners through our Books Out program which allows individuals traveling abroad to choose and hand-deliver books to organizations in need. This program allows IBP to completely eliminate shipping costs and gives missionaries, volunteers, and ex-patriots a chance to donate directly to the communities where they are working.

\$200 Sponsors a Small Shipment of Books

By the Numbers

Countries Served	65
Organizations Served	299
Books Shipped	13,304
M-bags Shipped	461
Books Out	3,492



Malkerns, Swaziland



Nagarote, Nicaragua

By the Numbers

Countries Served 9
 Books Shipped 140,892
 Total Value of Books \$3,991,300

Large Shipments

- Albania, Shrodka Town Library
- Ecuador, FUNDESIN
- Guatemala, Child Aid
- Kyrgyzstan, Children & Youth Library
- Myanmar, Mingdalon Medical Hospital
- Nicaragua, Por Vida Foundation
- The Philippines, Rotary Club of Manila
- Uganda, Islamic University
- Vietnam, Culture & Development Society



FUNDESIN, Ecuador

Large Shipments

“Your support is literally going to make it possible for hundreds of children to be able to be involved in a reading program for the first time in their lives...In fact, for many, it will be the first time they have held a book in their hands.”

-Bob Vesley, Child Aid, Guatemala



Myanmar Container at IBP Warehouse



Rotarian Sonny Ventura, The Philippines

The most efficient way to provide books to large organizations with a high demand for books is by sea container or pallet. Sea containers—large metal shipping boxes—hold between 8,000 and 25,000 books! In 2008, IBP’s sea container projects provided books for over 30 rural schools in Ecuador, an entire community library in Albania, college textbooks to numerous universities in Vietnam, and six other partner organizations. These shipments can truly create lasting change in a town, village, or university.

\$2,000 Sponsors a Pallet | \$10,000 Sponsors a Sea Container



Weird & Wonderful End-of-the-Year Event

Books as Bridges

“Culture is hard to teach unless it is hands-on. This brought Zambia alive for my kids.”

-Jan Horn, Shearer Elementary, Winchester, KY

Books as Bridges is an IBP program that connects students in Central Kentucky with partner classrooms around the world. Throughout the experience, students learn first-hand what life is like in developing countries through pictures, letters, and artwork shared with their pen-pals.

Classrooms are also offered Cultural Literacy Lessons, an interactive display of their partner country’s culture through food, crafts, games, and other activities. This year, students tasted Philippine punch, South African cornbread, Nigerian sesame seed cookies, and Ghanaian chocolate. They also created 3D maps, festival hats, cultural good-luck charms, and tapestries.

They learned that on one hand, their pen-pals eat and do different things, yet on the other, they are still children who go to school, play with their younger siblings, and get in trouble just the same as children in America.

\$300 Sponsors a Books as Bridges Classroom Partnership

By the Numbers

U.S. Classrooms	69
Partner Classrooms	61
Partner Countries	13
Cultural Literacy Lessons	33

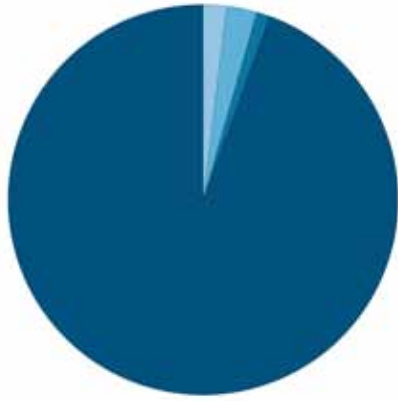


Dixie Magnet Elementary, Lexington, KY



Robert B. Turner Elementary, Lawrenceburg, KY

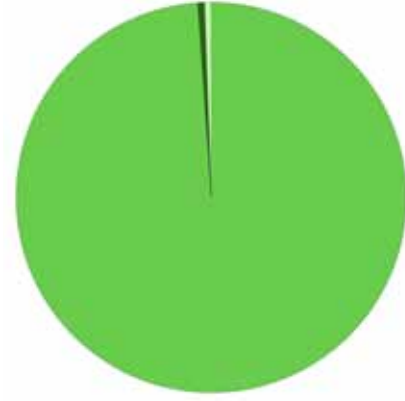
Support & Revenue



General & Shipping Contributions	2%	\$105,883
Grants & Capital Projects	3%	\$124,700
Bookstore Sales	1%	\$48,972
Donated Books	94%	\$4,327,391

TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE \$4,606,946

Expenses



Program	99%	\$4,490,309
Administration	<1%	\$34,235
Fundraising	<1%	\$18,928

TOTAL EXPENSES \$4,543,472

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- to broaden Americans' understanding of their neighbors, and
- to foster global friendships and strengthen world unity.

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