

Did You Know...?



IBP received 20,000 books from Fayette County Public Schools! Each book had to be sorted for appropriateness to send overseas. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this monumental task.

HELP IBP SEND BOOKS!

Send a Small Shipment (25 books): \$200
 Send a Balikbayan box (100 books): \$300
 Send a Pallet (800 books): \$2,000
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Sparking the Motivation to Learn in Nicaragua



Peace Corps Volunteer Analea Hronek who is serving as a teacher in Nicaragua, recognized that a lack of books was crippling her community. "Without proper literature to spark the motivation to learn, most students in my community learn to read by rote learning. What is needed to greatly and rapidly increase these students literary success is to provide books that will gain their interest, give them the much needed, but rarely executed practice of reading and comprehending a story," explains Hronek

Analea was passionate about putting together a library that would not only help her community, but could also serve as a mobile library and be taken to twelve surrounding rural communities. With funding from Analea's friends and family in Montana, the

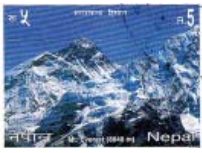
International Book Project was able to ship 4,000 Spanish language books from Pearson Publishing. The books arrived at the Nicaragua Peace Corps Country office in Managua the end of September and Analea is working on setting up the mobile library this fall.

"These books will increase the amount of time each student spends reading throughout the school day, thus increasing their

reading skills and bestowing a sense of accomplishment on the reader," says Hronek.

The Peace Corps has been a long-time partner of the International Book Project. In a typical year, IBP sends approximately 20% of its small shipments to Peace Corps Volunteers. Often it is Peace Corps Volunteers that first introduce IBP to an overseas community.



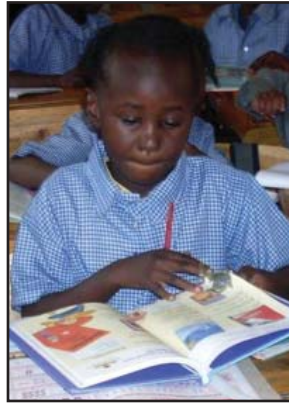


Changing Lives

From our Overseas Partners...

On behalf of the St. Bridget empowerment self-help group, we would like to thank you in a special way for the donation of books. By having these books, it will help our children to have high standards of learning and reading and we hope and through you these kids will learn like other children who have such facilities. With the help of the books, the center has grown and I assure you, many children even from other schools will desire to come and read our books.

John Musoki
Nairobi, Kenya



I have just received the shipment of books and was overwhelmed. There are so many things that children have learned in this country that they must live without, that it just doesn't seem right they must learn without books. When I delivered the books, the kids were so excited that it makes the good work of organizations like yours overshadow the difficulties that some developing countries face every day.

Leah L. Forlivo
Peace Corps Volunteer, Kazakhstan

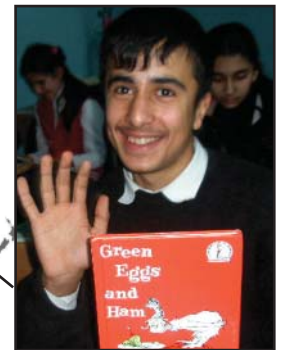


I just received the books today and they look great. I received Spanish and Science textbooks, workbooks, and quite a few fiction books that are sure to get the kids reading in no time. I'm really excited that the kids will be able to get their creative juices flowing and work on critical thinking skills with the books.
Mil gracias! A thousand thanks!

Lydia Shelly
Peace Corps Volunteer, Panama

Thank you sincerely for coming out at this period of economic pressure to donate generously to our school. We are indeed very grateful to you for such a wonderful present. It is our hope and trust that these books will go a long way to meet the objectives of the request; thus enhancing the spirit of learning in the Ghanaian child. Your organization will forever be remembered by our school.

Solomon Ofori Gyane
Komfo Anokye High School
Kumasi, Ghana

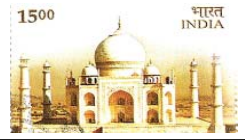


Thank you very much for the books. Students are interested in these books and help them to develop their language. English class is very popular now because of the books. Knowledge of this language helps us to understand friendship and understanding among people. You helped us to have an English cabinet and we use it as a library too. Thank you very much again.

Rasmiyga Babbagova
Ujar School # 2, Azerbaijan

Thank You!

Around the World



Revitalizing Libraries in Cameroon

Libraries in the developing world often function as a place for students to study and find books that they may not have access to at school. The literacy-focused nonprofit, Cameroon National Book Development Council (CNBDC), is concerned that libraries in Anglophone Cameroon are becoming irrelevant because there are no funds to update the shelves with new books. Many of the libraries contain very old, out-dated books, some dating back to when Cameroon was an English colony.

The CNBDC asked for IBP's help to revitalize these libraries. With the help of a grant from the Million Dollar



Volunteers help unload boxes of books from sea container at the port in Douala, Cameroon.

Round Table Foundation, the International Book Project was able to send 11,000 children and adult library books, as well as, reference textbooks for schools. The books sent by IBP will be used, "to equip 12 community (school

and town) libraries in the Northwest and Southwest Provinces of Cameroon where the librarians have raised the issue of less than 10 percent of the population visiting libraries," says George Ngwane, chairman of the CNBDC.

Improving Professional Training in Tanzania



Classroom buildings at Mount Meru University in Arusha, Tanzania.

Mount Meru University outside Arusha, Tanzania was started as a Baptist Seminary in 1962. However, after meeting the region's spiritual needs for forty years, the school's leadership recognized the growing need to educate Tanzania's next generation of professionals.

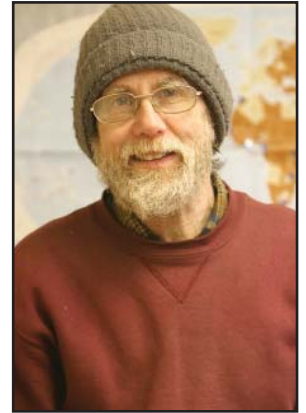
In 2005, the former seminary began offering degrees in education and business. Unfortunately, the school had very few resources for these new programs. While they do have a library, the books they had are theology books, which are of little help

to students studying to be teachers and businessmen.

In August, a grant from the Virginia Clark Hagan Foundation allowed IBP to send a sea container of 10,513 books, including college-level library and textbooks to Mount Meru University for their new classes. The books were donated by local universities and McGraw-Hill.

Volunteers also packed hundreds of primary school texts for the local elementary school. With these books, Mount Meru University will be able to offer new classes and a well-rounded library for their students.

Tom Zemsky Retires after 30 Years of Service



After more than 30 years of sorting and packing books, IBP warehouse manager, Tom Zemsky, is retiring. His love of books and dedication to IBP's mission are unparalleled. For decades, he has suffered through the harshest winter and summer conditions in IBP's warehouse. His keen eye for detail always ensures that each recipient receives exactly the books they need. Tom's steady presence is largely responsible for helping keep IBP functioning during periods of difficulty during the past three decades.

Tom will still be working at IBP part-time but he will now have more time for his passions – writing poetry and collecting records. IBP will honor Tom at the Fall Fundraiser at Portofino on November 12th. Please feel free to come out and join us as we celebrate Tom's contributions to IBP.



One Book



Shop IBP's Book Store!

Open 9 am to 5 pm,
Monday through Friday.

IN HONOR

Christine Andres
Mrs. WBR Beasley
Ken Bohringer
Anne Caudill
Victor Childers
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Kay Kooiker
Jeannette Shaw Lynch
Jessie Matthys
Linnea Beth Miller
John Boyer Moore
Jim Rogers
Dr. Doug Sallis
Martin R. Schultz

Give a Gift that Lasts...Literacy



A donation to the International Book Project is a lovely way to express sympathy and commemorate happy occasions. Here are some ways you can give:

In Memory - Honor the life of someone special through a memorial designation.

Congratulations - Celebrate a birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement, new baby, or special achievement.

In Appreciation - Thank someone while extending their kindness through a gift that will continue to help others.

IBP will mail a card to the designee to let them know that you made a gift in their honor. Donations of \$100 or more will automatically help sponsor a small shipment of books. Your designee should receive an overseas thank-you in a few months! Your gift is a tax-deductible contribution, for which you will receive a receipt and a thank-you.

Planned Giving Can Benefit You and IBP

by Jeff Schriefer - Director of Asset Management, Bank of the Bluegrass & Trust Co.

During these tough economic times, everyone is looking for ways to cut their spending. However, increasing your giving may just be the key to cheering yourself up and feeling better. Arthur C. Brooks, in his article "Why Giving Makes You Happy" discusses how research has shown that people who give to charities and other causes are happier, healthier and less likely to be depressed when compared to those who do not give. He goes on to explain that giving triggers a physiological reaction in our brain creating feelings of euphoria and reducing stress hormones. Bottom line: giving is good for the charity, but also good for you!

Giving cash or stock are probably the most popular forms of giving but there are many ways to give that can be a great fit depending on



The Harriet Van Meter Charitable Society

Talk with your financial advisor about adding IBP to your planned giving portfolio and become a member of the Harriet Van Meter Charitable Society. Your gift will work to give IBP continuous funds to provide books to those in need for years to come!

your situation. For example, establishing a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) and funding it with appreciated assets like stock or real estate, can potentially reduce or eliminate capital gains and estate taxes, increase your income, provide a charitable tax deduction while also providing for the charity. A CRT is not for everyone but may be perfect for some.

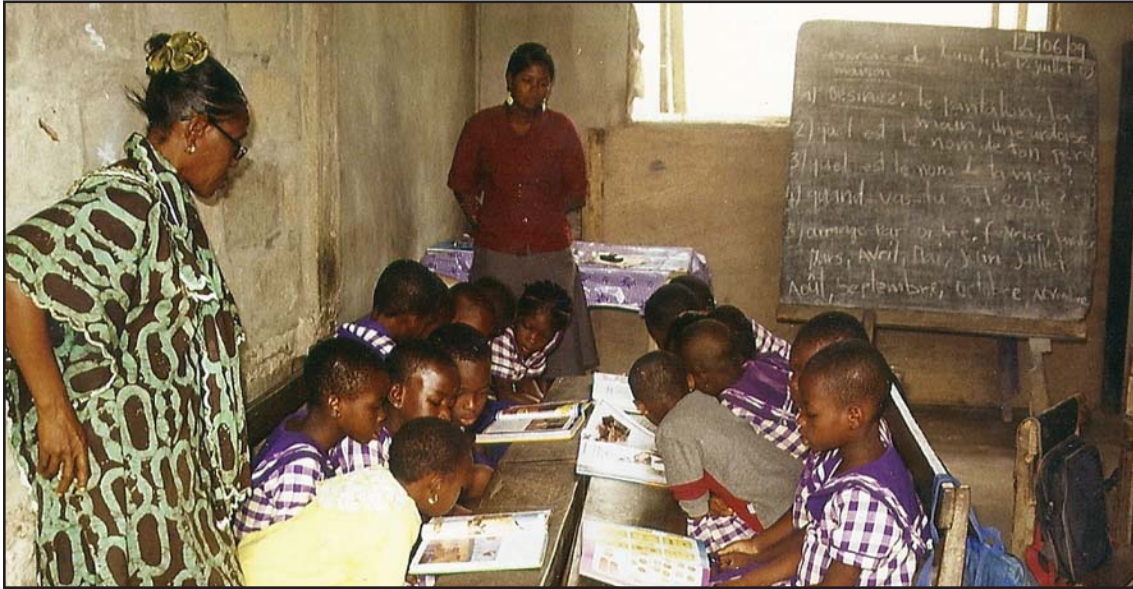
There are many other creative ways to help IBP

and having a planned giving discussion can be an essential piece of your overall estate plan. It is important to remember that need doesn't go away just because of a recession. In fact, children all over the world need you now more than ever. Get out there and give, you'll be happy you did and research proves it!

At a Time



School Year Brings Changes for Books as Bridges



Books as Bridges partner school in Ghana, Hope International School, reviews their new books from the International Book Project. They are partners with Judy Johnson's classroom at King Middle School in Lexington, KY.

The 2009/10 school year has brought about several changes for Books as Bridges program participants.

The first of these changes was an increase in funding from the Virginia Clark Hagan Foundation, allowing for 60 small shipments to the Books as Bridges international partner classrooms -- a ten-classroom increase from last year! Coupled with their ten partner classrooms in Central Kentucky, this funding has allowed for approximately 500 additional students to benefit from the program.

As a response to teacher comments and suggestions, the program has begun to offer several new resources for Central Kentucky teachers. Teachers can sign up for these sessions along with our Cultural Literacy Lessons on the new website, www.BooksasBridges.org. Teachers

can also find the Issues of the Developing World Curriculum on the website-- a collection of lesson-plans based on the Books as Bridges experience and life in developing countries.

Also based on an evaluation of previous years, Books as Bridges has shifted funding to offer our international partners a stipend to help offset program costs, including postage and film development. This will increase the capacity at which partners abroad can send letters and "culture packages."

Finally, Books as Bridges is

embracing service-learning as another way to increase student involvement. Local classrooms that complete a successful service-learning project, whether a book drive or fundraising for the next shipment of books to their partner classroom, will receive a reward. Service-learning projects such as these inspire students to become involved in their community and help them realize their power to make a difference.

For more information about Books as Bridges, contact Tracy Nearhoof at bab@intlbookproject.org or 859-254-6771.

Where are the Central Kentucky Books as Bridges Classrooms?

- Anderson Co. High School
- Athens-Chilesburg Elem.
- Dixie Magnet School
- Garden Springs Elem.
- Julius Marks Elem.
- Kenneth King Middle School
- Meadowthorpe Elementary
- Nicholasville Elementary
- Shearer Elementary
- Simmons Elementary
- St. Mary's School of Paris
- Tates Creek Middle School
- Tates Creek High School
- Turner Elementary School
- Veteran's Park Elementary
- Wilmore Elementary
- Yates Elementary



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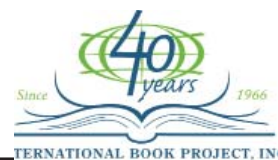
Books as Bridges

Get Involved!

1. Sponsor a Books as Bridges International Partnership
Sponsorship includes the Cultural Literacy Lesson, international stipend, and local classroom support and prizes. **Donation: \$300 per partnership.**

2. Volunteer to teach about a culture you love at a Cultural Literacy Lesson
Cultural Literacy Lessons will begin after the holiday break. These 1-2 hour classroom visits offer students hands-on activities to learn about life in their partner country.

Note From the Director



Fall brings with it several changes and challenges to IBP. As you've read, long-time warehouse manager, Tom Zemsky, is downshifting to part-time this fall. IBP's board is also changing. IBP Board President Sheila Kalas and Vice President Richard Mook will be stepping down after serving full six-year terms on the board during which they helped usher in a period of growth and financial stability at IBP. We will honor Tom and our board members who have served full terms at IBP's Fall Fundraiser on November 12th at Portofino's from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Please join

us to celebrate their commitment to our organization.

Thank you for continuing to support IBP during these difficult economic times. Within the nonprofit sector, internationally-focused organizations tend to see the biggest decrease in donations during economic downturns. The International Book Project has seen a 6% drop in individual

contributions from the previous year. While we have cut back where we can, we still receive hundreds of requests each year for books! Without funds for shipping, IBP will have to cut back on the number of small shipments we send in 2009. We continue to need you and your financial support to provide books to schools and libraries around the world.



The Bluegrass Filipino American Association donated two Balikbayan boxes for Filipino exchange teachers, Eden Ginoy and Sahlee Ostill. L-R: BFAAI Treasurer Julio Sason, Rachel Lewis, Eden Ginoy, Sahlee Ostill, Rowena Tumada, & BFAAI President Calixto Pulmano.

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