

Did You Know...?



IBP saved 6,300 Fayette County Public School textbooks, including those above, from the landfill in October.



Toyota (TMMK) doubled their support to Books as Bridges with a \$6,000 grant to teach cultural literacy lessons in Central Kentucky schools.

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Books as Bridges Travels South to Ecuador!



Students at Santo Domingo Savio Elementary in Tena read *Tiburón*, a book about sharks donated by IBP and delivered through a Partners of the Americas grant.

By Tracy Nearhoof

In early September, I toted a backpack of clothes and two 70 pound suitcases of books and classroom supplies south to Ecuador. As a member of the Kentucky Ecuador Partners (KEP), I was awarded a grant from Partners of the Americas to provide educational resources and promote cultural literacy in Books as Bridges classrooms throughout Central Ecuador.

Some classrooms had received IBP books in the past four years; they were stowed safely away on a bookshelf, but their frayed edges revealed they were frequently used. I also had the opportunity to meet the teachers who rely on these books every day. Roberto Pullopaxi, a 2nd grade teacher in Tena, explained to me how the students use the books, even

if they cannot read, by looking at the pictures and making up their own stories until they are able to understand the words.

As part of the KEP project, IBP donated more than 150 books to the teachers, bringing smiles to more than 250 students. As the new books arrived, students were anxious to quickly take them to a corner to read about sharks, mammals, or space.

Miguel Castanel, a long-time Books as Bridges advocate in Ecuador and KEP Quito Chapter Executive Director, joined me throughout the project. "There are no books here without the IBP! The teachers are so happy for me to bring you into the classes – it proves you are a real person behind these books!" Miguel's



A pre-school student at Mundo Fantasia in Tena, Ecuador displays her hand drawn Kentucky map.

enthusiasm has been steadfast since he began delivering books throughout Ecuador in 2006, through connections with former IBP board member and KEP Executive Director Kay Roberts.

This year, Books as Bridges is partnering 1,507 students in Kentucky with 8 classes in Ecuador and 52 other classrooms in 9 developing countries.



Changing Lives

From our Overseas Partners...



We would like to extend our gratitude for your donation to benefit our school library. With your generosity, we have been able to increase our reading materials, which we hope will inspire our students to read more literature. We also are thankful for the educational texts we received, which will give our teachers and our institution of learning another useful tool when information or resources are scarce.

Cristhian Meza Romero
Principal at Escuela Lucrecia Martinez
Nicaragua



The students at my school were enthralled to have new books in our library to read and study. They literally "flew" off the shelves as soon as I had placed them out. Furthermore, the educational text books have been very useful to all of us in our little outer-island school of eighteen students.

Farfum Ladroma
Peace Corps Volunteer
Tonga

I feel so honored to be living in the same world as you. I want to thank you for bringing us the books which we have learned so much from. I've learned that it is important to have an education. You have made me realize if you don't have an education, you don't have anything.



Vaideh Tshalcatana
Student at Ponani Primary School
South Africa



It is our mission to produce competent graduates. One of the many ways that we achieve this goal is by improving our library so we can provide books to supply our students' information needs. We really appreciate the help you have given us. It has been invaluable.

Bambang Pudjianto
Dean at Diponegoro University
Indonesia

Around the World



Rebuilding Sierra Leone from Miles Away

By Hussainatu Bah

Books are necessary in order to bring Sierra Leone to the forefront. It is on this principle that HEES, INC, a nonprofit organization, was founded to help provide books to children in Sierra Leone and Africa as a whole. Our mission is to provide children

50,000 people, many schools and libraries were destroyed and some were left standing with empty book shelves.

In a country where most of the people live on less than a dollar a day, parents most often have to choose between sending their children to school or putting food on the table. Some of these children have never owned a book of their own. While many take such necessities for granted in the United States, it is a luxury for children in Sierra Leone. In many classrooms, 10 students share one textbook.

As a first generation US college educated student, I still remember the hard times my mother went through to make sure school was a possibility for me and my siblings in Sierra Leone. My mother made many sacrifices. A few times she had gone hungry so she could use the money to buy us books.

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- Hussainatu Bah

in post-war Sierra Leone the necessary means to earn a proper education, therefore creating opportunity for them to positively contribute to their families and communities.

During Sierra Leone's Civil War that killed over



The International Book Project partnered with Lexington-area Starbucks to hold a book drive for Sierra Leone from Sept. 8-22. Over 1,000 children's books were collected.



Hussainatu and her friend, Amed, unload books collected in Columbus, OH for schools in Sierra Leone.

She sent us to a refugee school because she could not afford sending us to a public school. Girls are particularly at risk for abuse due to a lack of education. Like my mother, most girls are married off at the age of fifteen or sixteen to men who are twice their age who abuse them. This is mainly because their parents cannot afford the cost of giving them an education. By making books available to school children, the cost of education is reduced for their parents. These children are given the most important gift of life: education. Most importantly, the cycle of poverty, abuse and disease is broken.

I truly believe education is the great equalizer in this

world and books are the foundation. With the help of the International Book Project and their extraordinary work to provide books to children around the world, the hope for education is once again a possibility for these children.

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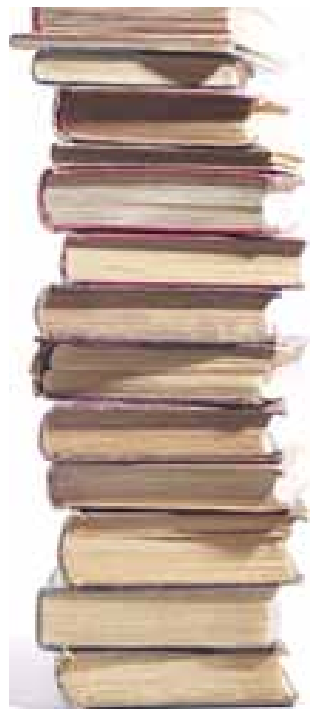
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1. Give in Honor or Memory of a Friend

This holiday season give the gift of literacy and books. IBP will send a card like the one pictured acknowledging your gift to the person you are honoring or their family. If you donate \$100 or more in honor or memory of a friend, IBP will list the name of your honoree as a shipment sponsor. In several months, your honoree should receive a thank-you note from the school or library that received books from your donation. It is the perfect gift for the person in your life who loves to read.



2. Donate Your Quality Books

Each year, IBP sends thousands of books to schools, libraries, churches, and nonprofit organizations in the developing world. We need quality books to provide to these literacy partners. We are especially in need of the following types of books:

- Children's picture story and chapter books
- Vocational texts (carpentry, masonry, sewing)
- Agricultural texts (crops, livestock)
- Current Christian books
- Basic grammar and ESL texts
- Dictionaries
- Encyclopedias copyrighted since 1990

3. Leave a Legacy of Literacy

As you review your estate plans due to the estate tax changes expected in 2011, consider the impact your legacy gift to the International Book Project will make to children around the world.

With IBP's 44-year track record of providing educational opportunities, you can be assured that we will still be serving our literacy partners for decades to come. When you name IBP in your estate plans, please contact IBP so we can name you as a member of the Harriet Drury Van Meter Charitable Society.

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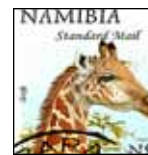
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At a Time



Thank You Volunteers!

Right: Tates Creek student Eve Wallingford sorts children's books after IBP's fall book sale.

Below: IBP Board Member, Madeleine Baugh, helps raise funds by selling Coke products at Spotlight Lexington during the World Equestrian Games.



Adam Warner, a UK FUSION volunteer, packed children's books for libraries in Sierra Leone.



High school students from the Sayre School helped sort higher education textbooks.

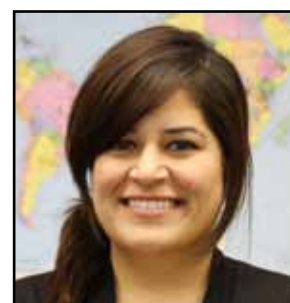
Meet the 2010/2011 AmeriCorps VISTAs

VISTAs are full-time volunteers who receive a small stipend from the government for their year of service.



Billy Colemire, Volunteer & Local Outreach Coordinator

"Philanthropy and volunteering have always been very important to me. While at IBP, I hope to increase IBP's presence in the local and Appalachian communities," says Billy. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a B.A. in Communication Studies and Social Inequalities and is helping jumpstart IBP's book donation efforts domestically.



Xeenia Tariq, Marketing & Development Coordinator

"I was born in Pakistan where the adult literacy rate is 55%, so I know that a book is worth more than its selling price. It can open doors for people," says Xeenia. She holds a B.A. in Political Science and Islamic Studies from the University of Kentucky and oversees IBP's marketing efforts.

Fall Fundraiser

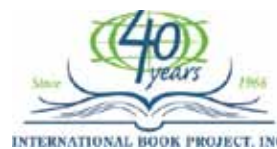
Thursday, November 11, 2010
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Portofino

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Join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and a reading by Affrilachian poet Frank X. Walker.

Note From the Director



It has been an incredibly busy year at the International Book Project. Despite a tight budget year, we are on pace to send more books in 2010 than any other year in IBP's history. This has only been possible through the generous support of you, our financial donors, the thousands of hours donated by hardworking volunteers, and our dedicated staff.

IBP has been able to increase our impact by forging new partnerships. We have joined with AwesomeBooks.com to source more books, visited overseas partners in collaboration with Kentucky Ecuador Partners and Asbury University, and increased our capacity to recycle books through Giggil. Additionally, we are working with new partners in Eastern Kentucky to improve access to

books right here in the U.S., including Owsley County Outreach Center and Bell County Council on Literacy.

In the coming year, IBP's goal is to not only provide more books to our partners, but to also deepen our existing

partner relationships. Although we have had a strong 2010, IBP is facing cuts in grant funding in 2011. Financial donations from individuals will be critical as IBP strives to continue providing books to schools and libraries around the world.



Kim Martin, a sophomore at Asbury University, reads a book donated by IBP to students at Lady Gladys School in Alajuela, Costa Rica during a cross cultural service trip led by IBP Executive Director, Rachel Lewis, and her husband, Matt.

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