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Greetings!

We hope that this edition of "Bookfriends News" finds everyone well. It's hard to believe that the summer has come and gone since our last communication. Our hope is that everyone had a great summer while spending time with family and friends.

This venue provides us a great opportunity to update you on all of the hard work going on at Bookfriends. We are thankful for the time you take to read and pass it on (*using the easy button to the right!*) to those you know who would be interested in learning more about Bookfriends and ways in which they can help support our important mission. Whether it's volunteering efforts, financial support and/or thoughtful words and prayers. We could not do what we do without all of your efforts. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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News

Summer 2011 Activity at Bookfriends

Five wonderful Bookfriends lead-volunteers by the names of Andi, Kass, Kristine, Lori and Joanne have kept activities at Bookfriends well-organized through this summer. Through their dedicated leadership, nearly 10 pallets of books have been packed for the next container to be shipped this Fall. [Learn more](#) about the wonderful accomplishment by these ladies and student volunteers who came to help in recent months.



Please consider joining in the BOOKFRIENDS ongoing effort. It is a great way to help make the world a better place. Be sure to visit www.bookfriends.org for more information on the "What, Who, Why, Where and How" of BOOKFRIENDS.

[Download Our Contribution Form](#)

Funding Needed for Fall to Ensure Winter Container Shipping

During these difficult financial times it is especially difficult to appeal for help. This time of year is a time when Bookfriends needs additional funding to cover the shipping costs of the two containers nearly readied for Tanzania and Uganda. With grateful hearts, we will be accepting donations to cover the cost of moving the many books from the USA to East Africa.



Bookfriends also has a massive abundance of pre-packed library books which would be sent to East African community and school libraries when there is sufficient funding for the container shipping. [Learn more](#) about funding needs and how you can help.



Current Containers of Books in Progress

Two 20-foot containers of books are in the works. One at the Bookfriends warehouse for 10 secondary schools and one primary-level school in north central Tanzania, Babati-Katesh region. These schools have been waiting quite a long time to move up on the list of recipient schools and we are very eager to see the

More Specifics on the Book-Processing for Eagerly-Awaiting African Schools

The faithful leadership at Bookfriends through the summer has made steady progress with planning and processing books for the next containers of books for East African schools and their libraries in Tanzania and Uganda. The books are packed for all 10 schools in Babati-Katesh Region of north central Tanzania, so this container is ready for shipping very soon. [More Specifics on the Book-Processing.](#)



ABOUT BOOKFRIENDS INTERNATIONAL, NFP

In early 2004, Steve and Paulie Kutschat took a vacation trip to Tanzania that turned into something much more than they expected. Quoting the couple who founded Bookfriends: "An afternoon at a secondary school in northern Tanzania changed our lives forever. While touring the school building, we saw lots of kids but very few books. The shelves in the library were nearly bare and few books were seen in the classrooms." One of the teachers said, "Yes, we don't have many books. They are just too expensive."



"We knew that there had to be something we could do to help. Since then, we have walked the path and have seen an organization develop that is able to accomplish the important mission of providing building blocks for education in Africa."

Growing numbers of volunteers have given of their time and energy to strengthen the long term mission of Bookfriends International, NFP: to *share educational resources with students around the world*. We ship donated and used books to fill eager students' hands and empty library shelves. Our donated books come from middle schools, high schools, libraries, individuals, book drives, and book publishing companies. Please read on to learn more about what we are doing today and how you can help. Visit our website for more information, www.Bookfriends.org. We are an IRS approved 501(c) 3 organization. All gifts are tax-deductible. Please join with us as we seek to grow our donor base for funding book-shipments. The need is great and urgent. You can become a "Book Friend."

20,000 books planned for them on their way to East Africa.

The second of these two containers will be going to schools in Kapeeka, Uganda. More information on the books planned for Uganda can be found in this newsletter.



Giving Specific Assistance to Educate Girls in Third-World Countries

It has been researched and documented that the status of women in a specific country is a better predictor of the general quality of life than the gross domestic product. Countries in which women have some measure of economic and social independence and effectiveness are more prosperous, more healthy, more democratic and certainly less violent, proving that what is good for the women is good for the world.

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