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Building Partnerships with African Schools

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Dear School-Aid Friends,

With ten containers of educational goods packed and shipped from the School-Aid warehouse and more than one hundred African schools and community groups receiving books and educational equipment, School-Aid went from strength to strength in 2007. We couldn't continue to reach these African children without your support.

I would like to share with you just a few words from some of our partners in Africa:

'In 2007 we set up five new after-school clubs on the farms, set up five mini-libraries in the after-school clubs and crèches, improved the grades of the high school students from the after-school clubs, and supported the lives of 260 children.'

-- Pebbles Project outside Cape Town, South Africa



'The teacher's guides couldn't have come at a more opportune time (Aug 2007). A time when the school needed help in promoting reading and the different methodologies associated with reading, writing and numeracy. Because of the positive impact this edition has had on our objectives, we were able to transfer successfully all the basic skills our learners needed to master these contents.'

-- Joyce Mothiba (Principal) & Phineas Dlodlo (educator), Motheo Primary School, Mamelodi township, South Africa

'With School-Aid, learning and teaching problems could be alleviated.'

-- Mummy Nkosi, Head of Art & Culture Dept, Tsako Thabo High School, Mamelodi township, South Africa

'Providing these students with meaningful opportunities helps to grow the economy moving forward, as the next generation will be better equipped to deal with the challenges of tomorrow. Thank you once again for helping us to be able to continue our vision of providing a brighter future with greater opportunities for children from disadvantaged communities. Our programme reaches over 3000 children every week.'

-- Kevin Chaplin, Amy Biehl Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa

'Books are the best guide and equipment in the formation of one's life. Hence your gifts are acting as permanent sources in the guidance of our students and teachers and of our people as a whole.'

-- Bro. Ghedreya Habte of the De la Salle Brothers, representing 20 schools and public libraries in the Anseba region of Eritrea



'Spent the afternoon in Nyanga Township yesterday and delivered football equipment to one of our schools. As always, they were over the moon and were enormously grateful for receiving this.'

-- Brad Bing, Sporting Chance, Cape Town, South Africa

'We received your books on the 3rd of April. And we are very happy to inform you that it is very useful to our studies.'

-- Bruno W. Teodory, student Shimbi Secondary School, Tanzania

Thank you once again for your support in 2007. In 2008 School-Aid is celebrating its 10th anniversary, and we look forward to celebrating with you.

Our best wishes to you for 2008,

Martha Ware
General Manager

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