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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am writing to you to request a donation to send a 40 ft. container of 25,000+ books and journals to Ethiopia.

Books For Africa <http://www.booksforafrica.org> located in St. Paul, Minnesota has agreed to work with us and ship the books. The cost of sending a book to Ethiopia is about 50 U.S. cents. To make the shipment possible, we have raised nearly \$6000. The total cost is \$13,500, so we are about halfway to our goal!

Currently, we are in the midst of another book drive to collect books and encyclopedia sets from libraries, universities, and individuals. Our outreach includes schools of social work, urban planning and community development, and education. We will transport the books that we collect to St. Paul, MN. There, they will be loaded into the container, and the container will be filled with additional books from the Books For Africa warehouse. The books donated by Books For Africa are of high quality—including textbooks in the fields of medicine, health, computer science, humanities, and the social science—and range from primary to secondary to post-secondary education.

In Ethiopia, the distribution of the books will be managed by the Gedam Sefer Community University Partnership. Our Partnership successfully managed and distributed a container of books in May 2008 to 2 universities, 3 community libraries, and 9 schools in Ethiopia. We are also working with Love for Children Organization, Children Aid – Ethiopia (CHAD-ET), and other NGOS that work to provide access to basic services for vulnerable children and to promote the rights of the child. Since I work intensively with the Partnership, I can assure you that these books and journals will get to the libraries and organizations that are collaborating with us in Ethiopia. [See attached Book Distribution Report. Visit the Partnership webpage <http://www.aboutsweep.org> and click on Gedam Sefer.]



The Gedam Sefer Community University Partnership will manage the book distribution to schools, universities, and libraries in Ethiopia.

If you wish to help get the container of about 40,000 books shipped to Ethiopia, please send a donation. **Make your check payable to Books For Africa.** Make a note on the check that the donation is for “AASDO/Alice (Ethiopia 2009).” Please send the checks to me, so I can keep an accounting of the money that we collect for this special shipment. Then, I will send all of the donation checks to Books For Africa. **Your donation is tax deductible—so be sure to make your check payable to Books For Africa.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity,

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