



Africa We Care

Dedicated to the alleviation of suffering in Africa

Books for Africa Project

On November 7, 2008 I received an email which in part read as follows:

My name is Shauna Sutton and I work for an Oil Explorations Company in Uganda called Neptune Petroleum (Uganda) Ltd. Our project is based in the north west of Uganda. It covers parts of the Arua, Yumbe and Moyo Districts that lie within Uganda's West Nile region.

We are currently renovating the Arua Library and would be very interested to hear about what type of books and school supplies you could supply us. (As part of our corporate social responsibility for the area of our operation), we feel it is important to help the people in this area and one way we are looking at is through education.

Our surveys of five local primary schools in the area: Nkondo, Kaiso, Tonya, Kyehoro, and Nyawaiga find them in very deplorable state indeed. We are renovating the Arua Library first and then plan on helping the schools and other districts either through schools or libraries in our project area.

I would really appreciate hearing from you.

Well they did hear from Africa We Care.

On December 17th, 2008, a 20-foot container loaded with books and school supplies left our docks in Edmonton for Uganda. The shipment was made possible by the continued financial support from the **Our Lady of Fatima Council 4530 & Our Lady of Fatima Association of the Knights of Columbus**; the goodwill and personal support from **Ed Matheson** and **Bob Carriere**, both of the same Council – our valued partners in the Books for Africa Project. The freight cost was sponsored and defrayed by **PL&B Insurance**, an Alberta company. Our indefatigable army of volunteers supplied the labour. I thank you all.



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Letters of Gratitude, and the Books' Tale in Pictures from Uganda

Dear Dr. Obiajunwa:

Thank you so much for your wonderful donation of the container of books for the Neptune Visitors Centre/Library in Arua, Uganda. The looks of delight and smiles of appreciation would have warmed your heart. Our company had previously renovated the government library, replaced the roof, installed electricity and provided furniture and shelves. Your gift completed the project and will bring joy to thousands. And we informed the press of the valuable contribution that "Africa We Care" is making to Uganda.

As a Canadian working in Uganda, I was pleased to see recycled boxes and I explained the aim in our country to recycle boxes and paper. Perhaps we can encourage that initiative here as well.

Thank you again on behalf of the people in northern Uganda.



Off-loading some of the books from Africa We Care at Arua, Uganda Library.

Best regards,
Marilyn E. Hill
Country Manager
Neptune Petroleum (Uganda)
Limited
Kampala, Uganda



Moyo, Uganda, LC-V Chairman, and Moyo, Uganda, Librarian receive some of the books from Africa We Care.

Dear Dr. Obiajunwa:

I was pleased to learn about your impending visit to Uganda. The people of West Nile appreciated the support Africa We Care extended to them through Neptune.

Moyo Public Library in Moyo district also benefited from this support when we donated to them 25 boxes of text books. The Moyo District Chairman (LC-V) was present and very thankful to Neptune and Africa We Care. Please find attached some pictures taken during receiving and handing over the books.

I will be glad to see you in Uganda soon.

Best regards,

Rashid Mugabe
Environment and Community Affairs Manager
Neptune Petroleum (U) Ltd
Kampala, Uganda



Some of books from Africa We Care inside Arua, Uganda Library of Northern Uganda.

The Books for Africa is an ongoing project because the need for books in Africa is immense. We are thankful that the supply of books here in our warehouse in Edmonton is steady and unabated. What we lack is the funds to defray the freight costs to ship these books to the Africans thirsting for education. And we all know that education is the key to the alleviation of suffering in Africa, and to the empowerment of the African people.

Each 20 foot container of books cost about \$5,000 to ship to Africa. I am personally indebted to you for your continued support of the Books for Africa Project over the past five years. Your financial contribution has always made a world of difference this endeavour. And I hope and pray that you will continue to be our partner in this worthwhile cause. May God continue to bless you all and your families.

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