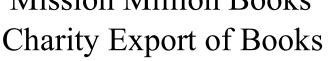


Ratna Nidhi goes Global! Mission Million Books





A project by Rotary International, Rotary Club of Sunyani Central, Microfinance Empowerment Foundation and Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust

Project Highlights:

- 1.400 cartons of books, 14 tonnes of weight,19000+ books, 20 ft container of booksshipped to Ghana free of cost
- 2.Initiation of strong partnerships between Rotary International and Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust
- **3.An attempt to bring the world closer, through export of charity**
- 4.Forging meaningful international partnerships

The idea of exporting charity in Africa started about 4 years back during the RILM South East Asia Convention held in Chennai, India on 5th March 2017. During the convention, apart from other agenda's, a short presentation was made by Mr. Rajiv Mehta, Trustee Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust on the vision to ensure that every child has at least one book to read- under the Project "Mission Million Books".



Mission Million envisions to donate at least million books. Till date, RNCT has successfully been able to establish over 4000 libraries across India. RNCT has also developed its own customised software to keep a track of reading and borrowing habits of users, especially the underprivileged. Meetings with PDG Nancy Barbee with the shared idea of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"-The world is one family developed into the Project of Exporting Books in Charity to Ghana, Africa.

The books will soon reach Port Thema in about a month's time. The books are shipped to Rotary Club of Sunyani Central, P.O. Box 206, Sunyani, Bono District, Ghana

Beneficiaries

5 schools have been identified where the books are being provided benefitting about 400 children. The names of the schools are

- (i) Soronoase Basic School. Kg1 B6 (Ages- 4 To 12)
- (ii) Nkrankrom Basic School. Kg1 B6 (Ages- 4 To 12)
- (iii) Abansere Basic School. Kg1 to B6 (Ages 4 To 12)
- (iv) Tonosuano Basic School. Kg1 to B6 (Ages 4 To 12)

(v) Adadease Junction Junior High School B6 to B8 (Ages 13 To 15)

Partnerships

This project is an initiation of international partnership and collaboration. This project exhibits that if the intent is right, help can reach where it is needed the most.

MOUs have been signed with

- 1. Carl Treleaven- PDG (Florida) DIST 6990
- 2. Peter Verbeeck-DG 20-21 DIST 6990
- 3. Rotary Club of Sunyani Central –
 Mr. Frank Kofi Owusu-Debrah
- 4. Microfinance Empowerment Foundation-Mr. Carl W. Treleaven (Director)
- 5. Microfinance Empowerment Foundation-Peter Verbeeck-DG 20-21 DIST 6990
- 6. PDG Nancy Barbee (Rotary International Dist. 7730, North Carolina)
- 7. RatnaNidhiCharitableTrust-Mr. RajivMehta (Trustee)

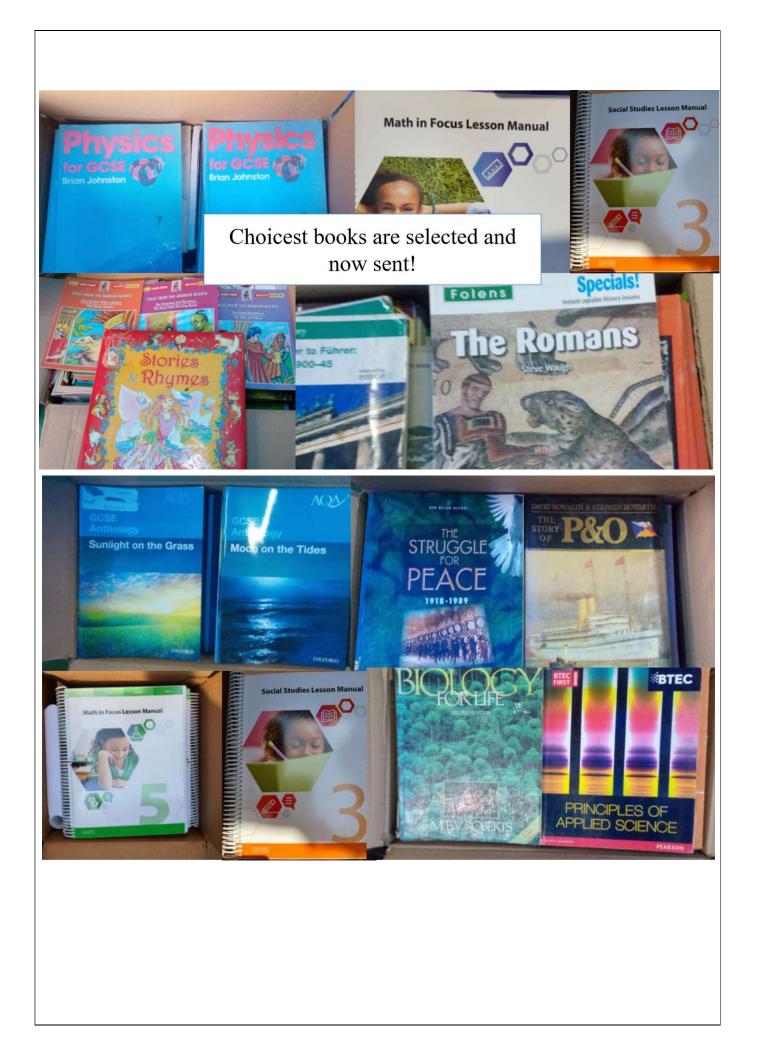
Road Ahead

It is envisaged that in the near future, this project can spread to other countries within and outside Africa as well. Requests have been received from Kenya and Mauritius currently.

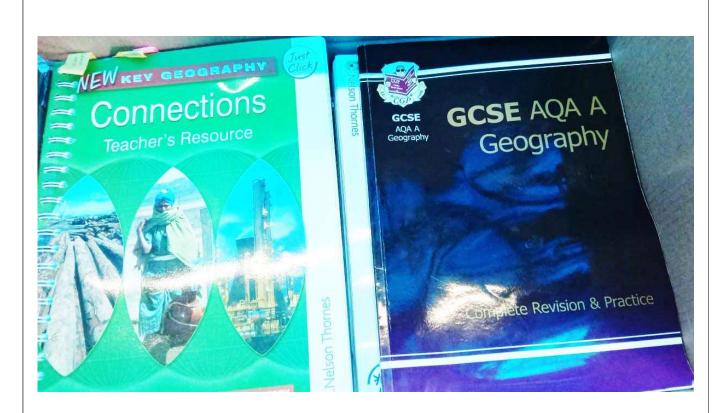
Glimpses of the books shipped











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