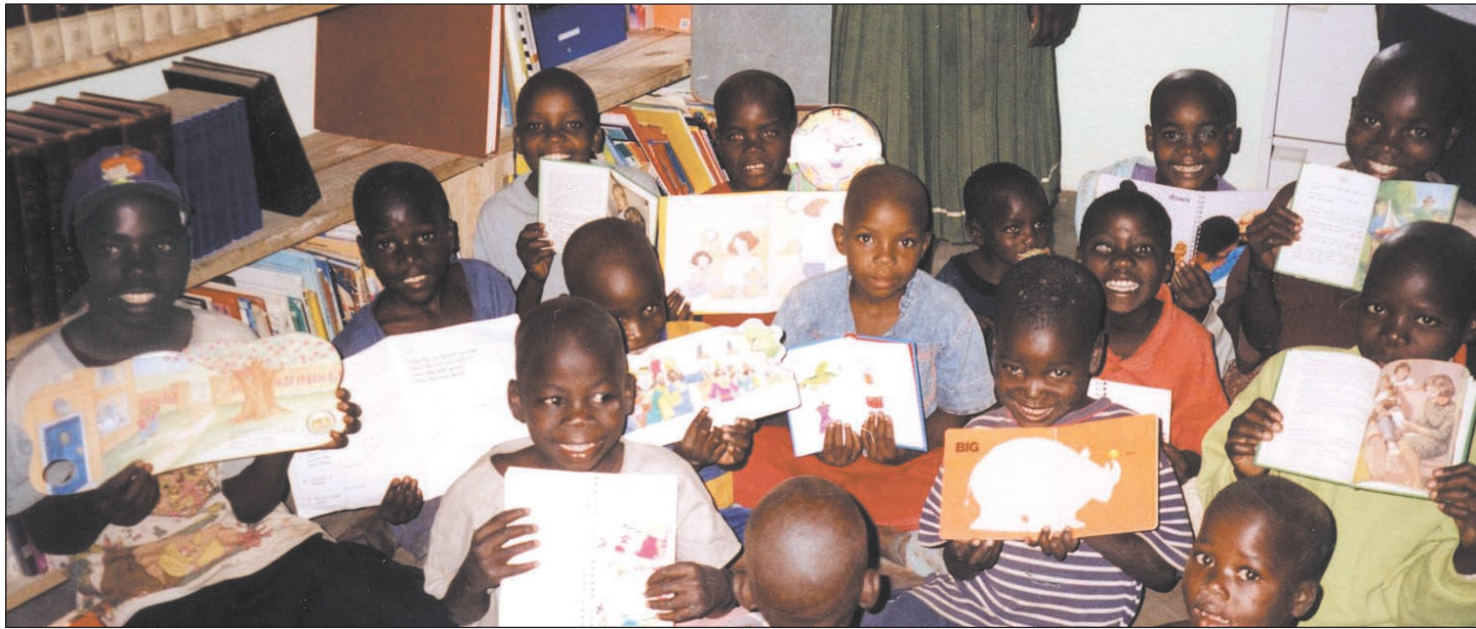


Out & About

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BRAVO FOR BOOKS: Some children enjoy the wares from the last container delivered to their village in February 2005.

Dollars sought to get third aid box to kids



WHAT'S IN THE BOX? Chris and Margaret inspect a delivery.

THE AID For Africa Down Under charity run by the family of GE SeaCo Asia Pacific vice president, Ian Routledge, is looking for funding to send a third container of aid supplies to an orphanage in Zimbabwe.

The charity wants to get a container out to the Lihranzo childrens' village by the end of June, but needs \$5,000 to buy medicines to ship in the container, and \$5,000 to cover the cost of trucking from Durban to Zimbabwe.

Participate this year

Under a 2003 agreement, AFADU can buy \$50,000 worth of medicines for \$5,000 from the Overseas Pharmaceuticals Aid for Life group.

A second container was sent last year with \$5,000 donated by Middletons lawyers and engineering company John Young and Kelvinhaugh. Beds and medical supplies came from Sydney Adventist Hospital, canned food from Heinz, and batteries and razors from Energizer. Boxes of clothes, school books, and shoes were also donated together with materials to allow the village to become more self-sufficient.

This year, the group has started the *Love in a Box* program where children can send a shoebox of gifts to

a child of similar age, and several schools have adopted the project.

The container was provided by GE SeaCo Transport in Australia by Patrick, and shipping to Durban by PIL. These companies have all agreed to participate again this year.

AFADU is particularly interested in anyone with contacts in Africa who can help with the cost of trucking on the African leg of the operation.

If you can help with any of these things, please call Ian Routledge on 0412 245 838.

If you would like to donate, please make out cheques to Overseas Pharmaceuticals Aid for Life, and post to AFADU, PO Box 3023, Redfern, NSW 2016.

Please provide address, telephone, and contact details so that a receipt can be provided for this tax-deductable donation.



TWO FOR ME? Sorting out books.

Shipping Australia, P&O Nedlloyd join for charity ball

SHIPPING Australia and P&O Nedlloyd are to hold a joint charity ball at Sydney's Overseas Passenger Terminal at Circular Quay on August 17.

SAL chairman Michael Phillips said the party on the wharf would raise funds for the Nepean Cancer Care Hospital at Nepean Hospital, which had a particular meaning for the family of one of P&O Nedlloyd's long-serving employees.

"It promises to be a very exciting event with an internationally acclaimed band, recitals from Opera Australia, as well as raffles, auctions, and lucky door prizes," Mr Phillips said.

The cost is \$125 per individual ticket and \$1,500 for a corporate table of 10, plus signage.

Ticket sales and inquiries should be directed to Jessica Simpson on 02 9364 8710, fax 02 9364 8485, or email j.simpson@ponl.com

Mr Phillips said that SAL would look for another partner in 2006 to make the event an annual fixture.

Star clerk of shipping

SIR John Mills, who died on April 23, aged 97, began his working life as a shipping clerk with grain merchants R&W Paul at Ipswich Dock.

He worked there for four years until 1929, when he moved to London to start his career as a professional actor.

He commuted daily to Ipswich from Felixstowe, where he performed as an amateur with St John's church dramatic society.

The town's then principal group, the Felixstowe Players, had turned him down.

"I don't suppose I gave a very good audition," he joked about that rejection.

Sir John was so hard up at the time that he used to get off the train at the Ipswich suburban station of Derby Road and walk more than a mile to the port in order to save sixpence in old money.

He did well financially in due course but played so many wartime naval parts he complained of having submarines as leading ladies.

Had Sir John revisited his old shipping haunt, he would hardly have recognised it now that freight trade has switched to new Ipswich and Felixstowe facilities downriver.

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