

Dear Friends,

This week a 40 foot container was packed and shipped to Zambia where we are supporting children in 22 rural schools – over half are orphans. This container has been organised through the Rotary Club of Keilor and supported by Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Hawthorn and many other Clubs throughout District 9800.

Special thanks go the St Catherine's Girls School for their help with the 'Schools in a Bag' project and library books from the Junior School library, St Michaels Grammar School for a supply of school uniforms and books and MLC for a large number of school uniforms and art supplies and books from the Junior School.

Our aim was to give each child their own exercise books and pencils, a rule, eraser etc in a bag plus some library books and toys and educational material for the teachers. Our thanks go to the many ladies involved in Guides Victoria and their friends who made over 900 cloth book bags.

Over all there are about 3000 children being educated through The Peoples Action Forum (PAF), the non-government organisation we have worked with over the last 5 years. We have however this time concentrated on the new schools formed since 2002 that involved 1350 children .

The Rotary Club of Kusinta Lusaka also has a school and clinic it supports and we were able to send 4 car engines and wood working tools for their workshop trainings. Household goods were also received from many sources including Cameron Close retirement village in Burwood.

Once again thank you all for your support for the children in need.

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