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Community Book Drive to Help Ethiopian Children Begins Today

Local Project Will Collect and Deliver Books to Africa

Austin, TX - The Davis Moon Project, a local non-profit group that serves as a resource for children's libraries in Ethiopia, today announced they will begin collecting books for their next mission. The Project organizes literacy missions to deliver books to Ethiopia every 24 months. Each mission includes 10 volunteers on partial scholarships carrying approximately 4000 books to deserving children's libraries in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

"Few people in rural Ethiopia have access to books and almost 72% of Ethiopians are illiterate," said Haleigh Haggerton, Executive Director of the Davis Moon Project. "Our goal is to get as many books into the hands of Ethiopian children as possible, so every child has a chance at literacy and a brighter future."

Haggerton also noted that:

- 81% of Ethiopians live on less than \$2 a day
- Only 1 in 10 people in rural Ethiopia have access to books
- Approximately 72% of Ethiopians are cannot read or write
- 42% of all Ethiopians live below the country's poverty rate

Books will be collected in our community at the following collection points:

Name

Address

Contact Name (your name here)

Contact Phone (your phone here)

The Project's third literacy mission is scheduled for Summer of 2012. Those interested in being a part of the mission should contact Haleigh Haggerton at 512.415.5145 or hhaggerton@davismoonproject.com. Website: www.davismoonproject.org.