



ROOM TO READ MARKS ITS 10 MILLIONTH BOOK DELIVERY

Room to Read, a global nonprofit leader helping to improve literacy and gender equality in education, recently celebrated a major milestone: distribution of the 10 millionth children's book to its global library network. Over five million of those books come from Room to Read's award-winning Local Language Publishing program—recently honored with UNESCO's 2011 Confucius Prize for Literacy for its efforts to improve children's literacy utilizing the talents of local writers and illustrators to create culturally-relevant reading materials. To date, Room to Read has published 591 original children's book titles and distributed them to its 12,000 libraries in Asia and Africa.

Millions of children in Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Laos, Nepal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Zambia have benefited from resources provided by Room to Read to develop their literacy skills and a habit of reading. In addition, the organization supports girls who are at risk of dropping out to complete their secondary schooling with relevant life skills.

Watch: A Very Special Book Delivery



On October 28, 2011 in the Tien Giang Province of Vietnam, Room to Read Founder John Wood joined hundreds of children and their teachers in a symbolic ceremony to commemorate the distribution of Room to Read's 10 millionth children's book.

A Closer Look



Room to Read has inspired countless hours of story time with colorful and creative children's books through its Local Language Publishing program. Meet some of the talented authors and illustrators responsible for creating a legacy of children's literature in developing countries.

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Did you Know?

- 793 million adults – two-thirds of whom are women – are illiterate
- Room to Read has published 591 original children's books in 25 languages.
- Of its 10 million books distributed, 5.6 million were self-published and locally printed.
- Room to Read establishes a library every 4 hours

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