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The CILA team has been busy, and has lots of news to share! We'll give you some brief updates here, and invite everyone attending this year's ACL conference to attend our presentation on Wednesday afternoon for more information.

Haiti Book Project

Have you made your donation to the Haiti Book Project? If not, it's not too late! Project coordinator Cheri Du Mee introduced the joint project of CILA and conference hosts Palm Beach Atlantic University in the last issue of *The Christian Librarian*, and complete details are now available in the Haiti Project tab of the conference LibGuide: <http://libraryguides.pba.edu/content.php?pid=194291&sid=2161347>. Even if you will not be able to attend the conference, you can still donate to the project through the ACL website: <https://www.acl.org/form/donation/donationform.cfm>. Our goal is to help provide library books for as many Haitian Christian elementary schools as possible. Don't miss your chance to help bless Haitian children with the gift of reading!

Librarian Training in India

In November 2011, we informed ACL members of the need for used copies of the Dewey Decimal Classification schedules to be used in a Theological Librarianship course to be held at South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies (SAIACS) in Bangalore, India, in January to March, 2012. Linda Divan of Cedarville University responded with an offer of 8 copies that she had been collecting in order to have them available when needed for overseas library work. Shipment to India was facilitated by the ACL home office and paid for by CILA using funds from the Vihari Hivale Memorial Fund. It is fitting that we were able to support the project in this way, since Hivale was an early CILA member especially interested in library training in India.

CILA was also able to support the training program through the provision of *The Librarian's Manual* for each participant. SAIACS Chief Librarian Yesan Sellan reported that six participants registered for the certificate program that began on January 9, 2012. We look forward to receiving news of their successful completion of the course.

Need Help? Ask CILA!

Many ACL members are involved in helping overseas libraries, either by going overseas themselves or by providing help from a distance. CILA is always happy to support your efforts in any way we can. In the past year, we have given advice on topics such as which classification system to use in a seminary library in Liberia, how to ship books to India, how to start a new library in Malawi, how to select a library system for a small library in Turkey, and where to find a core list of books for a Hispanic Bible institute. If you have a question related to international library work (or even small libraries in North America!), ask us – If we don't know the answer, we'll try to refer you to someone who does.

CILA Needs YOU!

Are you looking for a way to get more involved as an ACL volunteer? Do you have an interest in helping libraries in need, both overseas and in North America? If so, consider joining the CILA team! We will have several positions open when current members complete their terms in June, and you might be just the person we need to complete our team. At the time of this writing we are in the process of redefining responsibilities and writing job descriptions for team members, so I can not yet give you any details on the open positions. If you think you might be interested, be sure to attend the CILA conference presentation for more information, or contact me at georbor@regent.edu.