

ROLE AND MINISTRY OF A COLLECTOR

BOOK AID is sending at least ONE MILLION Christian books and Bibles annually to book famine areas throughout English speaking Africa and Asia. These books go to existing Christian bookshops which have found it virtually impossible to get good books at a price the local Christians can afford.

BOOK AID is able to fulfil this ministry because of the generosity of Christians, Churches and Publishers in the U.K. who kindly donate approximately ten tons every week.

In order to facilitate the collecting and flow of these donated books a nation-wide network of some 200 Collectors have volunteered to act as channels so that these books can reach BOOK AID. Many more Collectors are needed.

There are two types of Collectors:

1. Passive Collectors. These kindly make themselves available and wait for possible donors in their area contacting them to offer some of their Christian books & Bibles. Usually the would be donor has been in touch with BOOK AID who has given the donor the name and telephone number of the Collector for them to contact and arrange a suitable time for the books to be delivered to the Collector. BOOK AID does not give Collector's addresses to would be donors. A donor first has to contact the Collector by telephone.
2. Active Collectors. Those who are able to stimulate Churches in their area to take up collections of books from their Church membership from time to time. Such events as Harvest Festival services are ideal opportunities for Church members and friends to bring their surplus Christian books and Bibles and have physical and spiritual food for the hungry. BOOK AID makes available various publicity items for these Active Collectors to use in order to encourage folk to donate their surplus books.

Collectors need a small area, ideally on the ground level, where the books can be put into handy sized cartons and stored until they are moved into BOOK AID's network. BOOK AID vans are covering the country and can usually pick up from Collectors from time to time, if necessary.

One vital aspect of a Collectors ministry is that they are able to hold back the flow of incoming books so that BOOK AID can handle them without being completely swamped with the avalanche! If you would like to try out this ministry of a BOOK AID Collector then please complete the rest of this form. Maybe you could give it a try for a few months to see how it works out, then we can finalise it and you become an established Collector. We hope that you will be able to do this vital ministry for God and His people in Africa and Asia. Thank you.

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(please tick appropriate box)

I would like to become a Collector in my area if one is still needed: Passive Collector Active Collector

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Telephone: _____

Church/Denomination: _____ Date: _____

E-mail: _____

Please return to **BOOK AID, Bromley House, Kangley Bridge Road, Lower Sydenham, LONDON, SE26 5AQ**