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the orphanage had a library but no books.”

Morgan shared her trip, photos and idea with her students.

“I just put it out there and asked how many of them had an extra book,” Morgan said. “My students were jazzed, and in one week I collected 600 books from both schools.”

Second-grader Natalie Gutierrez, who brought in “The Magic Treehouse,” said, “I love the book drive because the kids in Kenya don’t have a lot of books. So I think they deserve to have more books.”

Fifth-grader Gabriel Embry-Louden, who donated “What Did Black Bear See,” said, “I really like the book

drive because we’re helping people who don’t have as much as we do, and I like helping people.”

Morgan was thrilled with the results but saw a hurdle when she realized how much it would cost to ship the books. To solve this problem, she turned to Jeff Funk, Oakland operations manager for DHL, a company with a commitment to charitable contributions.

DHL liked the idea and agreed to cover the \$1,500 in shipping costs.

“It helped the morale of our people because it came out of Oakland and it fit our global initiative which is to Go Teach,” Funk said. “It was an opportunity to help spread some knowledge with a book drive and we felt we’d like to be a part of that.”

After the boxes were loaded on the truck, the children at Glenview were told that the books would arrive in Kenya in just two or three days.

Second-grader Meron Gebre was happy with her efforts. “These kids are orphans and have no parents,” she said. “We collected the books so they can read.”

Second grader Tiffany Le worried that the children didn’t have books. “I love reading,” she said. “If I didn’t have any books I would be sad because reading is very important to me.”

Thanks to the efforts of Morgan and her students and the generosity of DHL the children at the AIDS orphanage will soon have their noses buried in good books.