



## Join the 4-H/Aussie Fire Brigade!

You've heard about the horrific bushfires near Melbourne in Victoria, Australia in February 2009 which leveled thousands of acres while racing across the land relentlessly consuming towns, farms, homes, cars, wildlife, and people alike. More than 200 people were killed in the worst fires in 110 years! Over 40 schools were closed temporarily but some were destroyed completely.

In an effort to reach out to our friends Down Under, we sought a way to offer help. The 2009 4-H Australia Outbound delegation, States' 4-H International Exchange Programs, IFYE Association of the USA members, and others can contribute to the rebuilding of school libraries. Julie Drechsler, the coordinator of The Exchange Network, has volunteered to work with us toward that effort. While in Melbourne in June, this year's delegates will purchase and contribute books for schools that are being rebuilt.

If you would like to help by donating funds, Lillian Larwood of Oregon State University will gather funds on behalf of the IFYE Foundation and assist in transferring them to Australia for the 4-H youth to use in purchasing the books.

**Make checks payable to:** IFYE Foundation and note on the memo line of your check that the money is for the "Australia Book Project/Fund".

**Send checks to:** Lillian Larwood, 105 Ballard Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331-3608

**Donations need to reach Lillian by May 28, 2009.** All donations will be acknowledged for tax purposes.

