

"Everyone on this planet has a right to a roof over their head, food in their stomach, an education, and basic healthcare"

Delivering Better Lives

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Delivering Better Lives to Two Million People and Counting

For the past seven years, **DBL** has worked tirelessly in partnership with the people of UTi, **Delivering Better Lives** to those in need in countries where UTi does business. This work is not always easy and often is fraught with problems. These problems are made worse as we work in the rural regions of countries where materials and skilled labor are not readily available, and where distance together with poorly developed transportation infrastructure creates challenges often not seen in most of our daily lives.

With the support of the UTi team, we work through these challenges and are thrilled to share that in 2014, we passed a major threshold. Since the establishment of **DBL**, we have undertaken projects that collectively have delivered better lives to over 2 MILLION people, let me repeat that - over 2 MILLION people. This is an extraordinary outcome when you consider the resources we work with and the funds available. It is an outcome that could not be achieved without the unwavering support of UTi and UTi team members, supporting our work as needed. We thank you.

This is only the start on which we must build. We know that all of our supporters want us to continue **Delivering Better Lives** to as many people as is possible, and give you all our assurance that we will work tirelessly to achieve this over 2015 and the years to come.

2014 has been an exciting year that has seen the completion of the following projects:

- Zimbabwe Book Distribution - Nyaure, Zimbabwe
- Botswana Library Program - Manyama, Botswana
- Campinas Childrens' Centre - Campinas, Brazil
- San Jorge Childrens' Centre - Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Boonchu School Fence - Bangkok, Thailand
- Beralihela School - Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka
- Malaysia Book Distribution 2 - Kulala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Tissamaharama Vocational Training Centre - Hambantota, Sri Lanka
- Gnar Agna School Annual Support - New Delhi, India
- SDN Sunter Jaya 7/8 School Library - Jakarta, Indonesia
- Dong Nai Kindergarten - Tra Vinh Province, Vietnam
- Shadupar Primary School - Shadupar, Bangladesh
- Al Zubbaidyah Girls School - Amman, Jordan
- Amis Youth Center - Madrid, Spain
- Mangahhan Village - Mangahhan Villang- Philippines
- New Zealand/ Malaysia Books Project - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Singdair High School - Tangail, Bangladesh
- Neve Galim - Ashdod, Israel

2014 also saw us commence many new projects including some in countries where we had not been active before. Thank you to all at UTi for helping achieve this incredible milestone and for your support and commitment to **Delivering Better Lives**! May good health and happiness bless you all over the coming holiday and in 2015.

Glenn Mills

New Year, New *DBL* Projects, New Logo

The New Year is looking busy for ***Delivering Better Lives***, with many projects underway, approved for commencement or undergoing the approval process.

New projects just approved include:

- **Malaysia Refugee Program**– Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **Bright Stars School**– Dhaka, Bangladesh
- **Lampa Agricultural Program**– Lampa, Peru
- **Beudene Autism Centre**– Bloemfontein, South Africa

Projects currently underway:

- **Helenvale Primary School**– Port Elizabeth, South Africa
- **Escola Primaria Amilcar Cabral**– Beira, Mozambique
- **Linda Clinic Project**– Munkolo Ward 12, Zambia
- **Mutanhaurwa Secondary School**– Mashonaland, Zimbabwe
- **Place of Hope**– Cape Town, South Africa
- **Iphamiseng Children's' Centre**– Bloemfontein, South Africa
- **Querubines Home for Children**– Buenos Aires, Argentina
- **Maria Immaculata School & Shelter**– Anapoima, Colombia
- **Gnar Agna School 2014-2015**– New Delhi, India
- **Radalia Tea Estate Children's' Centre**– Radalia Estate, Sri Lanka
- **Cholmondeley House**– Christchurch, New Zealand
- **Education & Literacy Program**– Manila, Philippines
- **Sipol School Program**– Manila, Philippines
- **Lorenzo's Home**– Bangkok, Thailand
- **Boonchu School Dormitory**– Bangkok, Thailand
- **Prek Ta Nong Primary School**– Prek Ta Nong, Cambodia
- **IICP Computer Facility**– Calcutta, India
- **Cebu School Program**– Cebu, Philippines
- **An Hoa School**– An Hoa, Vietnam
- **Guide Dogs for the Blind**– Budapest, Hungary
- **Cairo Orphanage Project**– Cairo, Egypt
- **Ofer School Transition Program**– Haifa, Israel
- **Branco Weiss High School**– Ashdod, Israel

We look forward to providing updates as these projects progress and are completed.

Our new ***Delivering Better Lives*** logo is now featured on the ***DBL*** website, newsletter, and myUTi page.

Thank you to Reynolds and Associates for their donated time and efforts in developing our new logo. Reynolds has also created our ***Delivering Better Lives*** poster that we will distribute in 2015.

We will be updating all ***DBL*** materials with the new logo and look forward to ringing in the new year with a fresh and colorful outlook.



A Better Life for Children at Risk in Israel

Some months ago, **DBL** was requested by the **UTi** team in Israel to consider the funding of a project in Ashdod for an organization named Neve Galim. Neve Galim was established in 1977 to provide housing and support to children at risk in the community. Since its inception, the facility has delivered life changing support and opportunity to thousands of children, with educational and emotional needs a key focus. The children live in houses



operated by Neve Galim that provides as close to a normal "family model" as is possible.

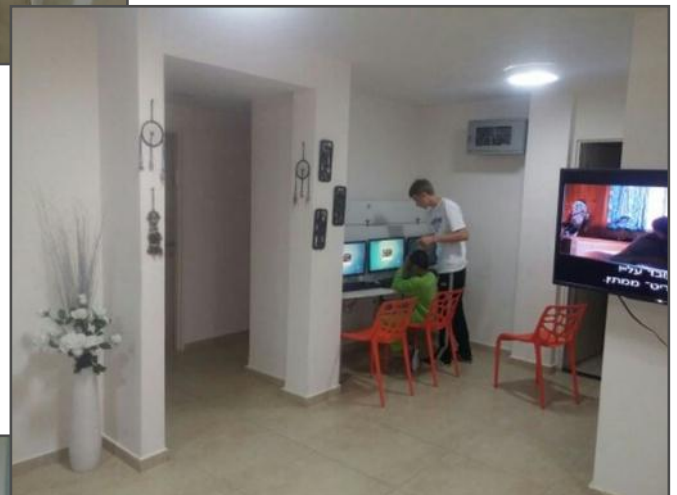
DBL, with the strong support of the UTi Israel team, undertook a project to upgrade the living quarters significantly in three of the Neve Galim houses. DBL

"I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains."

Anne Frank



assisted with the funding and management to renovate and retrofit new living rooms and bedrooms, creating a pleasant life environment where the children could readily embrace the family model. The results of our efforts can be seen in the photographs provided as well as a glimpse at the impact the upgraded facilities and new furniture has on the children's lives.



Thank you to the team in Israel for bringing this project to **DBL** and for the opportunity to work with them, **Delivering Better Lives** to these deserving young people.

Life Opportunities Delivered in Bangladesh

DBL was recently introduced to an opportunity to deliver better lives to a minority community in Bangladesh. This community migrated from Mongolia over 200 years ago but has never been accepted as a part of Bangladesh society, receiving little or no government support. The community resides in the countryside, isolated from all other towns and villages, and survives on subsistence farming.

Children in the community receive their education from volunteers assisted by the church. When we visited the community, we were overcome by their humble approach to life and their absolute commitment to one another in the face of extraordinary challenges. Classes were held in rundown old buildings where it is absolutely impossible to provide an adequate, let alone a good education.

"Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves."

Horace Mann



DBL decided to build a new school for the community's children. Shadupara School is now complete and will be in use for new classes beginning December 2014. It is such a wonderful feeling to be able to give these friendly, humble people a chance to improve themselves and their communities. The smiles on their faces when they see the new school and what it gives to them are very rewarding. On the following page, UTi Sales Manager in Bangladesh, **Sakhawat Hossain**, reflects on the experience, sharing what it means to him and the community.



The *DBL* Project Experience

The handover of Shadupar School to the community was a major occasion for the UTi team, many of whom visited the site to meet with the local people at the handover ceremony. After the ceremony, a number of members of the UTi team in Bangladesh shared their thoughts on the wonderful ***Delivering Better Lives*** experience. **Sakhawat Hossain**, Sales Manager in Bangladesh, wrote down his thoughts that we felt was important to share.

"For it is in giving that we receive."

Francis of Assisi

In my childhood, I had some social work experience working as a volunteer on free Friday medical clinic as well as also working in flood affected areas to help the needy and helpless people by providing food/clothes/medicine. But this is really a new experience for me as this kind of nice experiences I never had before in my life. I feel proud to be a part of this wonderful social work initiated by **DBL** (UTi charitable foundation).

We started very early morning from the Dhaka city and reached the Shadupur-School on time after four hours nice journey as weather was very nice. On the way, we spent nice time with our team members. This is my second visit on Shadupur - School, first when we started their foundation work and this time after completing the final school building work. I have found much difference the second time when I saw the nice, new building in the middle of the big forest area. I also feel very happy to know that this is their first school building made of concrete and supported by the UTi family.

The local people are very gentle and soft minded. They were very emotional after having this new school building and declared UTi from now onwards as their family members and that any time any person from UTi visits they will be treated as their most honorable person at Shadupur Village. We are very much impressed to see their hospitality and behavior which touched my/our hearts.

I feel proud to be a part of the UTi family. Today we did something for the helpless, needy boys and girls who can now learn in a nice environment and build a successful future life.

Lastly, I share my special thanks to Mr. Glenn for building the **DBL** charitable foundation which inspires me to continue my participation for any new/existing **DBL** projects to make others smile.

Thanks and regards
Sakhawat

Enhancing Education in Bangladesh

Recently **DBL** completed a small project to upgrade equipment and facilities at the Singdair High School in Bangladesh. This work provided the school with a wide range of new equipment including computers and furniture in an effort to enhance their educational experience. What we could not do, however, is change the conditions under which the children go to school. The photographs shown on this page display the challenges the students face to get to school and difficult conditions they function under during the school day.



Boonchu Dormitory Rises From the Ground



In the November edition of our newsletter, we reported on the construction of a new dormitory at the Boonchu Home for Children with Disabilities in Thailand. At that time, work had just commenced, and there was not much to see. We have now ended the structural construction phase and wanted to show you how this work has progressed in such a short period of time – these photographs show a wonderful, practical building in the making.

I was lucky enough to visit Boonchu in November. The children who live there were so unbelievably excited about the new building and the fact they will have a new bedroom that they could not believe how lucky they were.

An unexpected but wonderful outcome has now arisen from our work at Boonchu. Three major companies, who have seen the work of **DBL** and the support provided to Boonchu, have themselves become engaged with Boonchu Home. This is an incredible development that will result in even more improvements at Boonchu that will enhance the lives of these wonderful children. We never planned this development nor did we expect it but it proves that the impact of the work of **DBL** (and the people of UTi) can be more far reaching than we could ever have expected. It is a wonderful outcome that will see children with challenges lead better lives.

This reminds us all that when working to help others, the impact can be significantly more far-reaching than the actual work undertaken or care given.

“Nothing is predestined. The obstacles of your past can become the gateways that lead to new beginnings.”

Ralph H. Blum

A Royal Visit and Recognition

Recently an opening ceremony was celebrated at Al Zubaydiyyah Secondary School in Jordan to recognize the work of **DBL** and The Promise Welfare Society in improving the facilities and education for girls at the school.

This was an especially significant event as it was attended by her Highness Princess Alia Al Tabba of Jordan, the President of Promise Welfare Society, as well as the Minister for Education, Members of Parliament and many community service organizations.



The event gained media mention in varied formats including television, web news, social media, and print. This level of exposure is invaluable to organizations like **DBL**, ensuring our continued ability to undertake work through the recruitment of increased financial support and project volunteers.

We are honored by Her Highness Princess Alia attendance at this event and her recognition of the work of **DBL**. The work achieved through the Al Zubaydiyyah School project is something we all can be proud of.

UTi Fontana Contract Logistics, Working to Give Kids a Better Life

It is always wonderful to see the UTi teams around the globe committing their own time and passion for giving people a better life. The UTi team in Fontana, California USA have been working with A Foundation for Kids, an organization that raises funds and in-kind support for children's agencies and youth organizations that serve abused and at-risk children in Southern California. Their efforts, in partnership with other likeminded companies and individuals, drives funding that creates change.

These notices give you a real flavor of the activities the team participates in to make a real difference to the lives of children.

*"What we
have done
for
ourselves
alone dies
with us;
what we
have done
for others
and the
world
remains
immortal."*

Albert Pike



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Teaching Nutrition in Manila

For nearly five years, **DBL** has participated in various projects in the Mangahhan Village in Manila. Our involvement is a key part of the complete redevelopment of a large slum complex. To date, we have built a community activity center, funded the reconstruction of houses, established a library and computer center, set-up a kindergarten, and offered scholarships to teenagers to continue their education.

It has been wonderful to see the developments in this community as all who live there have benefited from better facilities, the knowledge that someone cares, and the ongoing engagement of the **UTi** team, who give of their time unquestioningly to help improve lives.

Recently the Sipol School facility ran a "Nutrition Week" awareness program on the importance of eating well, and how eating the correct foods can lead towards a better life.

These photos display how successful the day was – another great step forward.



"The food you eat can be either the safest and most powerful form of medicine or the slowest form of poison."

Ann Wigmore



DBL is on Facebook providing a new opportunity to track the people and organizations we support across the globe. Join our following by typing **Delivering Better Lives Foundation** within the Facebook search function and selecting "Like." option.



UTi Charitable Foundation

"Delivering Better Lives"

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Help to make the world a better place

**"Thank you to everyone who
contributed to this edition of the
Delivering Better Lives newsletter"**

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