

### UTi Community Champions

*"Love that is hoarded molds at last, until we know some day, the only love we ever have, is that we give away."*

**Louis Ginsberg**

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As the **DBL** world has developed, and more people have been delivered better lives, the support of **UTi** offices around the world has been critical. Without **UTi** team member's ongoing and unquestioning support, it would be impossible to deliver the outcomes to so many needy people.

We wanted to take a moment to recognize some of the caring, committed individuals who often put the needs of others in front of their own.

**Thao Huynh – Airfreight Manager, Vietnam.** For over five years, Thao has spent her weekends visiting potential projects for **DBL**, inspecting projects underway, and assisting with the hand over of completed projects to the local communities. She never complains or hesitates to volunteer her time, and her work has resulted in **Delivering Better Lives** to many tens of thousands. Thao's efforts represent a community leader of real excellence.



**Thao Huynh (left)**



**Iman Hashem (far right)**

**Iman Hashem- Country Manager, Jordan** consistently recommends projects in Jordan that will improve the lives of thousands of young people who have, prior to her engagement, had no option but to attend poor quality schools. Her passionate efforts have led to better schools, better education, and better quality of life for many. Iman truly knows the meaning of **Delivering Better Lives.**

**Danusha Gunawardena- Country Manager, Bangladesh.** **DBL** had not been able to develop any real projects in Bangladesh until Danusha moved into the area and began to work for **UTi**. Danusha has very successfully engaged the entire **UTi** Bangladesh team, a process that has led to many team members suggesting projects that will help their old schools or villages. Danusha has proven to be a community leader and inspires others to become involved.



**Danusha Gunawardena (center, holding ribbon)**

Thanks you to **Thao, Iman, and Danusha** and to all who dedicate themselves to **Delivering Better Lives.** We look forward to highlighting others who display their commitment to **DBL** and give of their selves to improve the lives of others in future newsletters.

## 2015 - A Year for *Delivering Better Lives*

**Delivering Better Lives** is excited to start 2015 with many new projects that have been approved to commence shortly with many more underway. The list of new projects sees **DBL** returning to some areas that we achieved incredible outcomes from previously, and we can't wait to work with the local teams to begin changing the lives of the residents of these communities.

In 2015 the following **DBL** projects will commence:

**Ho Chi Minh Free Clinic** - *Ho Chi Minh & Rural areas of Vietnam* - Ho Chi Minh Free Clinic provides free medical services at a local clinic and travels to country regions throughout Vietnam. Volunteer doctors and nurses staff the Clinic. **DBL** will provide much needed portable medical equipment.



**Doriamidpur School** - *Jamalpur Sadar, Bangladesh*— Doriamidpur currently educates from tin sheds that are unsuitable for classes and are forced to close in the wet season. **DBL** will construct new classrooms and toilets, install a water supply, and provide classroom furniture.

**Shah Bokhumi High School** - *Rangamati Hill Tracts, Bangladesh* – Shah Bokhumi is a high school that in spite of its very poor condition manages to produce exceptional pass rates from its students. **DBL** will undertake some building renovations with a main focus on the provision of classroom equipment, teaching aides, and a library.

**Shimisani Cerebral Palsy School** - *Shimisani, Jordan* – This school specializing in the education of children with Cerebral Palsy has a dedicated team of teachers and reasonable facilities. **DBL** will supply the school with desperately needed specialized equipment to provide these children with the education they deserve.

**Arwa Girls Secondary School** -*Amman, Jordan* – This severely underfunded girls only school current building is in a poor state. **DBL** will undertake major renovation work as well as provide new furniture and classroom equipment.



**Ofer School Transition Program** - *Haifa, Israel* – This program provides education and life skills to young adults with special needs, helping with the transition from school to life in the community. **DBL** will support this program for a second year.

**Al Fayoum Village Renewal** -*Al Fayoum, Egypt* – This squatter community consists of mostly unemployed, uneducated individuals with poor physical or mental health. The living conditions are appalling. **DBL** will work to provide safe water and sanitation, electricity and undertake general building renovations.



**Cervical Cancer Program**– *Harare, Zimbabwe* – Cervical Cancer is the most common form of cancer in Zimbabwe, resulting in the most deaths from cancer. The Cancer Society of Zimbabwe aims to test 10 women per day at the center. **DBL** will fund two nurses for a year and purchase a vehicle to increase the scope of care they can provide.



**Lampa Agricultural Project** -*Lampa, Peru* – Lampa is located in an extremely poor area of Peru that is impacted by harsh environmental conditions. **DBL** will fund the implementation of a program to provide water storage and irrigation, construct greenhouses, improve animal husbandry, and ground development.

**Lampa Housing Project**– *Lampa, Peru* – Housing conditions in Lampa are extremely poor, and the residents use dry manure to cook and heat their homes, resulting in many fires and deaths due to contamination. **DBL** will work to upgrade 25 houses using a method developed by the University of Peru.

## Advancing Education in Asia



“Failure is only the opportunity to begin again “

Henry Ford

### An Hoa School Now Complete

**Delivering Better Lives** has been very active in Vietnam for some time now. We have completed many DBL projects that provide a safe school environment, consisting mainly of school construction as well as the bridges that allow the children a safe transit to education. The latest project in this journey in Vietnam is the completion of An Hoa School.

The photographs on this page show the buildings, the opening ceremony, and most importantly the children in their new classrooms and at their new desks.

The difference this project has made in the lives of the students and community is extraordinary. Amazingly, all it took was some funding and passion for making a difference. If you have the chance to visit any of these schools, please make sure you do, the people and children are a joy and their gratitude for the work completed to help them, is quite beyond belief.

### Prek Ta Nong Village



**DBL** has been actively involved at the Prek Ta Nong Village in North-Eastern Cambodia for some years now. The project site is also the home village of a number of **UTi** family members. Our work commenced there with a major upgrade to the Pre Secondary School that included a new block of classrooms and an upgrade of existing rooms. We also completed a major project to lift the level of the school ground to reduce flooding during the wet season. As a

result of our work, we also became involved with a local Clinic where we have provided a patient transfer vehicle and significant extensions and upgrades, including the building of a new maternity facility. Our latest project has seen us build new classrooms for the Primary School, a project that led to many hundreds of smiling faces not only amongst the children but the teachers and parents.

Our work at the Prek Ta Nong Village has been a journey of partnership, discovery, and joy! **DBL** and **UTi** are an integral part of the Prek Ta Nong community and are always welcome there.....although I must warn you it is not an easy or short journey.

## Sharing the Holiday Spirit

### San Jorge Children's Center

*"Never before have we had so little time to do so much."*

**Franklin D. Roosevelt**



The incredible staff of **UTi** Buenos Aires joined together to spread a little Christmas cheer to the San Jorge Children's Center. Through the collection of numerous donations, team members were able to provide each child who attends the center with a new pair of shoes, a special gift, and a celebration feast that included ice-cream and hamburgers.



## Africa

In an effort to share the warmth and giving spirit of the holidays, the UTi team in Atlanta, Georgia USA created an opportunity to bring a little cheer to those less fortunate than themselves. The branch collected and then packed 26 boxes of toys and other supplies that were then shipped to a number of locations in Africa. The children who received these generous donations were from the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Mali, Burundi and Burkina Faso.

## Portland, Oregon USA



Adopt-a-family provides support to families over the festive season by collecting and distributing donations. This year the **UTi** team in Portland, Oregon, USA collected donations of over 112 gifts and a total of USD 823.00 for families in need. Their efforts provided families in need with a gift pack and gift card each, and ensured that the most special time of year was a little brighter.

## Continued Community Focus in Israel

The **UTi team** in Israel continue their engagement with many of the local **DBL** projects. This year saw them undertake Hanukkah activities at Dekel School, Ofer School and Neve Galim Boarding School.

Dekel School enjoyed a Hanukkah celebration attended by seven UTi team members who sang and danced the day away to the pleasure of the children.

Ofer School's celebrations occurred this year at the training apartment used for transitioning students into community life. Six **UTi** volunteers assisted the kids in the preparation of latkes and a festive breakfast for Hanukkah.

Neve Galim Boarding School had a fun filled day of karaoke, arts and crafts, and numerous other activities that were enjoyed by all, including the 10 **UTi** team members in attendance.

We are incredibly proud of the continued support of **UTi** team members with completed **DBL** projects. Their efforts exemplify how a little effort can result in amazing engagement opportunities that benefit immeasurable both themselves and the recipients of their time.



*“No matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.”*

**Maya Angelou**

## A Chance to Make Your “Mark”

**Delivering Better Lives** is seeking creative support for the development of a series of **DBL** T-shirt design and messaging that will help:

- Convey the **DBL** story
- Share the message of our work
- Encourage others to support the work of **DBL**



The T-shirt designs should combine the message about the work of **DBL** while highlighting the plight of those in desperate need across the globe.

Suggestions of designs and messages to be placed on T-shirts should be forwarded to Glenn Mills at [gmills@go2uti.com](mailto:gmills@go2uti.com) prior to the end of March 2015.

One or more designs will be selected for printing, and the shirts will then be available for sale as a fundraising opportunity for **DBL**. **DBL** will showcase the selected designs, and the designers will have the personal pride of knowing that they have made a real difference.



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# 2015 DBL Walkathon & Community Week

A year has passed since the last Walkathon and Community Week, and it is time to save the dates for this year's event. We know that everyone is busy and that there are pressures on all of our lives, so we greatly appreciate the effort and commitment to **Delivering Better Lives** together.

Event dates for 2015 are **May 17 to May 31**. Please lock these dates into your calendar and begin thinking about local events or activities that bring the UTi team together and result in wonderful outcomes for people in need.

“Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.”

Helen Keller



SAVE THE DATE RUN WALK GATHER SUPPORT



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”

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

**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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