

# DBL newsletter

UTi's Charitable Foundation— "Delivering Better Lives"

*"The proper aim of giving is to put the recipients in a state where they no longer need our gifts."*

C.S. Lewis

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## Better Lives Delivered

Each year, DBL delivers better lives to many thousands of people.

One important aspect of the work we do through **Delivering Better Lives** is to ensure that we review completed projects and confirm we are delivering the better lives we have committed to, cost effectively.



Through the wonderful support of UTi Americas team members **Richard Delsen** and **Orlin Damianov**, an evaluative tool was created that enables us to calculate the number of better lives delivered with each project completed.

It is incredible to think how many lives have been impacted since we began our work a little over 5 years ago. The actual numbers are much higher than we imagined and certainly exceed our expectations.

While the reports are too many to recount in our newsletter, we wanted to share a few examples of the extent of the impact of our work:

- Prek Ta Nong Clinic and Maternity Facility in Cambodia will deliver **48,129** better lives.
- Nyaure Hospital and Clinic in Zimbabwe will deliver **60,135** better lives.
- Prek Ta Nong Pre secondary school in Cambodia will deliver **15,236** better lives.
- Tshabalala Primary School in South Africa will deliver **18,350** better lives.
- Mashitsi Village School in Burundi will deliver **10,854** better lives.

As seen above, just through these five small projects we have delivered better lives to over 150,000 people in need. These are extraordinary achievements that we all should be extremely proud of. It is after all, your efforts that are **Delivering Better Lives**.

We will continue to measure the progress of our work and will advise from time to time the results.

**Glenn Mills**

## Overview of Current DBL Projects-2013

*"Live as if you were to die tomorrow, learn as if you were to live forever."*

Mahatma Gandhi

We wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with a brief overview of some of the current DBL projects we are working on in each region. Many are already underway and many new projects will be commenced in 2013. Once again we always look forward to your ideas on potential new projects for DBL to undertake. Please feel free to contact **Glenn Mills** at [gmillis@go2uti.com](mailto:gmillis@go2uti.com).

- **Helenvale Primary School– Port Elizabeth, South Africa.** *This project will aim to improve school buildings, provide electricity and establish a library for a community struggling with high rates of unemployment and HIV/TB infection.*
- **Nyaure Hospital Shipment– Nyaure, Zimbabwe.** *This project will provide much needed equipment to the hospital constructed by DBL in 2012*
- **Manyama Library Program– Manyama, Botswana.** *This project will construct, fit out and supply books for a community currently without library facilities.*
- **Emasithandane Children's Organisation– Capetown, South Africa.** *This organisation is a home for street children. The project will construct two new building's on land already owned to increase the number of homeless children that can be accommodated.*
- **Bradford College- Harare, Zimbabwe.** *The school educates 800 students from an abandoned farmhouse and surrounding fields. DBL will construct a classroom block and service rooms.*
- **New Image Homeless Shelter– Los Angeles, USA.** *This shelter provides accommodation for 600 people a night. The project will see the replacement of 600 beds that are currently in extremely poor condition and the repair of any that are salvageable.*
- **Aldimi Cancer Hospice– Lima, Peru.** *This was a previous construction project undertaken by DBL. Revisiting this project will allow for further construction and provision of much needed equipment.*
- **La Casita Nicolas Orphanage- Medellin, Colombia.** *This project will extend a toddler area to increase the number of children housed and add to the children's play and exercise areas.*
- **Mangahhan Village– Manila, Philippines.** *DBL has undertaken 4 projects at this Village . Currently a Learning Resource Centre is being constructed and books distributed . A recently approved project will see the establishment of a scholarship program to provide vocational training and secondary education.*
- **Cholmondeley House– Christchurch, New Zealand.** *This facility was severely impacted by the earthquake of 2011 and had to be demolished. DBL's assistance will aid Cholmondeley in rebuilding their vital accommodation facilities for children in need of respite care.*
- **Tissamaharama Vocational Training Centre– Colombo Sri Lanka.** *This project will see the construction of an auditorium, provision of vocational training and equipment to aid students education in vital vocational areas.*
- **Radalia Tea Estate Children's Centre– Central Sri Lanka.** *This project will construct a centre for the children of the tea estate workers . It will provide kindergarten, crèche and a feeding centre .*
- **Jayanthi Kanishta Vidyalaya School– Somawathiva, Sri Lanka.** *DBL will construct a library, laboratory and Computer studies classroom and ground renovations at this school desperately in need.*
- **Gnar Agnar School– New Delhi, India.** *DBL will provide this school with facilities to take it from road side to classrooms suitable for learning with equipment to aid this education.*
- **Orphanage of Hope– Bernolakovo, Slovakia.** *DBL will renovate buildings of the orphanage, replace essential equipment and upgrade play equipment and exercise areas.*
- **Fresh Start Shelter–Los Angeles, U.S.A.** *DBL will upgrade the kitchen facilities of this shelter, allowing certification and the provision of meals to tenants.*
- **Ofer School– Haifa, Israel.** *DBL will create a specialised playground for young autistic children and upgrade an afternoon club for extended education opportunities for children with autism.*

- **Vivekananda Tamil School– Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.** Vivekananda received a shipment of books under DBL's distribution project. This project will undertake renovation of current facilities as well as fit-out and equipment.
- **Aqaba Autism School– Aqaba, Jordan.** This project will provide specialist equipment to the school to continue its education and therapy work with children with Autism.
- **Amis Youth Centre– Madrid, Spain .** This project will see the renovation of facilities and development of a digital literacy program for dislocated youth.
- **St Vincent de Paul Centre- Madrid Spain.** DBL will provide for the fit out and upgrade of the centre's clothing store to aid their ability to distribute those in need.
- **Guide Dogs for the Blind– Budapest Hungary.** This ongoing project will provide for the acquisition, training and field provision of guide dogs for the visually impaired.

*"A man's true wealth is the good he does in the world."*

**Muhammad-**  
**570-632 CE**

## Trustee Changes at DBL

We would like to thank **Lance D'Amico** for his time and service in 2012 as a trustee of ***Delivering Better Lives***.

At our January 2013 meeting of the Board of Trustees, **Ed Feitzinger** was appointed a trustee. Ed will serve a two year term until the end of 2014. We welcome him to the board and look forward to his input in the coming years.

***Delivering Better Lives*** Board of Trustees:

**Glenn Mills ,Executive Trustee**  
**Thurso Barendse**  
**Chris Dale**  
**Alan Draper**  
**Carlos Escario**  
**Ed Feitzinger**  
**Simon Stubbing**  
**Tiger Wessels**



**New DBL Trustee– Ed Feitzinger**

**Thurso Barendse** also serves in his spare time as the voluntary Chief Financial Officer of DBL. Thurso does a fantastic job of keeping our accounts in order, and we are extremely grateful.

## Bristol-Myers Squibb and DBL Partner to Improve Healthcare in Africa

In a great demonstration of the power of joint efforts ***Delivering Better Lives*** and Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) have partnered to deliver bicycles to community health workers in Africa. The bicycles enable the health workers to substantially increase the number of clients they can see each day. BMS provides bicycles, while DBL handles the logistics from factory to final destination.

Our third bicycle shipment was recently distributed to health workers in Mwanza, Tanzania who service many clients that are HIV positive. Through the provision of these bicycles, the workers are able to see four times as many patients and undertake the essential medication and monitoring work that is key to keeping these infected people healthy and living.

DBL is always on the lookout for additional opportunities to partner and deliver value. If you know of any future prospect, please contact Glenn Mills at [gmills@go2uti.com](mailto:gmills@go2uti.com).

## Malaysia-Selangor Girls Shelter Now Open



*"Our prime purpose in life is to help others, and if you cannot help them, at least don't hurt them."*

Dalai Lama

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd in Malaysia have operated the Ampang Girls Shelter for at risk or abused young women in Ampang/Selangor Malaysia for many years.

During 2011-2012 heavy rains in the surrounding area subjected the shelter to substantial earth movement and as such it was condemned for habitation.

The unfortunate situation and inadequate living conditions at the shelter came to the attention of UTi Malaysia Country Manager- **Mark De Battista** and the UTi team in Kuala Lumpur, who approached DBL with a proposal that we support the construction of new accommodations for the girls.

After further evaluation and multiple meetings with the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, DBL agreed to join the project and provide funding for the renovation and conversion of an existing kindergarten class into a permanent home for the girls.

The new facility opened in December 2012 with UTi Malaysia team members helping with the heavy lifting on the move in day. The quality of life for the girls has improved considerably, and they are now able to benefit from a safe and protected home environment thanks to the combined efforts of DBL, UTi team members, the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, and the Ampang Girls Shelter.

## Changing Lives through Music

The Father Venacio School in Padre Las Casas near Temuco City in Southern Chile, caters to a poor socio-economic region of Chile and the Mapuche indigenous people located there. Over 80% of all students in the school come from families where the parents are unemployed. The school was in very poor condition with inadequate facilities for the number of students. DBL recently completed the construction of additional classrooms for the students as well as provided instruments for the introduction of a music program. Not only did the project allow more children to attend the school, but its music program has shown showing life changing results by helping build the student's self-esteem and sense of personal worth.



While attending the opening of the school, UTi Chile Country Manager **Angela Villalobos** was approached by the grandfather of a student who shared with her that his grandson had been totally uncontrollable, running with the wrong people and into some serious trouble. He continued to explain that after entering the music program, his grandson's behaviors drastically changed as he became much more engaged with his family, left the company of the troublemakers in town, and began to improve his educational results.

This is just one small example of the incredible impact the work DBL can have on the people and families we support.

## DBL and Dekel School combine to Deliver Better Lives to Children with Special Needs.

Dekel School is a government facility in Lod, Israel that provides education and care for children who suffer from various conditions such as Cerebral Palsy, Autism, and Down syndrome. In addition to providing basic education, the school is also designed to teach the children basic life skills.

The UTi Israel team has engaged on a regular basis in supporting the children at Dekel School, participating in festive occasions and working on small tasks around the facilities. The school's principal reached out to DBL regarding the desperate need for a specialized therapy room that would allow them to moderate the student's behaviors and teach basic skills to lead a more fulfilling life. DBL agreed to support the school by constructing this therapy room. The project was completed in August 2012, and we have received reports of the wonderful results being achieved.

The work at Dekel School not only impacts the child in need, but the lives' of their families and friends. To see these children struggling to learn is humbling but it is heart warming to witness the impact our contributions and help can make. DBL has more projects underway that will support children in our society with special needs. We encourage all to reach out and support such programs where you can.



*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*

Nelson Mandela

## New Zealand Earthquake Reconstruction Project Underway



Funds raised during the UTi 2011 Global Walkathon were nominated to be spent on an earthquake reconstruction project in Christchurch, New Zealand and a Tsunami reconstruction project in Japan. Selection of specific relief projects has taken longer than expected due to the extreme devastation caused by these natural disasters, and the time taken by local governments to complete the cleanup work and approve new building zones and regulations.

We are now able to confirm the selection of Cholmondeley House as our DBL project in Christchurch. Cholmondeley House is an organization providing support to vulnerable or at risk children and families in crisis. When a crisis arises, Cholmondeley steps in to provide short term accommodation and support. They are a true children's charity with care centered on enabling children the experience of childhood even during times of need.

The facility was damaged beyond repair from the earthquake and needs to be totally rebuilt. As insurance will only partly cover the reconstruction costs, the team at Cholmondeley came to DBL through the local UTi team, to seek additional funding. It is wonderful to be able to confirm that the Trustees of DBL have agreed to contribute USD 50,000 towards the reconstruction of the facilities.

We look forward to providing future updates on our New Zealand project and encourage all to visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/DeliveringBetterLives](http://www.facebook.com/DeliveringBetterLives), for updates on other DBL projects.

## Australian Primary School Supports DBL Efforts



San Remo Primary School serves 140 children in the small township of San Remo in Victoria Australia. The school has been a dedicated supporter of DBL for over three years, hosting fundraising events where the children are sponsored for every lap they run. The fundraisers have provided an opportunity to educate the students on communities less fortunate than their own, and expose them to the benefits of giving.

*"You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming."*

Pablo Neruda

To date this small community has collected over AUD 4,500 in donations. Funds raised by the school have assisted with DBL projects such as the fit-out and training of teachers at Tshabalala School and the construction of a playground and school supplies for children at Ebuhleni Crèche (pictured below right). Monies raised during this year's event will assist the work at the Dakrong School in Vietnam. The efforts of the San Remo Primary School highlight how a small local effort in even the smallest of communities can provide enormous benefit to communities in need.



### Save The Date: 2013 UTi Walkathon/ Global Community Event

The week commencing Sunday 12 May will mark UTi's fifth annual Walkathon/Global Community Event. For 2013, we are asking all UTi locations to consider activities that embrace their individual cultures and communities while providing fundraising opportunities to support DBL projects.

Individuals can nominate themselves as coordinators of local fundraising activities that celebrate all that makes us unique. Events are to be run in conjunction with our Annual Walkathon.

Additional information regarding this event will be provided in the following months. Please feel free to discuss or send any ideas you may have to your regional DBL support team members listed on page 8 of this newsletter or contact Glenn Mills at [gmill@gmills@go2uti.com](mailto:gmill@gmills@go2uti.com).

**[www.deliveringbetterlives.org](http://www.deliveringbetterlives.org)**

## DBL Fundraising Opportunities



*"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples."*

Mother Theresa

### 2013 Bosphorus Cross Continental Swim

Competitors from UTi will once again take to the waters of Turkey's Bosphorus Strait in a bid to raise much needed funds for DBL's 2013 projects.

The 2013 Bosphorus Cross-Continental Swim will be held on 7 July and registrations are now open at <http://www.bosphorus.cc>. If you would like to sponsor our competitors visit the DBL's website and follow the links on our Homepage.

### 2013 Palmetto200 Relay Race

The Palmetto200 Relay Race, an event where competitors run in a team of 12 from Cayce, South Carolina to Charleston, South Carolina will be held on 12 and 13 April 2013.

The **UTi Columbia** branch will field a team in the event and raise much needed funds for DBL. To sponsor the team and show your support, visit the DBL website.



### Driebergenrun

Seven members of UTi's EMEA GCS team are going to participate in a race on 2 March in Driebergen (near Utrecht, The Netherlands). This race is organized every year and is named "DriebergenLoop." There are three distances for runners: 21km, 12km or 6km.

The race is organized as a charity run and the EMEA GCS team will run to raise funds for *Delivering Better Lives*.

The competitors striving to raise funds and complete the race are:

Vincent Bolea  
Judith Sterz

Michel Briede  
Michael Stolt

Karsten Klag  
Sander vanderMeer

Wolfgang Lenz

If you would like to find out more about this event please see the link <http://www.3bergenloop.nl/inschrijven/parcours>, which is in Dutch.

If you would like to sponsor the team and recognize their efforts with a contribution to DBL please head to the DBL website.

## Global DBL Support Team

The work of ***Delivering Better Lives*** is challenging given that we operate on a worldwide basis. At any given time, multiple projects are underway supporting people in need across the globe. Presently there are 25 current DBL projects in the works, in 16 countries. Management of this many projects and the ongoing communication with the UTi team could not happen without the support of many people.

Our regional support teams are critical to the success of our work and we wanted to take the opportunity to let everyone know who these people are:

*"Where you live should not determine whether you live or whether you die."*

Bono

**Americas - Paloma Burnell**, based in Long Beach California

**Africa - Philile Mdletshe**, based in Johannesburg ,South Africa

**APAC- Matt Hannah**, based in Melbourne, Australia.

**Melinda Pantelis**, based in Melbourne, Australia

**EMENA - Juan Manuel Santos**, based in Madrid, Spain

**Tony Ranson**, based in Brussels, Belgium

Please feel free to contact these DBL representatives if you have any questions or issues.



Track the people and organizations DBL supports across the globe on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/DeliveringBetterLives](http://www.facebook.com/DeliveringBetterLives). Make sure you Like us and help us spread awareness of DBL and the projects we undertake to your friends and family.



***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***



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