



UTi Charitable Foundation

"Delivering Better Lives"



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*"But what is Freedom?
Rightly understood, A universal license to be good."*

Hartley Coleridge

Delivering Better Lives Update 2012

We apologize for the delay between newsletters as we have been busy with so many new projects underway, we simply have not had time to gather all updates and photos.

So much has happened since our last newsletter!



- ◆ DBL has more than 32 current projects underway in 38 countries
- ◆ Our 2012 Walkathon/Community Event has been completed with 97 teams participating
- ◆ Swimmers from UTi EMENA once again swam the Bosphorus in the name of DBL
- ◆ UTi APAC team members organized and completed the first ever "Singapore Run"

This is an extraordinary volume of work and events, all of which are geared towards delivering better lives to thousands of young and disadvantaged people across the world.

To all of the people participating in these activities, and to the many others who support DBL in a variety of ways, we thank you. Without your support we could not make the positive impact that we do and certainly could not deliver the better lives we enhance each year.

Remember the work we do through **Delivering Better Lives** is your work, and we continue to need your project requests for us to be able to select and implement DBL activities in countries where UTi has offices.

We hope the updates and stories in this newsletter serve as "soup for the soul" and provide testimony to the great work we are all doing. Should you have any questions about our activities, please do not hesitate to contact me or your regional representatives:

AFRICA – Philile Mdletshe based in Johannesburg

APAC – Melinda Pantelis based in Melbourne

EMENA – Marisa Tena based in Madrid

AMERICAS – Paloma Burnell based in Long Beach, California

We are aware that our newsletter is one of our best communication tools and are working on a future format that will allow us to provide more frequent updates. In the meantime, we hope that also you are able to keep up to date with our activities on our website at www.deliveringbetterlives.org or our Facebook page.

Glenn Mills

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New Trustee Joins DBL Board



It is with great pleasure we announce that **Carlos Escario** has joined the Board of **Delivering Better Lives**. Carlos was the previous President of UTi's EMENA region and currently serves as President of Integrated Solutions within the UTi Sales and Marketing organization. He has been a strong supporter of DBL and active participant in our Global Walkathon events. We welcome Carlos to our team and look forward to the expertise and efforts he will provide.

“Only those who have learned the power of sincere and selfless contribution experience life’s deepest joy: true fulfillment.”

Anthony Robbins

Overview of Current DBL Projects

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.

EMENA

- Hungary** **Guide Dogs for the Blind**, a project to provide and train a number of guide dogs for the blind
- Egypt** **El Demerdash Hospital Emergency Ward** in Cairo, renovation and upgrade of the facilities
- Israel** **Dekel School**, provision of a musical program and instruments for physically and mentally challenged students
Ofer School for Autistic Children in Haifa, construction of a playground
World Book Drive, distribution of children’s books to schools and needy organizations
Dekel School, construction of a major therapy and treatment facility for physically and mentally challenged children
- Slovak Republic** **Bernolakovo Orphanage**, renovation and upgrade of facilities

AMERICAS

- Colombia** **La Casita Nicholas Orphanage** in Medellin, renovation and extension of existing facilities
- Peru** **Aldimi Hospice** in Lima, upgrades to their cancer patient community rooms and facilities
- Chile** **Father Venancio School**, construction of a new classroom and provision of a music program

AFRICA

- South Africa** **Ebuhleni Pre School and Creche** in Kwa Mashu, renovation and upgrade of facilities
- Emasithandane Childrens Home** in Nganga, construction of two new homes for homeless and neglected children
- Zimbabwe** **Nyaure Medical Clinic**, construction of new medical center

APAC

- Vietnam** **Hau Giang Province School**, construction of a new school for 500 children
- Malaysia** **Center for Abused Women**, renovation and fit out of a refuge center
- Philippines** **Mangahhan Village**, provision of an Early Learning Centre
- Cambodia** **Prek Ta Nong Maternity Clinic**, major extension and provision of toilet facilities for new clinic
- India** **Gnar Angna**,Gurgaon, provision of a new school for 260 children

Though not complete, this list provides the scope and range of work we undertake, and we hope it serves as inspiration for projects you feel DBL should consider in the future or that you may like to engage with.

Walkathon 2012—Another Huge Success!



Our fourth annual Walkathon/Community Event was held 17-20 May and once again proved a huge success with 97 teams across all regions joining the effort. This was a

“Ignorance is not innocence but sin.”

Robert Browning

magnificent response as one of the key objectives of the Walkathon is participation. The Delivering Better Lives Walkathon launched in 2009 to provide an opportunity for UTi people around the world to join together and engage in a healthy mind/healthy body activity while raising funds to improve the lives of others.

While participation is a primary objective, the funds raised are very important to our ongoing work. We are still working on a final total, as this is a complex task when 97 separate groups are involved across many of the countries in which UTi has offices. We can, however, currently confirm in excess of USD 60,000! This is a great effort during tough economic times when so many people in so many countries are suffering financial difficulties.

The DBL Walkathon is one of our major fundraisers each year with the funds being allocated to projects in a different region annually on a rotating basis. As we previously advised, the funds this year will be applied to projects in the EMENA region. The first of these projects will be the renovation and upgrade of the **Bernolakovo Orphanage** in Slovakia. This project was recommended to DBL by our UTi Pharma team in Slovakia who has previously sponsored holiday events for the children at the orphanage. The second project selected is **Guide Dogs for the Blind** in Hungary, which was recommended by the UTi Hungary team and involves work to provide and train guide dogs for the blind.

These are both wonderful projects that will see us delivering better lives to many people in need. I’m sure that everyone in Slovakia and Hungary who benefits from these projects will be grateful to those who took the time to walk and raise funds. On behalf of the Trustees of DBL, together with all whom we have helped, we thank everyone who participated for their passion and commitment to supporting a better world!



Nyaure Medical Clinic Completed and Handed Over to the Community



Located 40 kilometers from Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, the Nyaure Medical Clinic serves a local community of approximately 6000 people. Prior to DBL's involvement, the clinic was housed in a low-quality building that previously served as a dairy. Medical services such as maternal care and disease control were being serviced side by side, often proving hazardous. For example, pregnant mothers and newborns were being cared for in the same vicinity as cholera sufferers.

"In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich."

Henry Ward Beecher

Local members of the Nyaure Shumba community brought the project to the attention of DBL, and with the strong support of the UTI team in Harare, the project was approved for funding. The 10-month project involved the construction and outfitting of a new medical facility complete with all the necessary amenities for operation, including toilets, water supply, and power.

The new medical clinic was officially handed over to the community on 2 June 2012 in a traditional Shumba welcoming ceremony attended by DBL representative **Tony D'Almedia** and UTi Harare team members **Chris Birkett, Farisi Chatitwa, Enid Graver, and Juliet Tembo**. The facility is currently in use by the local community and feedback has been positive. Though the clinic still has needs to fulfil, the local community is grateful for the new facility and reassured by the belief that there are people in the world who care about them and their plight.



DBL Promotes Literacy through World Book Drive Partnership



A little over two years ago DBL formed a partnership with Thriftbooks, the largest online seller of used books in the USA. They provide English language books from one of their American warehouses, and DBL ships and distributes the books to schools, orphanages, and other literacy programs in developing countries.

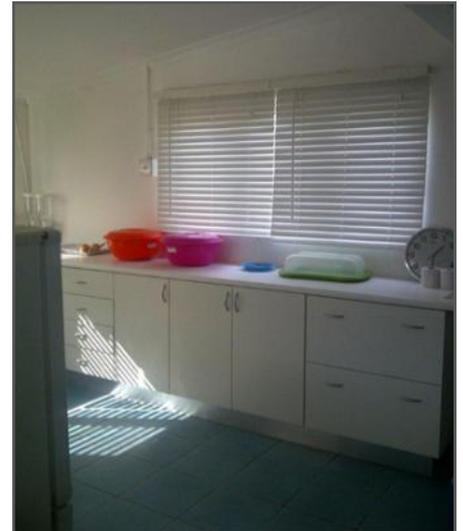
To date we have distributed more than 400,000 books in South Africa, Zambia, Malaysia, and Israel/Palestine. DBL ships the books in full container lots with a 20 foot container holding somewhere between 60,000-80,000 books, depending on the mix of hard or soft cover.

This is a fantastic program to drive the development of literacy, and while the distribution to different facilities is a major task, the program has proven to be a big success due to the support of UTi people in each country. DBL's partnership with Thriftbooks is a wonderful example of how we can deliver extraordinary outcomes for relatively small financial outlay. We thank all who have assisted in making each project a success. The looks on the faces of children who receive and use these books is reward enough for us to continue with this work.

Ebuhleni Pre-school and Creche

“In education there should be no class distinction.”

Confucius



Ebuhleni is located in Kwa Mashu township north of Durban in South Africa. The facility provides “crèche” or day care services and pre-school education to the local people who either cannot afford to take their children to other facilities or have no other options. Many of the children under the care of Ebuhleni services are from teen mothers or are cared for by a grandparent. This project was brought to DBL by **Ayanda Mlotshwa**, a UTi Durban team member who lives in Kwa Mashu and whose “granny” has a child under her care attending the pre-school.



Ebuhleni was established in 1986 by a local Pastor in a facility loaned permanently by the church. Though the original facility was clean and well maintained, it was totally inadequate for servicing the 80-100 children attending, many of whom are infants requiring much more intensive care, including sleeping, bathing, and dressing facilities. Ebuhleni also provides two meals a day for all children in their program.

The original project plan for Ebuhleni was to upgrade the existing facility, but after visiting the site and discussing the issues with the Pastor, it was clear that much more was required. In the end DBL agreed upon providing a much larger program that included:

- Construction of a playground
- Creation of a vegetable garden
- Extension of existing building, installation of a new laundry kitchen, and upgrades to the toilet and wash facilities
- Installation of a security fence and burglar bars

Execution of the Ebuhleni project was delayed due to some bureaucratic interference but is now nearing completion. Members of the UTi teams in Durban actively participated in the project on site, volunteering their time, and **Gavin Rimmer**, UTi Africa Region President, led a weekend of volunteer efforts and activities to help bring the project near conclusion. The Ebuhleni project highlights the fact that not only money but also the determination and commitment of UTi people are key in driving the real value of a community project. The children who attend Ebuhleni Pre-school and Creche now have a model facility, and the people who work there, the majority of whom are volunteers, have the facilities for delivering better lives more effectively!

Prek Ta Nong Maternity Clinic



Prek Ta Nong is a small and very isolated village North West of Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. Access to the village requires many kilometers of driving on dirt roads and a ferry crossing over the mighty Mekong River, which can prove very difficult during the wet season. The more than 10,000 people of Prek Ta Nong are incredibly resourceful but like many in developing countries, have no source of income other than the subsistence farming that most undertake on small plots of ground. Poverty is not a word they know as they are not aware of what they

do not have. Their existence is all about today and the next meal.

“People say it’s not ambitious, but it is actually quite ambitious wanting to help people.”

Prince William

Prek ta Nong was and still is cut off from the world during the wet season making it almost impossible to get in or out, even in the most serious of medical emergencies. Additionally, the existing small medical clinic within the village did not have the facilities or the capacity to service maternity patients and was in desperate need of repair. DBL, in partnership with FDGL, a Spanish medical foundation, built an extension to the existing facilities and outfitted it to serve as a maternity clinic. The new clinic was recently handed over to the community and is currently servicing the women and new born babies of Prek Ta Nong.



DBL Supports in Time of Crisis

A little known aspect of the work that DBL undertakes is to support members of the UTi family when natural disasters strike. Recently, this was evidenced during the terrible floods that struck Bangkok earlier this year. Among the UTi family alone, there were more than 30 team members who required short term accommodations due to the flooding of their homes.

Delivering Better Lives was able to step in and work with the UTi team in Thailand to help provide funding for this short term accommodation. Though these actions do not in any way overcome the tragedy of being flooded out of your home, we hope that the support offered provided a bit of stress relief with a safe place to stay while the flood waters passed.

DBL is continually grateful to be able to be there for our team members in time of need. If you are ever aware of any UTi team members affected by natural disaster, please let us know.

Braving the Waters for DBL



“Well done is better than well said.”

Benjamin Franklin

For the second year, UTi team members participated in the Bosphorus Cross-Continental swimming competition while raising funds for Delivering Better Lives. **Seth Walker, Irfan Erdim, Tuna Gursoy, and Hugo Duchemin** joined more than 1,000 participants in the 15 July event, which entails swimming 6.5 kilometers (4 miles) across the open water and strong currents of Turkey’s Bosphorus Strait. Hugo led the way for UTi, completing the swim in 63 minutes, six minutes faster than his time last year. The team’s average completion time improved nearly 10 minutes. We thank the team and all of those who supported them for their passion and commitment to raising funds and awareness for DBL. Well done, gentlemen, and good luck next year!

Americas Management Board Recognized for Support of Youth in the Region

In June of this year, UTi’s Americas Management Board was presented with the Commitment to Youth Award by Operation Jump Start, a Long Beach, California, community-based organization dedicated to equipping disadvantaged youth with the skills and vision necessary to graduate from high school, go on to higher education, and realize their full potential.



The award resulted from a DBL service project that the board undertook to help renovate Operation Jump Start’s learning resource center and computer lab. This task involved not only the painting and renovation of the facility but also the provision of furnishings. UTi’s Corporate Long Beach team also held a “Jean Day,” where participants made a donation for the opportunity to wear jeans to work to raise funds for the purchase of textbooks and supplies for the youth in the program.

Well done to the Americas Management Board and Long Beach team for a great effort. The award shows that our work is seen and appreciated!

Singapore Island Run



On 18 August, 21 UTi APAC team members along with family members, friends, and several UTi clients joined together for the Singapore Island Run. The event was designed to collectively cover the 210 kilometer (130.5 mile) distance around Singapore Island while raising funds for DBL. As the event date drew nearer, participation increased.



And the total combined distance ran grew to 280.4 kilometers (174.2 miles). The run, which began at 4 a.m. to beat the heat, raised approximately USD 8,000 for UTi's charitable foundation. Glenn Mills was able to join in the event and thanks everyone who supported this fantastic effort!

"Our lives are to be used and thus to be lived as fully as possible, and truly it seems that we are never so alive as when we concern ourselves with other people."

Harry Chapin

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a roof over their head
food in their stomach
an education
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