



Delivering Better Lives

The work of **DBL** is driven by a passion to create pathways that lead people to better lives. This passion is key to our work, is what makes us unique, and that which drives our delivery of better lives.

When selecting projects to undertake, DBL uses a range of criterion that has been developed over the past six years. These criterion abide and are reviewed by some basic guidelines:

- Is the project in the field of health, education or community infrastructure?
- Is the project in a country where UTi has an office?
- Can we see, feel and touch the project (be a part of, not just provide funding)?
- Is the project sustainable in the long term?
- How many people will benefit from the project?

DBL's approach is to help people who are most in need. This could mean helping many thousands of people, such as is the case with a hospital or school project, or one individual as could be the case with provision of a wheelchair for a physically challenged individual or a guide dog for a blind person. Project selection is therefore not just driven by large numbers but need. Helping large numbers of people however does enable us to drive major changes in a community and in turn, a country.

Regardless of the number of people helped, it is important that we measure the results after completion of our work. This ensures that the objectives set for a project are met and that we meet the commitments we have made to individuals and communities. When working with the lives of other people, failure is not an option.

We share this brief background to help provide clarity on our approach and highlight how many people can be helped with minimal funding and a lot of commitment and passion. Here are three brief examples:

Dong Thap Bridge– Vietnam

Cost– USD \$8,500

People Benefitting– [+30,000](#)

Nyaure Medical Centre– Zimbabwe

Cost– USD \$73,000

People Benefitting– [73,000](#)

Prek Ta Nong– Cambodia

Cost– USD \$54,000

People Benefitting– [15,236](#)

This analysis is completed for most projects that **DBL** undertakes. As you can see the number of people helped is enormous when compared to the total cost of the project. These three examples represent a cost per person from as low as USD \$0.28 to just USD \$3.54.

Whether it is mere cents or a few dollars to help someone lead a better life, it is just a small contribution from the people who are DBL to make life altering changes.

Glenn Mills

"What counts in life is not the mere fact we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others"

-Nelson Mandela

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Project News

Since our last newsletter there has been many new projects approved. These continue *DBL's* commitment to some existing programs as well as extending our support into new countries or revisiting countries that have benefited from previous projects.

New Projects



- **Linda Clinic Project – Munkolo Ward 12, Zambia**

This project is being considered and if approved involves the construction of a small clinic/hospital to provide care for a community of 25,000, who currently have no medical services in the area.

- **Zimbabwe Book Distribution Project—Nyaure & Bradford, Zimbabwe**

In partnership with the World Book Drive, *DBL* will ship and distribute books from the USA to Zimbabwe.

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”

- Winston Churchill

- **Wheelchairs for Ctronata – Guadalajara, Mexico**

DBL will return to the Ctronata Children’s Centre to provide children with debilitating diseases and disabilities much needed manual and electric wheelchairs.

- **Campinas Children Centre -Campinas, Brazil (Amendment)**

This project was outlined in our previous newsletter; however the country was incorrectly listed as Spain. The work will be undertaken at the Campinas Children’s Centre in Campinas Brazil.



- **Lorenzo’s Home– Bangkok, Thailand**

This orphanage provides care for children with HIV. *DBL* will create a playground facility, as well as, provide furniture, equipment and educational support.

- **Boonchu School– Chonburi, Bangkok, Thailand**

This day centre and orphanage for disabled children will be provided with essential fencing around the property to ensure the safety of the children.

- **Tra Vinh Province Kindergarten Program– Tra Vinh Province, Vietnam**

DBL is currently reviewing the construction of new kindergarten facilities in a region that currently has limited educational opportunities for children of this age bracket.

- **Tiakhali College Reconstruction– Amtali Upazila, Bangladesh**

Tiakhali College has twice been destroyed by cyclones. *DBL* is considering a rebuilding project as well as reviewing other projects in Bangladesh to ensure the educational future of the children of this area.

- **SDN Sunter Jaya 7/8 School Library– Jakarta, Indonesia**

Rapid population growth in the area has seen SDN Sunter Jaya School’s Library absorbed into classroom facilities. *DBL* will construct a new library and resource centre for the school.

- **Malaysia Book Distribution 2-Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

In partnership with the World Book Drive, *DBL* will ship and distribute books from the USA to Malaysia.

- **Books for Malaysia– Sandakan, Malaysia**

The UTi team in Wellington, New Zealand are working in conjunction with the Rotary Club to collect books to be shipped to disadvantaged schools in Sandakan.

- **Guide Dogs for the Blind– Budapest, Hungary**

DBL has committed to extend its support of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Program. This commitment will provide for the acquisition, training and field provision of an additional four guide dogs to the visually impaired.



La Casita Nicolas Grows Up

La Casita Nicholas (LCN) is an orphanage established in Medellin, Colombia that caters to orphans who, because of external circumstances, desperately need a large dose of love and compassionate care to help adjust into a rewarding life.

LCN was established by a wonderful local woman, Pilar Gomez, who brought a wide group of friends together to create the organization some 30 years ago. The orphanage has however outgrown the facilities it operates from, and a new solution that accommodates more children and improved care is needed.

After exploring a number of options, a decision was made to purchase and renovate an adjoining house. **DBL** has been a major part of the funding for this program and the subsequent work. Work has now been completed on the facilities and the children of LCN are enjoying the new found freedom and space to grow and play as young children should.

This is a wonderful outcome for children, and an opportunity for **DBL** to look out for others in need.



“Never be so busy as not to think of others.”

-Mother Teresa

St. Vincent de Paul Centre

The St. Vincent de Paul Centre in Madrid provides over 100 individual meals per scheduled meal time as well as essential clothing and household items to individuals and families in need. Recent economic times in Spain have increased the hardship of those struggling to make ends meet and, in turn, increased the number of people reaching out for assistance from the centre.

The centre desperately needed upgrades to its clothing store facilities to enable their volunteers to better provide assistance to those seeking help. **DBL** committed to provide new cupboards, shelving, and tables to help sort, store and distribute essential items.

The centre provides services to over 200 people per month. In looking at the next ten year lifespan of the facility, **DBL's** contribution has the estimated impact of assisting over 24,000 future beneficiaries. These benefits are not just felt by those in need but by the volunteers at the centre as well.



Sri Lanka Team Delivers Better Lives

Over the past few months **DBL** has commenced three new projects in Sri Lanka, all designed to improve the quality of life of local people. One of these projects involves major upgrades to the Beralihela School.

Prior to **DBL's** involvement, the school was in a poor state of repair and without some of the essential necessities for class work. Some may be surprised to know that one of their bigger problems was that monkeys invaded the classrooms and stole or destroyed equipment.



"A change is brought about because ordinary people do extraordinary things."

-Barak Obama



As a part of this upgrade the team from UTi Colombo, under the guidance of Ocean Freight Solutions Manager **Ali Yusoof**, visited the school and undertook some serious manual labour to bring the project to a conclusion while demonstrating their support for the community. It was a tough day for the team but their hard work, as exemplified by the corresponding photographs, enabled the completion of the school hall.

The project has now been completed and handed over to the community along with new books and equipment. This project did not require a lot of money but with the funds provided by **DBL**, combined with the hard work and commitment of the local team, the children of the area will now receive a better education and an increased quality of life. The monkeys are now also looking for a new school to undertake their educational pursuits.



Thank you to the team at **UTi** in Sri Lanka for their commitment and passion to make a difference!

Thien My B School

Thien My B School was constructed around 40 years ago to provide for the education of children in the My Loi Village of the Vinh Long Province in Vietnam.

The school educates around 120 students who, due to the lack of facilities, attended either a morning or afternoon session. Facility limitations also restrict the school to provision of educational services up to, and including, fifth grade.

DBL has completed construction on a new school building consisting of 5 rooms and a toilet block. This project was completed ahead of time and under budget in large due to the dedication and commitment of **Thao Huynh**, Air Freight Manager from UTi's Ho Chi Minh Office.

The school can now provide extended education opportunities to children beyond fifth grade and also has the ability to educate more children in longer sessions. **DBL** forecasts that the construction undertaken has the ability to directly impact, at a minimum over 760 students, teachers, and workers. Indirectly it will impact the over 7,700 people living in the My Loi Village.



Ofer School & DBL Care for Kids

DBL and UTi have, over the past few years, developed a strong relationship with organisations providing specialised care and education to children with learning difficulties or disabilities. The UTi Israel team in particular have shown ongoing dedication to engaging with the community in this area.

DBL is proud to say we have just completed another project aimed at improving the lives of children and young adults with Autism. The Ofer School provides an adjusted education program as well as whole life skills. The school was in need of a specialised playground for young children as well as renovation and upgrades to its afternoon club, a facility that provides a wide range of programs outside of standard education.

"I cannot do all the good that the world needs. But the world needs all the good that I can do."

-Jana Stanfield

The facilities and specialised equipment are now in use by the children, who are already seeing the benefits. **DBL** estimates that this project has the potential to directly impact over 640 lives and indirectly affect nearly 4,000.

We once again thank the UTi Israel team for their ongoing support and dedication.



UTi EMENA Team Drives New Fundraising Initiative

As we all know, the more funds **DBL** raises, the more work we can do. The challenge of fundraising is always a tough one, for many reasons, not the least of which is that we all are confronted by our own daily challenges and by the needs of our own communities.

The EMENA team under the guidance of Director of CL&D **Tony Ranson** and Director of Learning & Development **Juan Manuel Santos**, recently saw an opportunity to raise funds by placing **DBL** donation boxes on the reception desks of the UTi offices in EMENA. These collection boxes provide an opportunity for passers-bys to deposit their small change for the greater good.



The boxes now sit in some 50 locations throughout UTi EMENA and while they collect much needed funds they also spread the message of our work. Thank you to the EMENA team, Tony, and Juan Manuel for providing this wonderful giving opportunity.

Cycle Challenge Raffle Raises Funds for *DBL*

The UTi South African Communications team recently held a raffle to raise funds for *DBL*.

The Cycle Challenge Raffle involved entrants answering a simple question for the opportunity to win a Go Pro Hero2 camera.

Hundreds of entries were received and the winner's name was drawn by **Dirk Goedhart**, Vice President of UTi Africa Freight Forwarding.

The lucky winner was **Farad Lavangee** (pictured here with **Dirk**) Congratulations **Farad** and sincere thanks to all who entered the competition and raised funds for *DBL*.

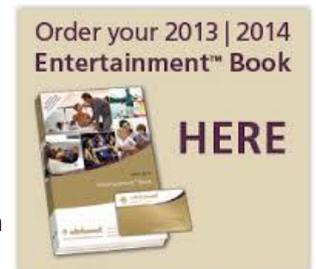


"In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich."

Henry Ward Beecher

Entertainment Books & *DBL* in Australia

Delivering Better Lives (DBL) has partnered with Entertainment Publications in Australia to raise money for the foundation. Within Australia, the Entertainment Book provides endless opportunities to save money on food, accommodation, shopping and experiences. \$13 from each book sold will go directly to DBL to sponsor projects and help those in need. If you are located in Australia and interested in saving some money while contributing to DBL, please use the below link to purchase an Entertainment Book for your city.



<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1968w91>

DBL once again thanks you for your continued support.

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

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

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