

Delivering Better Lives



Letter from the director



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Held DBL to Deliver Better Lives- every dollar becomes two

Over 5 million people lead better lives today because of DBL - but more money is always required to enable us to do more work.

CAN YOU SUPPORT OUR WORK?

Anyone donating to any charity has a right to know who is running the charity, how efficient they are and how well their funds are managed.

DBL lives to very high standards of governance and for over 11 years has achieved levels of performance that we consider to be leading edge. We have a very strong Board of Trustees and an experienced CEO.

The key things about **DBL** to consider when deciding where to place your charitable donations are these :

1. We maintain absolute control over our expenses and have a long history of them being below 5% of total income.
2. The organization is run by people from business who apply business skills to the selection and execution of projects and the management of **DBL**.
3. If you were formerly with UTi all people involved have a UTi background.
4. You can suggest projects for our consideration and if you wish you can stay involved through the life of a project.

We need your help you can donate to DBL in either of the following ways :

- Visit our website and simply click the donate button
- Email us with us with your details and one off or regular donations can be set up.

AND MOST SIGNIFICANTLY DONATIONS IN 2018/19 WILL BE MATCHED ONE FOR ONE BY AN INDEPENDENT FOUNDATION.

Glenn Mills
Executive Trustee
Delivering Better Lives.

New Projects in Q2.

Australia- Kokoda Youth Development Program

This program has been developed over a number of years, with an objective to take youth who have faced significant challenges including; homelessness, substance abuse, domestic violence and lives of crime and turn their lives around.

Working with police and various aid workers, a program been developed to put these youth through a rigorous program, concluding with walking the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea. This trail is of historical significance to Australians as a result of its place in World War 2. and is 96 kilometres of torturous mountain trails in extreme heat and humidity.

DBL will support the program in 2018 providing funds that will enable young people to participate in the program and will provide further funds for infrastructure for the long term.

Vietnam-Ho Chi Minh Free Clinic #3

The Ho Chi Minh Free clinic is operated by a retired doctor along with volunteer doctors to provide services to those who have no access to medical care. They operate a free clinic in HCM to those without the capacity to pay. The same team travel into isolated rural areas on weekends, to run clinics for those with no access to medical services.



In 2015, *DBL* funded the acquisition of a portable ultra sound machine for this out service. This equipment is being used for between 500 and 1000 people per month.

With the acquisition of the ultra sound machine, the biggest challenge for this team is the completion of blood tests and while these cannot all be done remotely, an Automated Chemistry Analyzer would allow the most basic tests to be completed on the spot.

DBL will purchase of an Automated Chemistry Analyzer for the clinic.

Argentina— Fundación Si #2

Fundación Si was established to provide opportunities for youth in need in Argentina. *DBL* previously funded the acquisition of a new home for Fundación Si. The home provides housing to poor children from rural areas, otherwise denied the opportunity to attend college/university. This was an extremely successful project with wonderful outcomes.

This project will see the construction of an extension on an existing house in Catamarca. This house has been in operation for a couple of years with ten young people in residence.

To give more young people the opportunity to study, an additional 12 young people are being given accommodation. This naturally puts pressure on the available space in an already basic home.

DBL will build an upper level extension on the home to provide a study space, computer room and tutoring area for the residents.



Chile-Filipense College

Filipense College is located in the very poor Pudahuel area of Santiago. The school is attended by a combination of middle class students and some from the very poor communities of Pudahuel an area which suffers from extensive generational unemployment, substance abuse and a range of social problems.

The college launched a program to work with the children of these families to lead them through a range of programs to set them on a path to a positive future notwithstanding the challenges of their upbringing and social disadvantage.

The programs are run in the open and as a consequence regularly interrupted by or suspended due to weather. In winter sessions are very seldom held which results in children being lost to the program and or reverting to bad habits. A minimum of 30 children attend each session with the opportunity for many thousands to benefit in the longer term.

This proposal is for *DBL* to construct a center where the sessions with these children can be held and to provide some basic equipment for that center.

Jordan-Al Shona al Janobiyah

Al Shona is in the Jordan Valley and is one of the most neglected areas in Jordan. The population is around 150,000 and is a combination of Jordanian's, Egyptian's, Pakistani's and Syrian refugees. Whilst many in the area are refugees, there is also a large population of itinerant laborers who come into the area for work in the large vegetable gardens and orchards.

The area is need of a number of facilities and *DBL* will work towards developing these over a period or around three years.

The first phase of the project will include the establishment of a soccer pitch, kindergarten and a community centre on land provided by the local municipality.

New Projects in Q2.

Peru-Aldimi Cancer Hospice

Aldimi is a hospice in Lima, Peru established by a local woman to provide housing for poor people who must come to Lima for cancer treatment.

The house provides accommodation, meals and full support to the patient and allows one carer to stay with them, the carer must then help out in the facility.

DBL previously assisted Aldimi with two renovation upgrade projects in 2009/10 and 2012/13. The hospice unfortunately sustained damage in a storm and they are in urgent need of support to complete repairs. *DBL* will provide funding to complete these repairs.



Cambodia-Prek Ta Nong Primary School

Prek Ta Nong is in North Eastern Cambodia some 3 hours from Phnom Penh. The Village has some 6,500 people most of whom lead a basic subsistence lifestyle.

The Primary School has 1056 students from kindergarten to year 6. Around

100 children do not join school at kindergarten stage as there is no capacity to admit them. The 1056 children are taught in 24 classes by 13 teachers. Most teachers teach 2 classes a day morning and afternoon.

The school has 3 buildings comprising 15 classrooms but one building with 5 classrooms has recently been condemned as it is in extremely poor condition. This leaves 2 buildings with ten classrooms to accommodate 24 classes. Due to this some classes are permanently cancelled and some held outdoors.

DBL will construct a new school building of 5 rooms.

Mexico- Aldea Youth Training Centre

Aldea is a community initiative created by a non profit organization. The objective of Aldea is to provide opportunities for local youth to develop trade skills, receive the benefit of mentoring and guidance and to create opportunities to develop and sell organically grown produce. The organization has an 18 acre organic farm on which this work takes place and where various foodstuffs are grown.

Aldea are in the process of creating a Trade School with various trades catered for that will open in 2018. Aldea work with around 150 young people a year and this anticipated to increase to over time to 300.

DBL will fund kitchen renovations and the acquisition and installation of a Vegetable and Fruit Dehydrator to be used for training and for the production of dried fruit and vegetables for sale.

DBL & Old Friends

It only seems like yesterday that we were looking at plans for 2018 and now we are over half way through the year. It has been a very eventful year for *DBL* but one where we continue to Deliver Better Lives to hundreds of thousands of people across the world. From hospitals in Africa to Schools and bridges in Vietnam, from food processing operations in Mexico to Housing for university students in Argentina. Our work grows and grows and our presence makes the world a better place.

I was fortunate last month to catch up with some old *UTi* colleagues Gene Ochi, Mike OToole, Phil Abbate and Larry Manning and it reinforced to me the power of *UTi* and the quality of the relationships we made in those years most importantly the roots of our work and how important the people of *UTi* were to our existence and growth. For those of you who knew these guys you will be pleased to know that they are all like me a little older but fit and healthy.

You will see in this newsletter some of the projects we have completed in recent months and some of those we have commenced. Our diversity continues to develop but all projects have the common goal of improving the quality of life of those we touch. We are always on the lookout for new projects so do not hesitate to put forward any ideas you may have.

HAVE YOU DELIVERED A BETTER LIFE TODAY?

Completed Projects in Q2.

Dennilton Childrens' Creche

Dennilton is a township approximately 2 hours from Johannesburg. The community faces all the challenges of a low socio economic community including HIV infection, substance abuse and unemployment. Parents are often required to seek employment in Johannesburg and in doing so leave their children unattended at home.

community centre, creche and after school care centre. The facility will feed twice a day some 200 children.

The plan is to add a bakery and sewing centre, similar to other successful developments undertaken by Kindling.

DBL worked in partnership with the Kindling Foundation, to acquire an existing building on a large block of land and to expand that to run a

Al Fayoum

Al Fayoum is a village on the outskirts of Cairo that that has grown over the years as squatters, itinerant workers and displaced desert tribes have congregated in the area.

2015, DBL managed the redevelopment of some 20 homes to a acceptable standard, this was an extremely successful project with outcomes way beyond the upgrading of accommodation.

The nature of the community results in heavy unemployment, homelessness, mental health issues and substance abuse.

This project saw *DBL* return to the Al Fayoum community and successfully renovate 11 houses with outstanding results.



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Neve Galim

Neve Galim was established in 1977 to provide housing and support to children at risk in the community. The home provides cottage style housing for 105 children who are supervised by house parents. It is government approved and receives some government funding but exists mainly on donations. For any repairs and maintenance or new furniture and fittings it relies totally on donations.

In 2014, DBL completed a project to provide furnishing to 2 of the community houses run by Neve Galim. This project saw DBL return to the home to provide furnishing to an additional two homes.

Can Long Junior School

Can Long School has 14 rooms for 20 classes with some 650 students and 38 teachers—school runs in two shifts 6 am to 1 pm and 1 pm to 6 pm. The school like so many others is in a poor low socio economic area where subsistence farming is the primary way of life.

4 of the rooms in the school are collapsing or have completely collapsed and cannot be used and the school only has 7 toilets for close to 700 people. As in many countries governments put little focus on schools in regional areas.



This project saw the demolition of 4 rooms and the construction of 4 much bigger new rooms, a new toilet block with some 10 toilets and the upgrade of the grounds of the school to reduce the impact of flooding.

Completed Projects in Q2 ctned...

Linda Clinic

Munkolo Ward 12 is a community of around 25,000 people in Zambia. Currently this community does not have access to any hospital or clinic facilities for medical care.

also completed works to install a new bore, tanks and pumps to ensure a constant supply of water to the clinic.

DBL in partnership with the local Lusaka Council, constructed a small hospital facility to provide the basic medical care the community requires. During this construction it was identified that a water supply issue existed. DBL



Oc Eo District Bridge

Oc Eo District is another of those very poor rural areas where the people survive on basic subsistence farming. Community facilities are non-existent, except for those they create themselves and government funding all but non-existent. The project for this community was a bridge across a small river, which was used by the community and particularly by the children of the community to get to and from school.

In this case the bridge built was 24 metres long and 3 metres wide and constructed some 10 metres above water level to allow for wet season flooding.



My Thanh Nam Village Bridge

My Thanh Nam Village, is in Long An Province, some 2 hours from Ho Chi Minh City. This community is a poor rural community where the majority of people lead a very basic subsistence farming existence. Funds are not available for community development and governments provide limited support to the community.

There are 102 families 349 people on one side of the creek and 223 families 634 people on the other.

DBL built a bridge 25 metres long, 2.2 metres wide and 10 metres above water level.

A rickety one lane timber bridge joined a village which was separated by a creek. In the wet season children who live on one side of the river had to find a way to get from one side to the other or abandon attending school.



Querubines

Querubines was established in 1999 to provide support, housing, counselling, education and life services to young people infected with HIV who have been abandoned or orphaned.

The organisation receives some government funding but relies primarily on donations. Services are provided from two government owned homes, which due to current demand for support do not provide the required space.

DBL provided funding and managed a project which saw the addition of two bedrooms to one of the existing houses, thus allowing a greater number of young girls to be supported.

2018 Spain Golf Tournament

The 2018 Spain Golf Tournament was held in by DBL Spain, on the 10th of June 2018. The main goal of the tournament was to inform participants about the projects DBL is undertaking around the world, engage new associates, encourage new projects and in general create excitement around our work and the work of DBL Spain.

Around 50 people took part in the day and it was a great success, with essential funds raised but even more importantly awareness and engagement.

A big thank you to the organisers and all who participated in this day.



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

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