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"Delivering Better Lives"



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"Compassion is the radicalism of our time"

Dalai Lama

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Delivering Better Lives Launches two New Projects

The process of identifying projects that deliver real value to the communities in which UTi does business is and will always be complex. It is critical that we work through every opportunity presented to us to ensure that money is spent wisely and that real value is delivered to the communities in which we work.

It is exciting to report that this month two new projects have been approved and both will commence over the next few weeks. A further project in Brazil is reaching conclusion and we are evaluating some final information before going forward.

Manggahan Site, Manila.

The first approved project is the construction of an Activity Centre in Paranaque City, Manila in the Philippines. This project was recommended by the UTi family in Manila and will be carried out in partnership with a local charity Gawad Kalinga.



Reconstructed Houses at Manggahan

Gawad Kalinga is involved in the complete reconstruction of a slum village which has all the inherent challenges that exist in these communities of over 3000 people. The overall project involves the construction of 600 homes. Our role is to work with Gawad Kalinga to provide facilities for the community to use for education and entertainment and to provide activities that ensure people are occupied and do not fall into some of the traps that impoverished communities are often subject to. The ground breaking for this project will be 1st August this year an exciting day for all of us.

For DBL this project will also involve the construction of a new house for a family. There will be volunteer opportunities for anyone who is interested in working in this community.

La Chinca, Medellin, Colombia.

La Chinca is a shelter for young women and girls who have been sexually abused in the family or community. It is a loving, caring facility run by a team of people who have dedicated their lives to creating a future for all of these young women.



Glenn Mills and Daniel Grimes announcing DBL support for La Chinca in Medellin, Colombia.

The work of La Chinca provides accommodation and protection but also counseling and care to help repair the damage done during the traumatic times that have lead young women to La Chinca. There are many challenges for La Chinca but a key challenge is to provide additional education so that the young women can build a future for themselves after they leave La Chinca and move back into the community.

Delivering Better Lives has agreed to construct a Vocational Training Centre at La Chinca that will enable the provision of a range of training opportunities. The first of these will be Computers and English Language skills. The construction work will commence very shortly and we expect to complete it within three to four months.

Delivering Better Lives has also agreed to reconstruct the kitchen at La Chinca as the current facility is totally inadequate to provide a reasonable meal service.

This work will give the 50 young women who live in La Chinca greater opportunities to live meaningful lives.

Other Projects.

Many other projects continue to be evaluated but we are always on the lookout for new valuable projects and seek your help in identifying and recommending new projects.

Walkathon Huge Success

By walking to Deliver Better Lives, the Mashitsi School in Burundi has come one step closer to becoming a reality.

Our Global Walkathon held in May was a huge success. Walkers on all continents and in all UTi Regions walked to Deliver Better Lives. In total over 2000 people walked; in India, South Africa, America; in Germany, New Zealand and Thailand; in Singapore and Sweden. Wherever UTi teams were located there was a commitment to walk as teams to prove that together we can make a difference both within UTi and within the communities in which we do business.

For logistical reason we have not been able to total the kilometers walked but we do know that US 70,000 was raised for the school in Burundi – this is an **amazing** effort and one you should all be proud of.

As a team we took on the challenge and as a team we achieved our objective – there are no limits to what we can achieve if we put in place a plan and get the team behind us.



UTi Kolkata India participating in the DBL Walkathon

Well done and thank you to everyone who participated in any way – you really have Delivered Better Lives.

**“Life
shrinks or
expands to
one’s courage”**

Anais Nin

Mashitsi Villagers closer to having their new School

Following our last message the process to get this new school underway has continued to move forward. This has been a much slower process than we would all like but those of us who work in Africa know that things can move at a slower pace.

We have now received confirmation from the Government that our request for exemption from duties and taxes for the project has been approved and this now allows us to go forward more aggressively.

We are in the process of seeking tenders from the 5 shortlisted builders and expect to have them submitted for review and selection of the preferred builder in the next month.

Once the builder is selected construction will commence and that is when the real excitement will hit Mashitsi Village. Can't you imagine the looks of disbelief when the school finally starts and is completed!

We will continue to keep you updated on this exciting project.



A future student of the proposed New School in Mashitsi Village

The Foundation appoints a new Trustee

The UTi Charitable Foundation is managed by a team of five Trustees. From the inception of the Foundation those Trustees have been Mike Dunlop, Simon Stubbings, Alan Draper and myself. At the beginning of 2009 Tiger Wessels Chairman of UTi joined the panel of Trustees to reach our preferred environment of one Trustee representing each Region in which UTi does business.

The very first Trustee to accept appointment to the Foundation was Mike Dunlop who has represented the Americas. Mike was not only the first Trustee but has been a wonderful supporter and ambassador for the work of the Foundation. Mike has now decided to step down as a Trustee to allow someone else to represent the Americas. This is a sad day for me personally and for the Foundation as Mike's support in many ways has been a key to the Foundation's success and growth. WE THANK MIKE FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT, WE WILL MISS HIM.

While we will miss Mike it has allowed another person to take the role of Trustee representing the Americas. It gives us much pleasure to welcome our new Trustee **Daniel Grimes** to the team administering the Foundation.



**Daniel Grimes – New Trustee,
UTi Charitable Foundation**

Daniel brings a real passion for community work and is committed with his wife to **Delivering Better Lives**. Daniel also brings a different perspective to our work and that is always valuable.

Daniel resides in Miami, Florida and is currently Vice President, Latin America and Caribbean for UTi.

Tshabalala Primary School

Our ongoing work to build a better educational environment at Tshabalala for the children of Khatlehong Township continues unabated. We still have a long list of new tasks being driven by the team under the Leadership of Hayley Van Der Walt.

Projects that are still underway include the installation of the internet at the school, upgrading of the bathroom facilities, and improving security. Most importantly the partnership between Tshabalala and UTi continues to grow with a team established to build a Business Plan for the school that we will assist in both the development and execution of it will though be a plan owned by and driven by the school. This is an exciting development as it moves beyond physical improvements to a long term strategic approach where the school is being assisted to determine and improve its own future.

The partnership with Tshabalala is also showing real benefits to the children. Enrolments have begun to increase again after many years of falling enrolments and this has allowed new teachers to be employed. The children have also accepted the challenge and are tending the vegetable gardens, with grades being allocated small garden plots which they are responsible for and which will be judged quarterly – the winner will be taken to lunch by the UTi team, a

real incentive. The kids cannot wait to get to the Wimpy Burgers.

To thank UTi for its support the children of Tshabalala recently presented a thank you concert to a team from UTi. Those of us who were lucky enough to attend this wonderful and uplifting day saw the depth of gratitude of the community for our work and made us all realise just how much change has been achieved and the difference we are making to the community. It really did reinforce the power of **Delivering Better Lives** and the fact that we must continue to drive our programs in developing countries.



Students of Tshabalala Primary School gathering in preparation for their "Thank You" Concert



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CASA - Support Services for Homeless HIV/Aids Sufferers

We recently visited a facility in Sao Paulo to evaluate the provision of support to the organisation that runs the facility. The visit was so moving that we wanted to share with you the nature of this project but more significantly the process that has driven the establishment of the organisation and the services it provides.



Children supported in day programs by CASA.

CASA was established by Vladimir Stein. Vladimir was not wealthy and had no experience in com-

munity work or with HIV/Aids but he saw a glaring need for a support service for homeless HIV/Aids sufferers in Favela near Sao Paulo and took it upon himself to do something about it.

He raised the funds to purchase land and a home and has developed this over the past few years. To-day he provides a home for terminally ill HIV/Aids sufferers and provides day care services to some 200 children whom he feeds and helps to educate.

Vladimir is an extraordinary example of what can be achieved with a lot of passion and drive he had little else but with these assets he has made the lives of many hundreds of people so much richer.

It was my privilege to meet Vladimir. He showed me so much more about the power of passion.

We are still working with Vladimir to see how we might best help CASA. Regardless of the outcomes in terms of our support I will never forget the work of and the person who is Vladimir Stein.

LFP Spain—Community Day

In May the participants in this year's UTi Leadership Development Program held the final session of their six month program in Spain. An element of this program has been the selflessness of community work and the final weeks session included lending a helping hand at a local Community Centre in Madrid operated by the Society of St Vincent De Paul.

The Centre opens its doors to some 150 unemployed or homeless people each day to serve much needed hot meals to each and every person who arrives at their door.

During the Community Work Day, there were a number of tasks to be accomplished by the 46 UTi LFP Team members. These included removing graffiti from the façade, varnishing of bench tops, sorting out donated clothes and planting window boxes. While all of these tasks were important the most humbling was to put on an apron and chef's hat and get to work in the Kitchen by either helping to prepare the food or

to welcome and seat the guests who were due to arrive.

The day's experience gave the UTi Team members a very special opportunity to personally interact with people in need, despite the language barriers.

Later on lunch was served for the hard working UTi members who also had the opportunity to eat the same meal as was offered to the homeless people. This experience alone was both humbling and introduced a very real experience of the hardship some people face.

Overall it was a very successful day with everyone who volunteered taking away something special from the day. Better Lives were certainly Delivered to the people the Society supports.

A special thank you goes out to Marisa Tena and the Spain Team who put a lot of time and effort into organising this day.



Inspirational Stories from those who have Delivered Better Lives

This is an inspirational story of how someone confronted fear and changed their life. The catalyst was the involvement in a DBL Project. We thank Lisa Jensen for sharing this with us.

“Facing Fears & Taking on Challenges - because I believe this helps Lead to Growth & Success”

It's funny, when I saw the email from Pieter Lloyd, Managing Director - UTi New Zealand, titled “Your Challenge” I automatically felt a mixture of excitement and nervousness. I opened the message and read on to learn our next challenge was public speaking, a daunting prospect!

Public speaking has long been something which I wanted to master, but has always been a struggle.

I gave myself 3 options:

1. Quit there and then!
2. Come down with Swine Flu on the day!
3. Embrace the opportunity and turn the fear I was feeling, into fuel to take on the challenge to strive for growth and success.

Fear is something which we all have in common everyone experiences it, although it's often something that's avoided at all cost. I have come to learn that life doesn't come without facing fears. In fact, it's having that fear and tackling it head on which encourages growth.

How many times has fear stopped you from taking on an opportunity, opening a new door, or searching for a new experience or adventure?

Once I identify fear, it now serves as a green light for me. If I fear something, then I know it is an opportunity for me to grow. I am not going to let an unfamiliar situation stop me from gaining a new experience or learning a new skill.

For example, last year I was reading a **Delivering Better Lives** newsletter. I thought to myself, “That would be an awesome project to be a part of”. The first fear to overcome was putting it out there, that it was something I wanted to do. By doing this, I was effectively committing myself to playing a part in some way. When I learnt that I could join a team on a trip to Cambodia, I was excited, but apprehensive! A little, blonde, kiwi girl who had previously never been

out of Australasia, travelling to Asia, to meet people I didn't know, in a culture I had no idea about and into an environment I had only seen on the World Vision ads! But if I had not made the decision to go, I would have not learnt the things I learnt. I would have not seen the things I saw and I would have not had the amazing experience I had. It opened my eyes, my mind and my heart in ways which I could not have imagined.

Fear can stop us doing things. In the case of my trip to Cambodia, it was outside of my comfort zone. It is much easier for us to stay within the boundaries of the sheltered lives which we create for ourselves, but in doing this, we are limiting the new experiences, adventures and amazing lessons and opportunities for growth that are out there.

Fear stops too many people from chasing their dreams; fear of failure, fear of disappointment. Fear can create growth on a personal and professional level and it should be embraced, not avoided. If we can learn to identify and overcome the challenges and fears we will grow and succeed!

We face tough times at the moment. There is a lot of uncertainty, this means that there is also a huge opportunity for growth. Strive for new goals and ambitions, look for new opportunities and fresh ideas. Don't let fear of failure stop you from making the most of the opportunities that are there for you.

Don't run and hide from fear, don't let it control you, don't let it stop you from taking on new challenges. We all have an amazing opportunity, to grow personally and professionally by taking on new challenges.

Fear is not an unhealthy emotion, it is what enables us to grow, but it also ensures we go into situations and decision making with a steady head and a sense of what we want to achieve.

Embrace fear, turn it into fuel to take on challenges to try new things. Develop and grow because of it. Life is about experiences, you need to take on challenges and fears to experience life itself. Fear gives you a feeling of being alive and it is an important emotion.

After all Facing Fears and Taking on Challenges Leads to Growth and Success in life.

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