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"Being challenged in life is inevitable, being defeated is optional."

Roger Crawford

Motivation and Challenge

From time to time in all of our lives, we stop to reflect and sometimes question our direction, ability or achievements. To have doubt in what we do is human, but it is essential at these times to maintain perspective, look for motivation where we can find it, and above all:

- Consider what we have, not what we do not have
- Review what we can do, not ponder what we cannot
- Highlight our achievements, not where we feel we have failed
- Remember the importance of our family and friends and those with us today

This edition of our *Delivering Better Lives* newsletter features stories of people who were able to achieve when they could despair, live when they seemingly have nothing, and above all are grateful for what they have.

The young people from Guadalajara, Mexico and the people of Nyaure, Zimbabwe provide incredible examples of survival and growth against all odds. Their problems appear insurmountable in comparison to those that many encounter, but they positively push forward regardless of their challenges. Among many other things, they teach us that material possessions count for nothing and that our health, happiness, family, and friendship are everything.

I hope that in sharing these stories, we are inspired by our ability to help, and gain the motivation and strength to accomplish our own life goals.

Through my own life reflections, I am reminded of a lesson I was taught many years ago :

"If you can solve a problem there is no point worrying about it,

If you cannot solve a problem there is nothing to be gained by worrying about it."

Glenn Mills
Executive Trustee, UTi Charitable Foundation

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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**

Help to make the world a better place

New Project in Vietnam

May 2013 saw the approval of a new project in Vietnam. Thien My B School in My Loi Village, approximately three hours from Ho Chi Minh City, is a school in desperate need of attention.

The school's current building is in a complete state of disrepair, affecting the students learning capabilities and compromising their safety. *DBL* has committed to constructing a new four room school building with bathroom facilities, which the school currently does not have. The addition of a new building will not only allow the school to increase the number of students it educates, but also the number of grades it can serve.



DBL is proud to be able to improve the educational services in multiple regions and is excited for the opportunity to improve the lives of current and future students around the globe.

"It's the children the world almost breaks who grow up to save it."

Frank
Warren

More New Projects

June and July 2013 have been exciting with the approval of new projects that have a far reaching impact.

- **Peru** - *DBL* will undertake a project in the communities of Puno and Lampa. The focus will be on eight kindergarten classes in the Andean Mountain Range that will see the improvement of their kitchen facilities, school equipment, hygiene services, and food programs.
- **Egypt** - *DBL* will assist in improving the lives of orphans at five separate orphanages in Cairo. The focus will be on providing basic facilities and equipment including washing machines, cooking equipment, air conditioning, mattresses, refrigerators, blankets, and floor coverings.
- **Spain** - The community of Campinas currently benefits enormously from a Children's Centre that provides homework facilities, tutoring, family mediation, and special programs including after school, weekend, sport, health, and hygiene. The Centre's success and popularity has resulted in the construction of an additional centre where *DBL* will take on the establishment of a library and resource facility for study, homework and community programs.
- **Argentina** - The reconstruction of the San Jorge Children's Centre was approved by *DBL* in April, but a visit to the facility during June resulted in a decision to extend the scope of the project. The Centre provides mentoring, counseling, before and after school programs, and healthy mind and body activities to the children in the community. *DBL* had originally committed to renovating and extending the facility, but have furthered our commitment to provide a new kitchen and toilet facilities.



Mexico – A Story of Achievement

Pictured below is a group of young people from Guadalajara, Mexico, a few of which were patients at a hospital where *DBL* assisted with the establishment of a special music program. We are happy to report that two of the young people pictured have continued to work hard at their music, and become accomplished musicians.



The efforts and accomplishments of these people emphasize that life is not about the things you do not have or the challenges that you face, but rather about overcoming challenges with what we have. No obstacle is too great if you desire something.

I thank **Gilberto Rivera, VP of Sales and Marketing for UTi Latin America** for introducing us to these incredible young people and for continuing to share their life achievements. They are an inspiration from which we can all learn and reflect on when facing our own challenges.

“A challenge only becomes an obstacle when you bow to it.”

Ray Davis

Donation of Unwanted Possessions Change Lives in Zimbabwe

In March 2013, *DBL* shipped a container of goods to the Nyaure Hospital in Zimbabwe. You may recall that *DBL* had previously undertaken the construction and handover of this hospital to the Nyaure community.

The container of goods was a varied collection of items, including medical and dental equipment, second hand clothing, shoes, toys, sporting goods, books, and blankets. All of these goods had been donated by people who no longer wanted or had use for them.



On arrival in Nyaure, the goods were distributed to over 1,000 local people who live in extreme poverty and to whom these goods were life changing gifts. The financial investment by *DBL* was less than USD 5,000 plus the time to accumulate, store, and ship the goods. A truly minimal investment compared to the impact the donations had on the lives of the Nyaure people.

The below letter excerpt from a Nyaure soccer club for young boys exemplifies the great impact just a few donated goods can have:

*“It is difficult for me to put into words the joy on our boys faces when they were shown two new soccer balls which we received from *DBL*. We have been able to train without disruptions, we no longer have to stop to repair balls or pump them up.*”

Our boys are so motivated and working hard to be champions”

Appreciation and proof that it does not require a lot of money to change the lives of those in need!

Philippines Scholarship Students Graduate



DBL'S Education & Literacy Program in the Philippines recently saw the first 11 students receive certificates in the three different fields of Hotel & Restaurant Cooking, Automotive Mechanics, and Computer PC Operation. Student **Jestoni Barateta** provided an exceptional example of the success of the Scholarship program by gaining employment in a Learning & Resource Centre as a computer-based learning assistant.



"The excellence of a gift lies in its appropriateness rather than in its value."

Charles Dudley

The screening process is currently underway for applicants of the next round of scholarships and DBL hopes to see similar successful outcomes as those that this year's students were able to achieve.

Your Project Ideas at Work

One of the objectives of *DBL* is to undertake projects in countries where UTi does business, and wherever possible work on projects recommended from UTi people. Anyone of us has the capacity to make change by suggesting projects to *DBL*. Simply send in a suggestion to g Mills@go2uti.com or via the **Charitable Project Request** form located on the DBL page of myUTi, and we will drive it from there.

One great example of a project suggested from within UTi, is the book distribution program that *DBL* commenced in 2012. This program, in partnership with World Book Drive (WBD), continues to drive literacy benefits in many countries. The books are distributed in 20 or 40 foot containers from various depots in the U.S.A. Each container holds between 60,000 and 140,000 books, depending on the mix of soft and hard cover. The idea for this project came from UTi Americas team member who thought the partnership could work. Well, work it has, and the project has grown to benefit many tens of thousands of people.

For those of us who use "e readers" for our reading pleasure this may not seem much but research tells us that in the Developing World, there is less than one book for every thirteen families. One can only imagine a world without the opportunity to read for pleasure or learning.

To date we have distributed over 1,000,000 books to communities in South Africa, Zambia, Malaysia, and the Philippines, with new shipments currently being planned to Zimbabwe and Malaysia.

Books recently delivered to the Philippines are benefiting both adults and children within the



Mangahhan Village community and other slum type developments within the region. Some books will go directly to families but most will go to schools or will be used to create community libraries. No matter where the books end up, they are sure to help increase the opportunities for improved literacy within the community.

This program delivers enormous benefits with little financial outlay and minimal effort to make it happen. DBL and WBD will continue to support the program as long as the supply of books continues to be available.

2013 UTi Walkathon/Global Community Event



The 2013 Walkathon/Global Community Event has once again demonstrated the commitment of the UTi family to one another and to those in the community in need of our support.

The activities planned by teams all over the globe varied significantly, reflecting our geographies and cultural differences. From a golf tournament in Spain, to a marathon skating event in the Netherlands, to multiple teams walking in cities across the globe, UTi people came together as one.

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.”

Charles Dickens

There were Bingo games, family walks, bicycling and auctions. Many teams built their activities around food with barbecues (Braai’s for our African friends) bake sales and lunches. All of the activities no matter how small or large, brought us together as one, in a healthy mind, healthy body activity while working to help others.

And of course, we raised some wonderful funds to help us continue and grow the work of *DBL*. As we had previously indicated, the funds raised this year will be used to undertake a major school upgrade in Mozambique. This work is now being planned in partnership with the school and the UTi Mozambique team. We would appreciate everyone’s help in collection of donations by forwarding them to your regional coordinator or directly to *DBL* as soon as possible. This will ensure that the project will commence immediately and the benefit of your hard work will be seen by the children in Mozambique sooner.

A final tally of funds raised will be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to everyone who participated and made this such a wonderful team effort once again.



2013 Bosphorus Swim

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”

Helen Keller

Against strong currents, the UTi team members participating in this year’s 2013 Bosphorus Swim triumphed. This is the third consecutive year that competitors completed the grueling 4.5 mile (6 kilometer) event, raised valuable funds that will help continue the work of DBL, and represented both UTi and DBL with pride. According to UTi participant **Hugo Duchemin**, "The team has definitely improved its performance, preventing cramps and disorientation, improving race preparation, acting intelligently to use natural forces such as predictable currents," but would like to add more swimmers and sponsors next year.



(Left to Right) Cuneyt Kalkan, Hugo Duchemin, Tuna Gursoy, Seth Walker, and Irfan Erdim

The competitors and their finish times were:

Tuna Gursoy :	55 min
Hugo Duchemin:	63 min
Seth Walker:	69 min
Irfan Erdim:	76 min

We are honoured to have such dedicated team members supporting the cause and congratulate them on their incredible efforts, yet again.

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

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