

Delivering Better Lives



Letter from the director



April 2018

2017 and the beginning of 2018 have been very busy times for **DBL**. We have undertaken many new projects, completed many that were approved in earlier times and built significantly on the number of people to whom we have Delivered Better Lives.

At this stage we can quantifiably prove that we have Delivered Better Lives to over 5 MILLION PEOPLE yes that is right over 5 MILLION PEOPLE. People who now have schools where there were none or have better schools than they had, have access to medical care when there was none, have bridges enabling them to get to school when they previously could not go to school for extended periods of time, have employment opportunities that were before denied to them. We could go on but I am sure that everyone fully understands how much work we do.

We do not have teams of employees, we operate with limited funding but focus on making every dollar we have deliver good. We have no wastage and no excesses and concentrate all of our efforts on making the world a better place.

We extend our thanks to some new partners who have confirmed their support for **DBL** in the opening months of 2018 and would like to make specific mention of the Sherman Oaks Golf Club in the UK. Captained by one of our old workmates Andrew Seirlis this club has become a very generous donor to **DBL** and we extend our thanks to all of the members for their efforts. Thank you to Andrew for thinking of **DBL** when a charity to support was being sought.

DBL has also been hard at work seeking new corporate partners and we are thrilled to advise of two new partners.

WCA based in Florida have confirmed a partnership with **DBL** which will see **DBL** undertaking a number of projects in partnership with **WCA** over the coming year. This is a very positive development, **WCA** are a global network with many thousands of members and a strong community conscience. We look forward to working with **WCA** for many years to come.

Ezyhaul, a startup Logistics business founded by old workmates Raymond Gillon and Mudasur Mohamed has also confirmed a partnership with **DBL** and have entered into an MOU. This is an exciting development as it brings us back into partnership with many old **UTI** workmates including Raymond and Mudasur but also Mark De Batista.

So the future looks exciting for **DBL** and we look forward to Delivering Better Lives to many more needy people over the coming years.

Donations to DBL now mean so much more

The work of **DBL** depends totally on donations. Over the years we have had many hundreds of donors small and large and continue to rely on this generosity. A recent development, makes every donation even more valuable than ever before. An independent financial trust has committed to match all donations that **DBL** receives over 2018 and 2019 ON A DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR BASIS.

So every dollar you donate to **DBL** will be worth two dollars — this makes your investment in **DBL** worth twice as much. We call on all of our supporters to get on our website and donate to **DBL**

Remember over 5 MILLION PEOPLE leading better lives because of **DBL**

Remember limited funds spent on administration — less than 5%.

Every dollar donated = 2 dollars to **DBL**

New Projects in Q1

Thailand- Phayoa Clinic

Phayoa clinic is located in a poor rural area north of Bangkok. There are around 1200 immediate area residents and many more in surrounding small communities. The nearest hospital/medical centre is 3 hours travelling.

Local volunteers have set up a community health centre in a shed at a local school. This is manned by 8 volunteer medical staff from the nearest hospital, on a rotational basis with someone there every day. The clinic is now seeing over 30 patients a day in a run down shed, that is badly in need of work and limited medical equipment.

This project involves renovation of the shed including a new roof, construction of paths to the shed, provision of a water supply and washing facilities and the provision of medical equipment including Vital Signs Monitors, Otopscopes and Ophthalmoscopes, emergency first aid kits and minor surgery sets. Some basic furniture items will also be provided.

Peru- Housing 2

Delivering Better Lives will again partner with Kusimayo to undertake a project that aims to improve the living conditions and as a result the health of Peruvians living in the Lampa region of Peru.



The Andean Indians live in extremely harsh environmental conditions, in simple mud brick homes. They use dry manure for heating and cook often on outdoor fires. The cold and contamination from the fires kills hundreds of children each year. A University in Peru has developed a plan that alters houses to improve the quality of life.

The project has three key elements and *DBL* will fund work on 20 houses-

- installing simple ceilings in mud brick homes.

- replacing open fires with stoves with chimneys to remove heavy contaminants and smoke from homes, this has been measured to have a 90% effectiveness



- installing simple but very effective heating voids, increases internal temperatures by 10c.

Previous projects of this kind have seen a significant improvement in life expectancy for the people who have benefited from

these housing improvements.

Spain- Cardenal Herrera University- Children's Psycho-motor Unit

The Cardenal Herrera University in Valencia offers a psychomotor treatment service to children with mental/intellectual illnesses and disabilities and rare diseases. The service consists of improving children's psychomotor capacity, so that when they reach adolescence they can perform movements normally.

The service includes sporting activities and training that enables parents to do the exercises with their kids at home.

Javier Martinez Gramaje is responsible for the Physiotherapy Department of the Cardenal Herrera University and offers this service free of charge to those who need it. The program's objective is to expand the service capacity to more families and increase the number of treatments and activities that are currently carried out.

The project will be carried out for a period of two years focusing mainly on the purchase of equipment to allow the hospital to increase the number of treatments provided.

Spain- Child/Adolescent Psychiatry Service

This project is at the General University Hospital in Madrid for the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Service. This unit provides free services to mental health patients and their families.

Services are provided to young people up to the age of 17 together with families and carers. They cater to some 4000 patients a year which results in over 400 hospitalizations.

DBL will work with the Centre to establish a "Mirror Room" a room with one way windows so that treatments and responses can be observed and the best outcomes achieved.

New Projects in Q1 ctnd...

Vietnam-

My Thanh Nam Bridge

My Thanh 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.



Currently a rickety one lane timber bridge joins a village which is separated by a creek. In the wet season children who live on one side of the river must find a way to get from one side to the other or abandon attending school. There are 102 families 349 people on one side of the creek and 223 families 634 people on the other.

DBL will build a bridge 25 meters long, 2.2 meters wide and 10 meters above water level.

Puerto Rico-

Hogar Querubines Old People's Home

Hogar Querubines is an old peoples home located in the rural area of Ponce and currently cares for 21 elderly high care patients. In September 2017 the Home, lost all power due to a cyclone and it has never been reconnected, nor currently is there any hope of reconnection.

There are 6 patients in the home who are currently on life support and rely on an extension of power from the local police academy. This arrangement cannot continue as the academy does not need power 24/7 and is keeping the power operating to the Home until a solution is found.

The government provides US 1300 per month for care of these elderly people but does not cover adequate basic needs let alone the provision of a long term power supply.

DBL will provide a generator for the Old Peoples Home and to have it installed professionally.

Vietnam-

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 is a bridge across a small river which is used by the community and particularly by the children of the community to get to and from school.

In this case the bridge is 24 meters long and 3 meters wide and will be constructed some 10 meters above water level to allow for wet season flooding.

Peru-

Agriculture 2



Delivering Better Lives will again partner with Kusimayo to undertake a project that will improve the agricultural opportunities of Peruvians living in the Lampa region of Peru.

The Andean Indians live in poverty in extremely harsh environmental conditions. They receive no government support and little support from other agencies due to the difficulties of working in this extreme environment.

Most of the community live a subsistence lifestyle on land from which the most efficient use is currently not being gained. The food grown is rarely enough for the families let alone to sell for income.

A detailed plan has been developed, which has been successful in other communities and allows for skills to be transferred via peer training and development once the program is complete. It has also seen real subsistence farming results as well as the creation of market places, improved health and educational outcomes.



DBL will fund the implementation of this program in 20 houses in a community. The plan involved the provision of water storage and irrigation, construction of greenhouses, creation of open orchards, improved animal husbandry, and ground development through cultivation, mulching and fertilisation.

Completed Projects in Q1 ctnd...

South Africa-Hoerskool Floors High School

The Hoerskool Floors High School is located in Kimberley, South Africa and like so many schools in South Africa is starved of funds and is suffering from the many challenges, these include an influx of township and informal settlement students, consequential overcrowding, vandalism, racism and poor educational outcomes because of the vandalism and theft.

DBL installed burglar bars on all windows and doors, this will hopefully overcome the theft problem and leave teachers free to teach each day rather than looking for teaching resources and making do with limited equipment. Secondly this project created a computer facility

with 10 desktops and printers, this will allow computer education to commence but is also part of a strategy to create more engagement of the students.



Argentina-Fundación Si-Argentina Student's Home

Fundación Si was established in Argentina in 2012 by a group of friends who wanted to address disadvantage with 6 key programs. These programs are aimed at Street kids and the homeless and the disadvantaged rural communities denied educational opportunities.

The organization receives no government funding and it totally managed and staffed by volunteers.

One of the key programs is to provide poor rural students where less than 1 in 100 attend university (1 in 10 in the cities) with an opportunity to gain further education and therefore become catalysts to change in their country and communities.

This outcome is achieved by building and providing free of charge student accommodation and the services associated with this accommodation. To date 5 homes have been established housing on average 23 students a home.

DBL provided the foundation with a new home.



Vietnam-Housing Replacement Project

This project involved construction of a new home in a village outside of Ho Chi Minh City for a family in desperate need.

The Father/Husband of the family has been diagnosed with severe Epilepsy and can no longer work as a result of his medical condition. The Mother is

now required to care for him and their 5 children full time.

This project was bought to **DBL** by a local community member who saw an opportunity to help this family in need.

Completed Projects in Q1 ctnd...

Vietnam-Tuyen Binh Village School

Tuyen Binh Village is at the border of Cambodia and Vietnam and is in a extremely sad position. In addition to the low socio economic existence of the locals, many of the children in the area cross into Cambodia to work in the fields in the morning and come back in the evening, therefore not attending school. The school is overcrowded and cannot accept any more students, as the parents must go to work in the fields the children who cannot attend school must follow.

At night the border guards utilize the school buildings to try to teach the children to read and write.

In all there are 1300 Vietnamese children in the village under the age of 13 and 200 Cambodian children trying to attend a school with 6 rooms. **DBL** constructed 4 new classrooms and a toilet block.



Malawi-Bwalia Hospital

Bwalia Hospital is the District Hospital for Lilongwe. All patients who need to attend hospital must first go to this District Hospital and where required are referred to a more sophisticated but smaller hospital for only the most serious issues.

Bwalia has multiple wards including Maternity (a new facility constructed by the Rose Project), Fistula, TB, HIV, Children's and the biggest and most busy the Out Patients Department (OPD) although the OPD is misnamed as it provides much greater services than a typical OPD.

Bwalia is reported as the busiest hospital in Africa, and is attended by extraordinary numbers of patients who arrive from 4 am and wait up to 12 hours to be seen. Facilities are grossly inadequate, patients wait in the sun and rain, patients pass out and in some cases die in the queue. Government money in this impoverished country is simply not available and the hospital develops when support is available from NGO's.

DBL funded the construction of a new comprehensive Out Patients Department.



Completed Projects in Q1

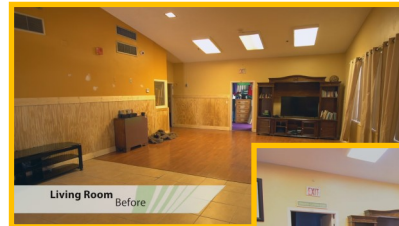
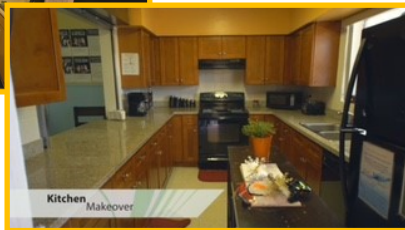
U.S.A-His House Children's Home

His House Children's Home is a facility in Miami that provides residential care, foster home placement, counselling, education and transitioning needs for children in crisis. The facility has large numbers of children who are caught illegally migrating across the borders into the USA. Care is provided in a village environment with children in small cottage units living with carers.

The facility has been operating for 28 years and in that time has helped

over 14,000 children. It currently houses 232 children in 16 cottages. Challenges are compounded as the children come from 8 different countries. The current volume of children arriving cannot be catered for with over 1000 turned away in the past year.

DBL provided the funds to two cottages to be upgraded with work being undertaken by Daniel Grimes and his team from ITN.



Sri Lanka-CCC Foundation

CCC foundation is an NGO in Sri Lanka whose specific focus is on two areas; despite attempts to identify long term corporate support receives limited transit houses for cancer patients and a toll free counselling service aimed at funding suicide prevention.

DBL supported CCC by undertaking renovations to the Cancer hospice.

CCC is totally run by volunteers and is funded exclusively by donations and

Cambodia-Let's Read— Prek Tandek

Prek Tandek Secondary School is located some 100 kilometres from Phnom Penh in rural Cambodia. The school provides education for students from year 7 to year 12 and has 31 classrooms for 1400 students. Students from 5 communes attend the school which is forced to hold morning and afternoon sessions to accommodate all students.

The area is a poor subsistence farming community with little government

support. The desperate need is for a library/multi media centre. Reading is poorly neglected and considered by the teaching fraternity to be the greatest need.

DBL funded the construction and fit out of a library to service both the school and the community. *of 30,000 people.*



DBL in Spain

The Chamber of Commerce of Seville Business School has taken the initiative of inviting its Master degree students to do their Final Master degree projects about **DBL**. As such Juan Manuel Santos was invited to present on **DBL** to students interested in the schools initiative. The presentation took place on Wednesday February 14th.

Juan Manuel was able to present on the history of **DBL**, projects and challenges, to guide the students on areas in which they can work with **DBL**. Juan Manuel's goal was to have people involved in different projects that may help us in future (**DBL** promotion, donations, Projects, etc.) We look forwards to working with the students and seeing what ideas and initiatives they can bring to **DBL**.

4th Annual Golf Tournament-Spain

For four years now a Golf Charity Tournament has been held in Spain to raise funds for **DBL**. The tournament is organised by Juan Manuel Santos. All details can be found below. If you are in Spain and would like to get involved, please contact Juan Manuel at jmsantos@deliveringbetterlives.org. If you are unable to attend and would like to support the initiative, please head to the Events



4th Golf Charity Tournament



With the objective of obtaining funds to contribute to the execution of DBL projects in Spain in 2018

I want to participate

As INDIVIDUAL

- Player in the Tournament and meal **65 €**
- Participant in the initiation class (2 hours session) and meal **50 €**
- ONLY attending to the meal **35 €**
(if you can't attend but would like to support, you can make a donation)

As SPONSOR

- "BIRDIE" sponsorship **500 €** (2 players included)
- "EAGLE" sponsorship **1.000 €** (4 players included)

Golf de Valdeluz — Yebes (Guadalajara) Spain
www.golfdevaldeluz.com
June 10th, 2018
 Individual, Stableford Modality (two categories)
 8,30 — Reception of participants
 9,30 — Tournament starts
 11,30 — Golf initiation session starts
 14,30 — Meal and prize for winners

Send a message to Juan Manuel Santos:
jmsantos@deliveringbetterlives.org
 with your name, ID and choice

JOIN US! Or, if you prefer, you can register for the initiation course that will take place simultaneously with the tournament or join us in the meal at the end of the activities

As a Company or Institution, you can use this way of contribution to meet your social purposes (CSR). We propose two options ("BIRDIE" and "EAGLE") but if you prefer another way, it will be perfect ("PAR")

Delivering Better Lives supports projects for people in need since 2006. To date, it has completed more than 200 projects around the world under the fundamental principle of "everyone has the right to a roof, food and basic healthcare and education"

In 2018 we will carry out projects in Spain related to ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) in the Gregorio Marañón Hospital (Madrid) and psychomotricity support for children with rare diseases in the Cardenal Herrera University (Valencia) among other projects.

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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.*

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