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 "Delivering Better Lives"


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"Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is man made and can be removed by the actions of human beings."

-Nelson Mandela

Thank You

As we take the time to reflect on the 2013 year, we would like to thank the many people who have contributed to the work of **Delivering Better Lives**. Many thousands of people have helped by participating in events, raising funds, suggesting projects, working on projects, or simply being passionate about helping others.

To all of you - THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Without your support and passionate commitment to making the world a better place, we would not be able to do as much work as we do.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see a summary of projects completed and commenced during 2013 - an outstanding year with many tens of thousands of people delivered better lives.

We will continue our work in 2014 and beyond and look forward to continuing to work with all of our supporters, **Delivering Better Lives**.

To everyone we hope you had a Happy and Safe Christmas with your loved ones and wish you a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2014.

Glenn Mills

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2013 Completed *DBL* Projects

“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.”

-Audrey Hepburn

- **Nyaure Medical Center Shipment – Nyaure, Zimbabwe:** Shipment of essential hospital equipment and goods to the Nyaure Centre, constructed by *DBL* in 2012.
- **Bikes for Africa, Phase 2 – Mwanza, Tanzania:** In partnership with Bicycling Magazine, *DBL* was involved with the shipment and distribution of bikes to Community healthcare workers in Tanzania.
- **Father Venacio School - Padres Las Casas, Mexico:** Construction of a new classroom and provision of musical instruments for a music therapy program.
- **Aldimi House – Lima, Peru:** Basic facility works and provision of essential equipment to this facility that houses cancer patients.
- **La Casita Nicolas Orphanage - Medellin, Colombia:** Extension of the buildings into a new house, providing more areas for exercise and play.
- **Wheelchairs for Critonata – Guadalajara, Mexico:** *DBL* delivered much needed electric wheelchairs to children who previously had no mobility aids.
- **Book Program Philippines - Manila, Philippines:** Shipment and distribution of books provided by the World Book Drive, throughout the Mangahhan Village.
- **Thien My B School – My Loi Village, Vietnam:** Construction of a new five room school building and toilet block to facilitate additional classes.
- **Ampang Girls Shelter - Ampang, Malaysia:** Renovation of accommodation facilities for girls living at the shelter.
- **Beralihela School - Somawathiva, Sri Lanka:** Construction of a library, laboratory, and computer studies room as well as the outfitting of these facilities.
- **Vivekananda School Renovations – Petaling Jaya, Malaysia:** Renovation and upgrade of the schools facilities.
- **El Demerdash Emergency Room – Cairo, Egypt:** Renovation of the emergency ward.
- **Ofer School Playground for Autistic Children – Haifa, Israel:** Development of a specialized playground and upgrade of existing facilities for children and young adults with Autism.
- **Aqaba Orphanage – Aqaba, Jordan:** Provision of specialized therapy equipment for children with Autism.
- **Haleemah Orphanage – Haleemah, Jordan:** Renovation of facilities and provision of specialized equipment for children with Autism and Cerebral Palsy
- **St. Vincent de Paul – Madrid, Spain:** Upgrade and fit-out of the facilities clothing store.



DBL Projects Commenced in 2013

“Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.”

-Edmund Burke

- **Bradford College – Harare, Zimbabwe:** Construction of a classroom block and associated service rooms.
- **Botswana Library Program – Manyama, Botswana:** Construction and fit-out of a library for the Manyama community.
- **Helenvale Primary School – Port Elizabeth, South Africa:** Maintenance on existing buildings, electrification of buildings and construction, fit-out and stocking of a library.
- **Zimbabwe Book Distribution – Nyaure/Bradford, Zimbabwe:** In partnership with the World Book Drive, shipment and distribution of books.
- **New Image Shelter - Los Angeles, California USA:** Replacement and repair of the facilities beds.
- **San Jorge Children’s Center - Buenos Aires, Argentina:** Extension works and renovation of existing kitchen and toilet facilities.
- **Children’s Development Program – Puno/Lampa, Peru:** Renovation and fit-out of kitchens as well as provision of school program materials and hygiene equipment for a total of eight kindergartens.
- **Campinas Children's Center – Campinas, Brazil:** Establishment of a library and resource center.
- **Gnar Agna School – New Delhi, India:** Ongoing activities to provide facilities and equipment to the school.
- **Tissamaharama Vocational Training Center – Hambanatota, Sri Lanka:** Upgrade of training auditorium and provision of a range of equipment to allow the school to expand its training areas.
- **Radalia Children’s Estate – Radalia Estate, Sri Lanka:** Construction of a Children's Center which will include a Kindergarten, Crèche, and Feeding Centre.
- **Philippines Education & Literacy Program – Manila, Philippines:** Development of a scholarship program to allow young people to undertake vocational training.
- **Sipol School Program – Manila, Philippines:** Funding of the running of the Kindergarten.
- **Malaysia Book Distribution 2 - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia:** In partnership with the World Book Drive, **DBL** will ship a container of books to Malaysia.
- **Lorenzo’s Home, HIV Center for Children – Bangkok, Thailand:** Creation of a playground and sporting facility, provision of equipment, and some educational support.
- **Tra Vinh Province Kindergarten Program – Tra Vinh Province, Vietnam:** Construction of three new kindergartens.
- **Tiakhali College Reconstruction – Amtali Upazila, Bangladesh:** Reconstruction of the college that was destroyed by a cyclone.
- **Boonchu School – Chonburi, Thailand:** Provision of new fencing for the safety and security of the school’s students.
- **SDN Sunter Jaya 7/8 School Library – Jakarta, Indonesia:** Construction of a library and resource center.
- **New Zealand/ Malaysia Books Project – Sandakan, Malaysia:** **DBL** in partnership with the Rotary Club of Wellington will ship and distribute books in Sandakan.
- **Guide Dogs for the Blind – Budapest, Hungary:** Funding of the acquisition, education and training of Guide Dogs for use by visually impaired individuals.
- **Amis Youth Center – Madrid, Spain:** Renovation of existing facilities and implementation of a new classroom.
- **Cairo Orphanage Project – Cairo, Egypt:** a range of upgrade work at five different orphanages.
- **Ofer School Transition Program – Haifa, Israel:** Funding of the schools Transition Program, which provides life skills and education to young adults transitioning to the community.

DBL and Critonata Hospital Increase Mobility for Those in Need

Delivering Better Lives carries out projects to support needy people in over 40 Countries and all have a strong level of emotion attached to them. Every so often a project comes along which touches the hearts of all involved.

Such a project was recently completed in Guadalajara, Mexico. The team led by **Gilberto Rivera, UTi Vice President Area Sales for Latin America** and supported by the whole team and management including **Daniel Lozano, Customs Supervisor for Contract Logistics and Distribution, Arturo Mora, Managing Director of Mexico and Central America, and Mari Corona, Branch Manager in Guadalajara**, approached **DBL** with a proposal to provide wheelchairs to young people who were seriously disabled and could not afford any form of chair for mobility.

"We live surrounded by a sea of poverty. Nevertheless, this sea can decrease in size. Our work is only a drop in a bucket, but this drop is necessary."

-Mother Theresa



The project was approved, and wheelchairs were provided to 25 young people in Guadalajara whose medical needs are met by the Critonata Hospital. Some of the wheelchairs were the basic chair we see every day while others were very sophisticated electric chairs. We all knew that providing these chairs would have a profound and life changing impact, but none of us really foresaw the level of impact and the emotion that would flow.

DBL received many letters of thanks, three of which are highlighted below:

"I was born with muscular dystrophy , I cannot move my legs, This chair will change my life forever. Now I will be able to more around and provide some relief to my mother who has always had to carry me"

"We travelled by bus 1000 kilometres overnight to receive this chair. We could not believe it when we received the phone call that we were selected to receive a chair. You have no idea what it means to our family. Our prayers will always be with you."

"This wheelchair will allow me to go to school , to go out of the classroom during breaks, and to travel for therapy .This is a miracle"



There are many more acknowledgements, but the message is loudly received: the work of **DBL** in all countries is changing lives for the better. We learn so much from each person that we help as they show us how important our work is and how humbling it is to help someone in need.

Thank you to Gilberto and the team in Mexico for bringing this project to **DBL**.



DBL Delivers New Science and Computer Facilities in Malaysia

The **UTi** Team in Malaysia under the leadership of **Managing Director Mark Debatista** and **HR Manager Alice Ng** have engaged with **DBL** over the past few years on a number of projects of differing kinds and complexities. In 2012, the team approached **DBL** with a recommendation that we undertake a project to significantly upgrade the Vivekananda High School in Kuala Lumpur in order to provide students with a Science facility and upgraded Computer facility.



“The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to him his own.”

-Benjamin Disraeli



This is quite a different project for **DBL** as the school is established and has reasonable quality buildings. Bricks and mortar though do not make an education facility. It takes much more and requires a focused investment, not only in teachers but facilities. Minimal funding has been provided to enable the largely Tamil student body of some 1000 students to participate in and develop science and computer skills. Such skills will help lead to better jobs and a much better chance of access to higher learning. The school is in a relatively poor area and most of the students are from a minority group in the society.

This project is now complete and has been handed over to the school. The pictures here show what a first class facility has been created. It does not take much imagination to see how education will improve through these facilities. A different project for **DBL** but nonetheless one that will be **Delivering Better Lives** for many years to come.

Delivering Better Lives Aids Earthquake Victims in the Philippines

Recent times have been incredibly challenging for the citizens of the Philippines, who recently experienced a devastating tornado that had a major impact on the lives of people in the region.

Only months before this damaging tornado, the Philippines experienced a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. The **UTi Shared Services team in Manila** joined together to receive and distribute donations of essential items to assist people in need. These items included: bottled water, sleeping mats, blankets, canned goods, and other food items.

DBL along with the local Manila team will continue to monitor the situation in the Philippines to determine what projects we may be able to assist with as the very difficult task of reconstruction gets under way.



A Lost People

Delivering Better Lives recently approved a new project to construct a small school and kindergarten in the Tra Vinh province of Vietnam. This school is being developed to cater to some of the most disadvantaged people we have ever encountered and demonstrates how an organization like **DBL**, supported by a family of 20,000 people globally, can identify and help in some of the most difficult of circumstances.

The children who will attend this school are not recognized as citizens because they were not born in a hospital or under official care and their birth was not registered. Their parents are legal Vietnamese citizens, but were unable to afford the hospital fees or undertake the travel required to reach a hospital.

The situation sounds very unfair, however, **DBL** can and will help alongside the team in Vietnam.

This is a great example of the power of the team to change the world we live in. Let's all work together to help the disadvantaged in our society.

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

-Charles Dickens

2013 Walkathon Fundraising Results



The 2013 Walkathon was once again an enormous success raising valuable funds to continue to support the work of **Delivering Better Lives**. Thank you once again to the 70+ UTi teams around the globe who participated.

The funds raised have now been collated and we can proudly announce that this year's events raised a total of:

USD \$69,567

The DBL Global Walkathon and Community event will again be held in 2014 with the aim of bringing the global family together in a healthy mind, healthy body exercise. Please let us know if you have ideas on how this event can be done better or how we might better engage more people.



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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

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

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