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UTi's Charitable Foundation— *"Delivering Better Lives"*

"Do not follow where the path may lead – go instead where there is no path and leave a trail"

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Thank You from UTi Chile



Santiago, Chile: Employees showed their spirit and held a raffle to benefit the Walkathon

As many of you will know I was taken ill during May and ended up in hospital with surgery and subsequently a boring rehabilitation process. Although I am not telling the Doctors, I got back into the Foundation work as quickly as I could and was thrilled to see how many committed people had picked up tasks and projects and kept our invaluable community work moving ahead.

During my illness my wife and I received many messages wishing me well and a speedy recovery. There were too many messages to answer each one individually but I did want to pass on our thanks to the many people who have in many different ways provided support, this is an impersonal way to pass on our thanks but it does allow us to get to everyone – something we could otherwise not do.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks, your messages helped us through the challenges and made us realize how many good friends we have around the world. My ill-

ness has also made me realize just how fragile life is and how important it is that we work together to **Deliver Better Lives** to everyone we touch.

While I was ill our second Walkathon was held and while it will take us a while to see the final financial results there were many thousands of our team members who joined in and walked to **Deliver Better Lives**. Thank you to everyone who participated and raised valuable funds for the work of the Foundation to continue and grow.

Of major excitement during the month was the launch of the Foundation website, a lot of work has gone into this development and we welcome the opportunity to share more information through www.deliveringbetterlives.org - check it out.

Keep Well

Glenn Mills

Foundation working towards a new school for Street Children in Lusaka, Zambia



The UTi team in Lusaka, Zambia lead by Brian Brits supported by his wife Yolanda and their friend Ilke Green began a program to feed street children in Lilayi on the outskirts of Lusaka in 2009. This was an incredible step by two committed and passionate women. They saw the street children and began feeding them local food that they prepared in their kitchen at home and served to the children from the trunk of their car. This program continues today with help from other friends in their community and now supported by the local Bishop and his "school".

While running the feeding program Yolanda and Ilke met a local, Bishop Yamba, who had opened a "school" for these street children who could not afford to go to government schools and if they could would probably not be admitted.

The "school" was set up in run down, totally inadequate, rented premises. Due to the rent the Bishop was struggling to keep going but he was also being evicted from the premises as the owner wanted them back. He was being forced to comply with some basic hygiene requirements that could not be met.

After considerable deliberation, the Foundation has agreed to construct a new school near the current site on land that will be owned by the School. We are facing the delays sometimes experienced in developing countries as we struggle to get legal transfers of land approved and the building planned. This can be frustrating but we will persevere and believe we will resolve the major problems over the coming weeks and go ahead with a school that will when coupled with the work of Yolanda, Ilke, Brian and their friends change the lives of the street kids of Lilayi.



The feeding program at work.

New School in Burundi Now Becoming a Reality

"Progress always involves risk – you cannot steal base and keep your foot on first"

Fedrick Wilcox



After many months of planning and negotiating the new school being constructed for the children of Mashitsi Village in Burundi is now underway. Construction commenced in late April and is planned for completion in August when there will be an opening ceremony attended by the President of the country.

Deo Ntibibuka the UTi Country Manager represented the Foundation at the opening ceremony and along with the community leadership team is managing the construction process.

You can see from the photos the level of excitement in the Village – this will be one of if the most significant things to ever happen in this village and will certainly be a life changing step for the children of the area.



Madre Carmelita – Shows Us How to Care for Children in Guadalajara, Mexico

The combined team from UTi and Span in Guadalajara ,Mexico recently recommended to the Foundation that we support an Orphanage/Girls Shelter set up by a former Spanish Nun Madre Carmelita in Guadalajara. Madre Carmelita has established this wonderful caring facility in three houses each of which provide shelter for girls in set age groups. The girls are extremely well looked after, attend school and a range of after school activities .

I was fortunate enough to visit these facilities with the local UTi teams from both Freight Forwarding and Contract Logistics and to share a meal with the girls – an experience that I know everyone would both enjoy and learn from.

As a result of the recommendations to the Foundation and the subsequent visits the Foundation has agreed to provide financial support to Madre Carmelita to upgrade the security at one of the facilities and to renovate one of the houses to upgrade bathroom and counseling facilities. This investment we know will return significantly to the family that Madre Carmelita has grown but also will allow the family to grow in a more secure



The Children after school

“The door of success opens with a push”

Foundation Extends Support for La Chinca in Colombia



Glenn Mills with the Girls of La China

For those of you who follow the projects we support you will know that the Foundation has provided support to the La Chinca girls refuge in Colombia to construct a vocational training centre and to upgrade their kitchen facilities.

In February I was fortunate to visit La Chinca for the opening of the new facilities and was amazed at how much work had been done

and the quality of the work for the money allocated. The girls, all of whom are from abusive backgrounds, now have a wonderful training centre fully fitted out with new computers, English language training ma-

terial and audio visual equipment that will enable them to perform better in their schooling but also to develop skills that will equip them for the world they must enter when they leave La Chinca at the age of 18.

As a result of the wonderful outcomes brought by this project and the tremendous value delivered to the girls of La Chinca the Foundation has agreed to provide further funds to enable the completion of the kitchen facilities and the upgrading of bedrooms and bedding for some of the girls.

It is a very humbling to visit La Chinca and see these girls and young women, who have all had experiences that have a very serious mental impact, grow and develop as a result of the work done with them by the Foundation.

Anyone who has the time and inclination to visit La Chinca will be both humbled and uplifted by the experience.

The Sales Organization Shows its Passion for Delivering Better Lives

In February the global sales organization under the Leadership of Gene Ochi met for a few days in Los Angeles to continue the process of driving growth within UTi.

What we saw during this meeting was the other side of a hard driving sales organization – the passionate side if you like – this passionate side created and drove a number of activities all aimed at raising funds to enable the Foundation to continue and develop our work.

These activities include the selling items by each person that represented their country and the auctioning of motivational posters. The outcome of these wonderful efforts was that in excess of US 25,000 was raised for the Foundation at the meeting and commitments were made to raise a further USD 40,000 during the course of 2010.

On behalf of all of the people that the Foundation supports anywhere in the world a big thank you to the Global Sales Organization for their support.

Purchase and Download “The Runners Song” and support the Foundation.

“We must either find a way or make one”

Hannibal

One of our very committed team members at UTi, Peter Mahncke has recently produced a song dedicated to running and has had the song produced and made available on Amazon.

In addition Peter has committed that the proceeds from the first 1000 sales of the song will go to the Foundation.

To obtain the song and support our ongoing work go to www.gothedistancesports.com click on the runners song tab, scroll down to the green song cover and click on it. You will then be channeled to Amazon.com where you can download the song. If you do not have an account with Amazon you can go to Napster, Rhapsody or i-Tunes

Wear Your Pin with Pride



As a result of a suggestion by Jackie Jones in Long Beach, the Foundation has purchased label pins that are now for sale.

Please contact your Regional DBL Coordinators if you wish to place an order.

Foundation New Website Launched

A major milestone for the Foundation was reached in May when we launched our new website. The website is designed to keep you up to date on all of our activities, to provide history and background to our work and most importantly to allow people to donate securely via the site.

Please take the time to visit our site – any feedback on what else you would like to see on the site is encouraged.

www.deliveringbetterlives.org

Walking Around The World To Deliver Better Lives

The second annual walkathon has now been completed and we want to share with you some of the activities that took place in various countries during the event and thank everyone for their involvement. You will have seen the separate updates already distributed and we will continue with these until we are able to total the funds raised when we will advise you of this total.

There were many very exciting events led off by our colleagues in New Zealand who were the first to kick off their event with an Amazing Race theme where participants had to cover points of interest in their cities – a great concept and one that I am sure that everyone had fun with.

It was clear from the feedback from a number of countries the event was one where families and friends joined in to make it a real fun event where everyone could join together to Deliver Better Lives.

The plan is to hold this event every year and as such you might like to start planning now for next year – remember our aim is you use these funds to Deliver Better Lives .

Many thanks to all who participated your efforts will truly Deliver Better Lives.





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"Delivering Better Lives"



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www.deliveringbetterlives.org



"Thank you to everyone who contributed to this Edition of the DBL Newsletter"

EDUCATION

HEALTH

HOUSING

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

... THINGS MOST OF US TAKE FOR GRANTED BUT WHICH ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN MANY IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

**THIS IS THE FIELD IN WHICH DBL WORKS
JOIN US IN OUR QUEST TO DELIVER BETTER LIVES TO
THE CHILDREN OF TODAY AND TOMORROW**