



May 2021 Newsletter

New Classroom in La Quebradita, Nicaragua

The children of La Quebradita in Nicaragua had been going to school in a shipping container. It was too small, too hot, too loud, and too narrow for good teaching and learning.



So, members of Kiwanis clubs in northern California helped build a new classroom for them. It is 25' x 38' and is made with a steel frame on a concrete foundation. It will last for 30 years.



This is TGUP's 16th classroom in Nicaragua. Thank you, Kiwanis Clubs, and Seeds of Learning, TGUP's partner in Nicaragua. The world is a better place because of you.

To see the plaque commemorating the classroom, [click here](#).

COVID Masks for Nepal

Nepal is facing a COVID apocalypse. Cases are up 1,200% in just the last month.

But Nepal has only the most meager health care infrastructure. VERY few people are able to get medical care. The rest have to go home and...hope for the best.

Through the Nepal Women's Community Service Center, TGUP operates a Sewing Center in Nepal. The Center has made thousands of *Save a Girl* kits and more than 80,000 COVID masks to date. It even made 3,000 masks that we donated to homeless people in the U.S. last year.



TGUP has agreed to fund an additional 12,000 masks for the poor. One cloth mask costs just 25 cents to make. If you would like to help fund masks, [click here](#). Every dollar donated will go to purchasing and distributing masks.

Save a Girl Distribution Tour

TGUP had produced and donated close to 20,000 *Save a Girl* kits for girls in developing countries. The kits help adolescent girls manage their period so they can stay in school.



You can see a digital "tour" of all of these distributions, in 6 countries. Just [click here](#) and stroll through at your own pace. It's a stunningly compassionate visual tour of helping tens of thousands of the least of those among us.

Save a Girl Matching Grant

Speaking of which...TGUP recently received a matching grant to fund 1,000 more *Save a Girl* kits. A single kit costs only \$6 and lasts for 3 years. They are given free of charge to the girls.





Keeping an adolescent girl in school for \$2 per year is probably one of the highest returns on human investment in the world. It is certainly one of the most humane.

If you would like to donate even as little as *one kit*, [click here](#) and your donation will be matched by a generous TGUP donor.

Science Lab in a Box

TGUP has funded science labs at various high schools in the developing world. They raise the trajectory of thousands of students for their entire lives.

And science is the same everywhere. So, we decided to create a **Science Lab in a Box (SLaB)** for use in high schools anywhere.



The **SLaB** contains supplies, instruments, equipment, and tools needed to teach laboratory Biology, Chemistry, and Physics to pre-college students at a high international standard. It will be provided to qualified schools at no cost.

[Click here](#) see a copy of the SLaB Concept Paper.

When Numbers are Not Boring

Some people think numbers are boring. These numbers are exciting!

TGUP just filed its 990 report with the IRS. That's the nonprofit equivalent of the 1040 that all of us have to file. One of the required schedules is a recitation of what we spent our money on. That, to justify our nonprofit status.

TGUP Project Payments/Spending, 1/1/20 - 12/31/20

Cambodia	KYO orphanage water system	\$1,440	\$4,248					\$5,688
Indonesia	Ban latrines	\$5,221	\$5,221					\$10,442
Indonesia	Covid relief	\$3,000						\$3,000
Kenya	Save a Girl 2020	\$4,200	\$4,800	\$3,000	\$3,864	\$6,048	\$6,120	\$28,032
Kenya	Lakhani Foundation SaG kits	\$1,890	\$3,000					\$4,890
Kenya	Mozambique SaG kits	\$3,000	\$3,000					\$6,000
Kenya	Bee Hives	\$1,200	\$648	\$2,760				\$4,608
Kenya	Ngungu latrines	\$2,760	\$1,740	\$2,400				\$6,900
Kenya	Covid masks	\$864	\$3,000					\$3,864
Kenya	Covid relief	\$1,200						\$1,200
Kenya	Shining Star School	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$3,600	\$2,520			\$15,720
Kenya	Shining Star playground	\$6,180	\$2,640	\$2,160				\$10,980
Kenya	Shining Star windows	\$180						\$180
Kenya	Shining Star electricity	\$1,406						\$1,406
Kenya	Shining Star latrines	\$3,468	\$4,800					\$8,268
Kenya	OliveSeed masks	\$768						\$768
Kenya	Sports uniforms	\$0						\$0
Kenya	Ecosoap bank	\$1,560						\$1,560
Kenya	Olive Seed Solar libraries	\$924						\$924
Morocco	El Jadida library	\$1,200						\$1,200
Morocco	Blougra library	\$1,200	\$900					\$2,400
Nepal	Bhanu science lab	\$687						\$687
Nepal	Charambi birthing center	\$4,800						\$4,800
Nepal	Nepal library books	\$556						\$556
Nepal	Covid relief	\$3,600	\$4,200					\$7,800

The numbers in the photo here are too small to see. But, to see a full-sized PDF copy of that schedule, [click here](#). It shows details of all of the 40 projects we spent \$195,000 on last year. That \$195,000 was 101% of our \$194,000 revenues. We dipped into our modest reserves because the impact opportunities were so great.

We always say, “100% of every dollar donated goes to the donor’s designated project.” This is the proof, and the numbers show the details. Not boring, exciting!

Final Word

[The Global Uplift Project](#) has now donated more than \$1,000,000 to build low-cost, high-impact projects in 18 developing world countries. They are helping more than 400,000 of the poorest people in the world have just a slightly better chance in life.

You can see an online gallery of all of those projects by [clicking here](#). Or, to see thumbnails of 160+ of the projects (PDF), [click here](#).

Not one of those projects is charity. Every one of them is a hand up — a bootstrap — for people working as hard as humanly possible to help themselves.

Those projects are helping hundreds of thousands of people here, at home, too. How? We are *bigger* when we help others, and we are more powerful when we work together. Isn’t that all we really want to be? Bigger, more effective people?

That is the whole of the TGUP formula: bigger, more effective people here, and a better world out there. The insight is that *by working together* no one of us has to do too much. But, we can still, literally, change the world. Not metaphorically. Not rhetorically. Literally. We are.

If *you* want to be a bigger person and change the world — not metaphorically, not rhetorically, but literally — get some friends or relatives or coworkers together and let’s get to work. The need is great, but the reward is even greater because changing lives is life changing. Join us.

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Yours in a Better World.

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