



## KGUP End of Year Newsletter

This has been KGUP's best year ever. By December 31, we will have completed [more than 50 projects in 9 countries](#)...one per week! That makes it [more than 200](#) in total since we started. They are helping more than 500,000 of the poorest people in the world have a better chance in life. Here is a sampling of a few of the most recent projects.

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### Kenya, Water Tanks



In Kenya, the desert is moving south at about 5 miles per year and droughts are worsening. Working with Community Initiatives for Rural Development (CIFORD), we installed four 3,000 liter water tanks in Meru, in the Eastern Province, where water is often scarce. Water is collected from the rooftops (look closely at first photo) and stored for crop production, cooking, and other uses. Each water tank only costs \$300 and can be life saving. [Click here](#) to sponsor a water tank.

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### Indonesia, Latrines and Shelters

The October 16<sup>th</sup> earthquake in Indonesia destroyed houses and latrines on the island of Bali. Without latrines, people 'go' in the bushes, which spreads E.coli.



TGUP has built more than 140 latrines in the village of Ban. We replaced six damaged latrines in November for families who lost everything. We also funded four temporary housing shelters at \$275 each so families were not homeless. The families, themselves, did the work, helping keep the costs low.



Click on these links to sponsor a [latrine](#) or [shelter](#) for a family who lost everything in the earthquake.

## Nicaragua, Luz de Cristo School



Half of the children in the village of Luz de Cristo, in Nicaragua, were going to school on the porch of the only classroom.

Members of Kiwanis Division 12 in San Jose, CA funded a new classroom for the students, which will last 30 years. They also funded a playground, and a solar electrical system to light the school. Thank you Kiwanis members!

To see the Photo Gallery of the classroom being built, [click here](#). It's super exciting!



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## India, *Save a Girl* kits

TGUP has shipped its first batch of [Save a Girl](#) kits to India, to the city of Dharamshala. The kits help adolescent girls manage their period so they can stay in school. They were made at the TGUP sewing center in Dang, Nepal. The center is operated by TGUP's partner, Nepal Women's Community Service Center (NWCSC).



NWCSC also made 1,000 COVID cloth masks that were given free of charge to needy people in the remote Gorkha region of Nepal. Since it began making masks in March of last year, the center has made and distributed more than 100,000 of them, including sending 4,000 to the U.S. where we distributed them to homeless people in the Bay Area last summer.

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## Nepal, Science Lab in a Box

TGUP's [Science Lab in a Box](#) (SLaB) is now in testing in Nepal. Thanks to our partner, Little Sisters Fund, students at Jubilant and Aadarsha High Schools will be using the SLaB to do laboratory work in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Without actual laboratory experience, students cannot apply to universities.



In January, two SLaBs will be installed at TGUP-supported high schools in Kenya. Our goal is to provision 20 more SLaB's next year in the developing world.

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## Kenya, Maasai Mara High School Library

The Maasai Mara High School is in one of the most remote areas of Kenya. The Maasai people are historically migrant herders. But some have settled to become assimilated to Kenyan society.

The students are fiercely devoted to learning. But they had no library. Rotary International members from the Woodside and Walnut Creek, CA clubs funded the build-out of the library and provisioning of 800 books chosen by the teachers. It is now the finest library in a 50-mile radius.



To see the Photo Gallery of the project being completed, [click here](#).

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## TGUP on Prime Time Television

TGUP was recently featured in the prime-time news hour on KGO Channel 7 News. KGO is the ABC network affiliate for the San Francisco Bay Area. The segment is only 2+ minutes long and super-flattering. See it by clicking on the ABC image.



Don't we have enough stuff? Why not give a gift that makes a difference in someone's life? [TGUP's gifts](#) range from \$6 to \$300 and can materially change someone's life.



Beehive in Kenya \$120



Save a Girl Kit \$6



Bamboo home \$275

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## Final word

This newsletter is being written over the Thanksgiving holiday, and we want to give thanks.

We give thanks for having running water, warm, dry shelter, sewerage (so the poop magically disappears!), electricity at the flip of a switch (so we can have refrigerators, so the food doesn't go bad). Free K-12 education with the government providing two free meals a day to those who cannot afford it. Environmental protections, law and order, FDA quality food supply, beautiful roads that go from here to eternity, cars to drive on them...

Virtually none of this is available to most of the people in the developing world. They live with food insecurity, shabby shelter at best, no running water (so, no sewerage), no electricity, scant health care, poor education, few roads, little law and order...

Yet, improving the lot of humanity is *so doable*. We just have to decide it's worth it. Here's just one micro-perspective on it.

There are [89 million pet dogs](#) in the U.S. We spend an average of [\\$1,201 per dog per year](#). That's a total of \$107 billion per year. What if we spent one-tenth of 1% less on our dogs? That would be \$1.20 less per dog, per *year*. That would liberate \$107 million to help people in the developing world. Would that be worth it?

TGUP reliably builds classrooms in multiple countries for about \$15,000. For \$107 million, we could build **7,125** classrooms a year. And that's just by shifting .1% from the dogs.

We can do this. We just have to decide it's worth it.

Thank you for your interest in making the world a better place. Eventually, we'll all help, because that's the only way we become bigger people: by helping others. And that's the only thing we all really want to be, isn't it: a bigger person?

Enjoy the holidays. Please share this with your friends! That's the main way we grow. (Social media buttons below)

We'll see you next year.

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