



One Dollar For Life

## ODFL July 2020 Newsletter

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### ODFL importing COVID masks from Kenya and Nepal for distribution to U.S. homeless

ODFL and its sewing center partners in Kenya and Nepal have made and distributed **45,000 COVID 19 masks** to-date. They have gone to medical personnel, first responders, food service workers in schools, hospice workers, nursing homes, and to the working poor and indigent.



In July, ODFL began importing masks from both countries to provide to homeless people in San Francisco, Oakland, Santa Cruz, and San Jose, California.



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### New classroom in Nicaragua

In early July, ODFL completed its 15<sup>th</sup> classroom in Nicaragua, our 65<sup>th</sup> overall, in various places around the world.

As you saw in May, the village of La Pitilla had a crude shack for a classroom. It held at most 12 children and was exposed to the elements.



The new classroom is made with a steel frame on a concrete foundation. It is spacious, durable, and watertight. It will last for at least 40 years and educate thousands of Nicaraguan students.



## Huge success with beehives in Kenya



Last winter, ODFL installed 53 beehives in an agricultural community in south-central Kenya. The idea was to increase pollination for local crops. Farmers grow maize (corn), coffee, tea, mangoes, macadamia nuts, and other crops. One-third of all the food humans consume is pollinated by bees, but populations are declining the world over.

In June, we did the first check-in to see how the hives are doing. Most are about 70% mature. Even better, crop yields have increased between 2x and 4x in the areas around the hives.

A hive can live for 10 years or more. If the increases in yields translate to increases in incomes, as they should, this will be revolutionary. The hives were sold as holiday gifts to ODFL donors last winter. They cost \$150 each. Look for them again in this year's Holiday Gift Catalog.



## Shining Star School, Kenya

The Shining Star school in Kenya had 269 students, but the facilities were sub-standard. ODFL worked with its Kenyan partner, Kiini Sustainable Initiative, to build a new 22' x 37' classroom.



The new classroom is made of cut stone, with a concrete slab foundation, and a zinc-plated steel sheet roof. It has 6 glazed windows, a veranda out front, and a new blackboard inside.



Additionally, we are in the process of building an eight-structure playground, with swings, slides, teeter-totters, and climbing structures. The school is expected to have 400 students in the upcoming school year.

Between the classroom and the playground, Shining Star will be a model school for Nyeri County. As with the La Pitilla school in Nicaragua, it will help educate thousands of students over its expected 40 years of life.

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## Nepal Assembly and Playground



ODFL helped a boarding school in Dhulikhel, Kavre, Nepal install a paved play area in the courtyard of the school. Before, it was just a muddy mire that could not be used in the rainy season. Now, it is used for assemblies, playing, gathering, etc. It's amazing how such a little thing can make such a huge difference to the life of a school.

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Upcoming Projects -- [click here](#) if you would like to help with

one!

[Cambodia](#) - ODFL will help the Kambuya Youth Organization (KYO) install a water filtration system at an orphanage run by KYO in Anchargn, Cambodia. It will serve both the orphanage and a nearby school, delivering potable water for hundreds of children. Half of the cost of the project is being borne by the local community.



[Kenya](#) - We will install latrines at the Shining Star School, featured above. The school expects 400 students, but still has the old latrines that served 270. This project will deliver clean, new latrines for all of the students and staff at the school.

[Nicaragua](#) - We are building a Learning Resource Center in El Triunfo, Nicaragua. The LRC will provide after-school activities for children, including assisted homework club, supervised sports, games, and other activities. This will be our third LRC in Nicaragua.



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## Final Word: A Very Important Announcement

This is ODFL's last newsletter. Beginning tomorrow, One Dollar For Life will become [The Global Uplift Project](#). It's all to the good. Why the change?

We started in high schools, showing teenagers the power they had to bring goodness into the world. But as ODFL has grown, we've found that adults want to support us as well. But, to them, \$1 seems like a gimmick. It isn't credible.

**The Global Uplift Project** captures what we do, as well as our ambition: to change the human condition by Uplifting people. We give them tools to help themselves, and it works. TGUP (pronounced, "Tea-Gup") is positive, ambitious, dynamic, and inclusive.



The rest remains the same: tangible projects; shared investing; and demonstrable impact. We've built [135 projects](#) with that model, and they are literally changing the world. Yes, you can still donate as little as \$1 if you like. If you want to have a bigger impact, you can invest more.

There are very few reliable ways we have ever found for how to build a better world. TGUP is one of them, *and it's working*. We look forward to building that better world with you. And, share us with your friends!

Yours in a Better World,

TGUP

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