



December Newsletter

This was **The Global Uplift Project's** best year ever. We've completed more than 150 projects in 17 countries, 31 in the last year alone. Here are some news and vignettes of our most recent projects. We really *can* change the world. We are! Happy Holidays!

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TGUP's New Video

This is the new, [first-ever](#) video about TGUP. It is only 1+ minute long but gives a good feel for who we are and what we do. We hope you like it.



[TGUP's Gift Catalog](#)

TGUP works with its partners in developing world countries to source gifts that help local people and the environment. Last year, we started with beehives in Kenya. It was so fun! We placed 53 hives that helped boost crop production between 2 and 4 TIMES.

This year, we've expanded our offerings. You can still donate a beehive, but, now, so much more. Five Girls' Equality Project kits will help five adolescent girls stay in school. Or, 10 masks for homeless people. Help feed four mothers and malnourished children for a month. Give an argan tree in Morocco. Soon, a slide or swing set for a school, and more.



All of the gifts are life affirming, and life sustaining. They are simple, inexpensive, and impactful. For holiday giving, birthdays, anniversaries, give a gift to a loved one that is also a gift for the world.

Library in Morocco

TGUP worked with the OliveSeed Foundation to provide the books for the first public English-language library in rural Morocco. It is at El Jadida High School in the village of Kassita.



The books include the major titles from the Western World, including works by Homer, Machiavelli, Shakespeare, Dickens, Hemingway, and more. English fluency gives access to the greater world for the thousands of Arabic speaking students. Thank you!

Water System in Cambodia

We installed a water purification system at the KYO orphanage in Ancharn, Cambodia. The new system can purify 250 gallons a day, which is more than the orphans need. The extra water is being given to local schools and villagers.



Science Lab in Nepal

The Sunaula High School in Makwanpur, Nepal had good science teachers, but no science lab. So, the students weren't able to sit for exams to enter the best national colleges. TGUP helped the school install and provision a state-of-the-art science lab, including furniture, equipment, chemicals, and more. Over its life, it will help raise the educational trajectory of thousands of aspiring Nepalese students.

Latrines in Kenya

The latrines at the Shining Star School in Tambaya, Kenya had filled up. The school was in danger of being shut down and its 269 students with nowhere to go to school.

We had recently completed a new classroom, a new playground and soccer field, and brought electricity to the school. So, we couldn't let latrines be the bottleneck. TGUP worked with its Kenyan partner, Kiini Sustainable Initiative, to build a new set of six latrines. They will last for 20 years and provide a dignified place for students to go.



Learning Resource Center in Nicaragua

There are few after-school programs for students in Nicaragua. With our local partner, Seeds of Learning, TGUP refurbished the “Little House of Knowledge” in the village of El Triunfo. The center will offer after-school activities for students aged 5 to 18. Those will include reading campaigns, dance classes, tutoring, crafts, drawing, computer classes, library services, and sports. Thousands of students will be enriched.



Save a Girl Sanitary Kits for Mozambique

TGUP's **Save a Girl (SaG)** campaign provides washable, reusable sanitary kits for adolescent girls in the developing world. The kits help girls manage their period so they can stay in school. A kit lasts 3 years.



The kits cost \$5 to make but are provided free of charge to the girls. We have made and distributed tens of thousands of them from our sewing centers in Kenya and Nepal. Similar kits from commercial vendors cost \$25 and more. We just completed making 1,000 **SaG** kits for girls at the Gorongosa Restoration Project in Mozambique.

The Project works with the 175,000 people in the Gorongosa National Park area, helping them with schooling, vocational training, infrastructure projects, and more. The kits will give 1,000 girls a better chance in life. The **Save a Girl** campaign is working to raise funds to provide kits for 25,000 girls. If you would like to help, [go here](#).

What We Did in The Last Year

In the last year, TGUP completed 31 projects in 8 of the poorest countries in the world. They included multiple classrooms, medical clinics, science labs, latrines, playgrounds, and more. [Click here](#) to see a PDF detailing most of these projects.

These projects have two things in common. They boost the capacity for self-development in the recipient communities. And they have been funded by many small donations from people like you. This works.

Final Word

After belonging, our greatest longing is for effectiveness, the belief that our life matters. Yet it's so easy to feel overwhelmed by events and the happenings around us. It's so easy to feel impotent, powerless. But we don't need to be.

In the TGUP model, our individual efforts don't have to be big, so long as they are joined with the efforts of many others. When that happens, our outcomes are big—that's what counts—and our sense of efficacy is affirmed.

Our motto says it all: "Even the greatest waterfall starts with a single drop of water." Small efforts amplify one another until a great change is realized and each of us are its parents.

Imagine when this is joined by millions of people, each making a small but critical contribution to something so much greater than any one of us could accomplish on our own. We already see it working on a small scale. What we need to do now is to scale it up.

This is the certainty behind our belief that it is within our reach to materially improve the human condition. The real project we are building is ourselves, both individually and collectively. We're building people and a culture who know they are effective in improving the world *because they are*. It's the exact opposite of impotence. It is learned competence.

Let's hope we are equal to the opportunity. Ones like this don't come along very often.

Thank you for your support of this vision. Have a Happy Holiday. Be safe.

Yours in a Better World,

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