



## September 2020 Newsletter

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### TGUP on TV!

[The Global Uplift Project](#) (formerly One Dollar For Life) was featured last week on NBC Bay Area Television. It's a very positive story. We hope you'll watch it. It is here:



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### Shining Star Playground Completed

Shining Star School in Kenya has almost 300 students, but had nowhere for them to play. The old swing sets were broken and had been condemned.



We just finished building a new playground for the students. It includes slides,

swings, teeter-totters, monkey bars, and a regulation-sized soccer field. The designs are based on a similar playground we completed in January at the Olmoti School in Tanzania.



Over its life, the playground will provide a safe place for *thousands* of children to play. The work was done by TGUP's Kenyan partner, the Kiini Sustainable Initiative. The project was funded by Juan Pablo Mariscal. Thank you, Mr. Mariscal, the children are thrilled, and the world is a better place.

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### More COVID Masks Imported for the Homeless

Beginning in March, TGUP and its partners began making COVID masks for people in the U.S., Kenya, Tanzania, and Nepal. We have now made and distributed more than **50,000** masks.



In Kenya, they have gone to people in slums who cannot afford masks. In Nepal, they've gone to members of the Untouchable class. In the U.S., to the homeless. In Tanzania, to medical providers.



Special thanks to members of San Jose's Church On The Hill for sponsoring 1,000 masks for the homeless in Silicon Valley. Here, COTH's Pastor, Susan Ellis (right), hands the masks to HomeFirst Services' Stephanie Demos. HFS serves more than 7,000 homeless in Silicon Valley. Thank you to both COTH and HFS!

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### Inspiring Speaker Available for your Meetings!

We have been making Zoom presentations to groups across the country. It's the story of our vision for how to change the world, with emphasis on the proof that it's working. Some typical feedback:

- "Wow! I've never seen our club give applause to any presenter."
- "You knocked it out of the park."
- "The best presentation I can remember in a long time."

Of course, it's an inherently inspiring story to tell and we believe in it because we see its fruits every day. If your Service Club (Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions...) or company or church or other group would like to hear an inspiring story of how *they* can help make the world a better place, email us today at [info@tgup.org](mailto:info@tgup.org).

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### New Classroom at Barahachhetra School in Nepal

The classroom at the Barahachhetra School in Nepal was built in 1960 and was damaged in the 2015 earthquake. It was too dangerous to use. Yet, it is the only school serving a community of over 5,000.



We just finished building a new classroom for the school. It is made of reinforced concrete with steel-framed rafters and a special zinc-coated sheet metal roof. It

will last for 30+ years, and help educate thousands of Nepali students.



The whole project only cost \$8,000 because local people contributed 63% of the cost through their own labor. That tells us that they really wanted that classroom. This project was made possible by the generosity Cynthia Liddell, Alan Tottle, and one other significant, unnamed donor. Thank you!

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### TGUP Introduces its New Gift Catalogue

Last year, for the holidays, we offered people the chance to give the gift of a beehive to help farmers in Kenya. IT WAS SO FUN, AND SUCCESSFUL! We installed 53 hives. Crop yields are up 200 – 400%, and the donors got their name (or the honoree's name) on a plaque. So, this year, we're expanding the offerings in our first-ever [Gift Catalog](#).



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 Indonesian mothers and their malnourished children for a month. Give an argan tree in Morocco. Soon, a slide or swing set for a school in Africa, and more.

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

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### Final Word

Why does TGUP work? Because it is simple, inexpensive, and effective.

What's the simple part? We all give just a little bit to help the poorest people in the world help themselves. There it is, in about seven seconds. Can it be any simpler?

Inexpensive? A "little bit" is like the pocket change you lost in the couch. It's an amount you will never miss, but, when combined with other people's pocket change can bring a huge goodness into the world.

Effective? We only build projects that have stunning impact. 5,000 children (over the life of the project) with their first playground. 10,000 children having a classroom. 50,000 people having masks. The first medical clinic in a village. The first water well, or science lab, or latrine, or...

That is the model: tangible projects; shared investing; and dramatic impact. [Click here](#) to see all of the projects we completed over the past 12 months.

We actually *can* change the world. We are! Isn't that what you want to do? Isn't that why you're reading now? Don't just read. Join us. [Pick a project](#) from our website and put in some pocket change. You will never be the same. Neither will the world.

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