



April 2024 Newsletter

We just returned from a working trip in Africa. On these trips, we look in on recently completed projects, evaluate potential new ones, and size up new/prospective partners. On this trip, we did all three. It was a huge success.

Here is a quick, not-necessarily-random walk through seven of the 16 projects we worked on. It gives a great feel for a-day-in-the-life-on-the-ground with TGUP.

Ssaku SLaB (Uganda)

Six months ago, we installed a TGUP [Science Lab in a Box](#)™ (SLaB) at the Ssaku School in Uganda. Here's a student doing practical lab work.



Length l	100	70	60	50	40	30	20
Current I (A)	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.10	0.12	0.14
P_d (W)	0.04	0.09	0.12	0.16	0.2	0.24	0.28
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And, those are the lab notes of another student who had just completed an experiment with an electrical circuit. The precision is so exemplary, and inspiring.

These students are doing real science. The school recently received its results on the National Science Examination. Its scores were up 70% from last year! If we can install enough SLaBs, we will raise the scientific IQ of the human race.

Honi School latrines (Kenya)

These were the old latrines at the Honi School in Kenya. The health department was threatening to shut the school down because there was nowhere for the children to go.



We began building a new set right away. There's the new pit, almost finished. Latrines aren't glamorous, but without them, you can't run a school. They'll be done in a few weeks.

Ndongo School (Cameroon)

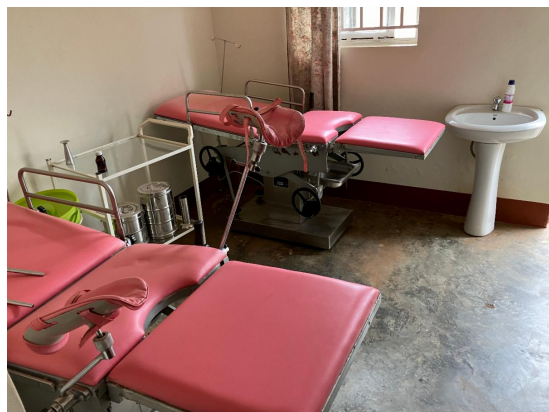
This is a classroom at the Ndongo School in Buea, Cameroon. The school has 895 students. We're in the process of replacing the siding, so as to save the classroom. In the meantime, we built the new, yellow one to help deal with the crush of students.



Which would you rather your children went to school in? SUCH a big win for the school and its children.

Medical Center (Uganda)

This is a photo of a birthing room at the Nsawo Community Development Project Medical Center in Uganda.



That is the center's ambulance. The center also hosts TGUP's *Save a Girl*™ sewing center, the newest of our five *SaG* sewing centers in the world.

The medical center serves a catchment area of 75,000+ people. We provided a medical incinerator for the medical center and an emergency generator for the sewing center. We bought both for them so they could continue doing their work.

GPS Muea School (Cameroon)

These are classrooms at the GPS Muea School in Cameroon. The children are so bright and working so hard.



But the classroom on the right obviously needs the roof fixed. Do we need to say any more?

Kangulumira School (Uganda)

This is a classroom at the Kangulumira School in Uganda. It is as dire a situation as we've ever seen. That's TGUP's Founder eating lunch with the children.



Notice the beans on his plate. We provided six months of beans to supplement the corn mush they feed the children every day. Now it makes a complete protein.

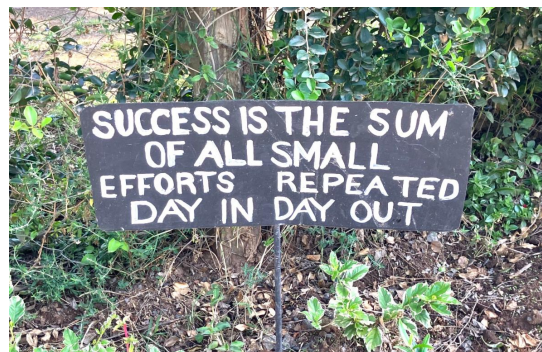
We have already repaired the three-stall latrine that was there, but not working. Here's the old one on the left, and its renovated counterpart on the right.



We have begun work on building two classrooms for the 150 children. We'll have photos of the classrooms in the next newsletter. To see details of the project, [click here](#).

Irigithathi School (Kenya)

Irigithathi School in Kenya is the only primary school in a three-county area that educates both mainstream and Special Needs students in the same setting.



It is also one of the highest scoring schools in the nation on standardized tests. The administration attributes its success to a combination of compassion, high aspirations, and rigor, applied equally to all.



There's a waiting list from all over the country for children to get in. TGUP is helping the school build a new classroom and dining hall to help handle the increase in enrollment. To see details of the project, [click here](#).

Final Word

This is the real work of human development. It's not fancy theories or flashy skyscrapers or business class seats on international flights. It's the down-in-the-trenches work of finding that one small thing that is holding someone back from being able to realize their human potential, and then providing it.

It might be as small as a cup of beans, as primitive as a structured hole in the ground (a latrine), as mundane as fixing a hole in the roof. And, it usually costs so little, especially compared to the exotic indulgences we so often distract ourselves with.

That aspiration to realize one's human potential burns brightly in all people, no matter where they live, no matter the color of their skin, no matter the privation of their surroundings. If we can provide that one element that releases that longing, people will work their hearts out to achieve it. We see it every day. It's quite humbling.

TGUP just completed [its 400th project](#), delivered somewhere in the world. All of those projects have two things in common: they are all funded by many, many small donations from people like you; and they all improve life chances for some of the hardest striving people in the world: our cousins who didn't win the lottery of birth, like we did.

This is working. This is literally how we improve the human condition. There's no other way. If you are already helping, thank you. If you would like to help, [click here](#). And, tell a friend. It might be the most noble thing you—and they—will ever do.

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