



## February 2025 Newsletter

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# 99,000

Ninety-nine thousand. That's the number of *Save a Girl*™ kits TGUP has made and donated so far.

For those who don't know, *Save a Girl*™ is a set of washable, reusable sanitary pads that help adolescent girls manage their period so they can stay in school. They cost \$7 to make and last 3 - 5 years.

Keeping an adolescent girl in school for less than \$2 per year is one of the highest returns on human investment in the world. It might be the only way she can realize her human potential, like those of us in the West have been able to do. Is that worth \$2?



SaG is the *simplest, proven, inexpensive* way to improve the human condition. Why? Because it is a **direct, linear route** to doubling the available human potential, by getting that half of humanity that is not now educated, educated: the female half.

Thank you to those donors who have made this possible. You are REALLY making a difference in the world. Let's do more.

### Irigithathi School in Kenya

Last year, TGUP completed a Classroom and a Girls' Dormitory at the Irigithathi School in Kenya. These are those structures:



Recall, that Irigithathi is one of the few schools in Kenya that teaches mainstream and Special Needs students in the same setting. It's one of the highest-performing schools in the entire country, because, now that they have a chance, the Special Needs children work harder than you can imagine.

To complete the overall Project, we just began work on the Boys' Dormitory and a Kitchen/Dining Hall. Here are photos of that work from early this week:



Once the expanded school has shown its results, the Ministry of Education will consider exporting the model to all schools in Kenya. Now THAT would be having a major impact!

## Kangulumira anniversary

It was almost one year ago to the day (Feb 27, 2024) that we stumbled upon the Kangulumira School in Uganda. It was one of the most dire situations we've ever encountered, and our entire work is dealing with dire situations. Here it was:



We immediately committed to building some real classrooms. They were completed in October. Here is the new setting:



The entire project, including putting in a road, digging a water well, building latrines, two classrooms, and desks cost \$33,000. Over its life, it will help *more than ten thousand* children have a better chance in life. Which school would you rather your children attend?

## Mwicwiri School, Kenya

TGUP is helping the Cupertino High School Class of 1971 build a [Legacy Project](#), a gift to the world in thanks for the stellar education they received when they were in school.

The project is to build a classroom at the Mwicwiri School in Kenya. It will be similar to the Irigithathi Classroom, shown above. Here's the present state of the school:



If your graduating class, or any other group—company, sorority, service club, church, whatever—would like to make a gift to the world, write to [info@tgup.org](mailto:info@tgup.org) and we'll help you create and execute a custom project. You deserve to be remembered well.

## TGUP Featured Partner

Agness Lengai is a Maasai working with [Humanity for Children](#) in Tanzania. She is a genius organizer and a tireless worker on behalf of one of the last nomadic, pastoral people in one of the most remote locations in the world. She has helped TGUP finish [more than 30 projects](#), everything from a *Save a Girl*™ sewing center, to hundreds of smoke reducing stoves, kitchens, water filtration systems, desks and bunk beds for schools, and more. She says, "TGUP provides us with tools, training, and

strategic insight that makes our work more effective.” We could not do this work without her. Thank you, Agness!

## Final Word

The biggest obstacle we encounter in doing this work is people’s belief that the world is fixed, that it can’t be changed; that it’s too complex, or remote, or insert-your-favorite-excuse-here. That is SO not true.



The entire import of this newsletter series is to show precisely how malleable—improvable—the world really is. It just takes will, focus, and resiliency.

The other big obstacle we encounter is people’s belief that they, themselves, can’t do anything about it. That, too, is false.

You don’t have to be John D. Rockefeller or Bill Gates to change the world. You just have to make a small contribution together with many other people and see that all of that money is spent on projects like those above.

We started in high schools with exactly that model. Students donated one dollar. For adults, we call it “pocket change”. It’s like that money you found in the couch. You didn’t miss it because it was so small you never knew you had it.

Same thing. Think of a donation so small you won’t miss it, BUT, knowing it is combined with many, many other people’s, will make a real impact in the world. That’s the model, and it works!

With this method, TGUP has completed [more than 500 projects](#) in 26 developing world countries. Over their duration, they will help more than 3.2 million of the poorest people in the world have a better chance in life. It SO works.

The only question is, “Will you join us, or just keep watching?” It’s SO fun. And SO rewarding. The world needs you, and whether you know it or not, you need it.

Let’s do big things.

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