



August 2026 Newsletter

William Faulkner wrote, “The two sweetest words in the English language are ‘summer evenings.’” We’re feeling a little languid, here, so this back-from-vacation newsletter is short.

Save a Girl™ in Tanzania



TGUP’s [Save a Girl™](#) (SaG) sanitary kits help adolescent girls manage their period so they can stay in school. They cost \$2 per girl, per year. It might be the highest return-on-human-investment in the world. That’s because they liberate that half of human potential that is not, now, expressed because it hasn’t been educated: the female half. Now we’re starting to do that.

This is a super-humane video of our partner in Tanzania, [Humanity for Children](#) (HFC), distributing SaG kits:

Tens of thousands of people will be helped by the many projects we’ve completed with HFC.



Junior Science Lab in a Box™ in Kenya

The government in Kenya mandated that all junior high schools must begin teaching laboratory science. But, as with so many bureaucratic imperatives, they didn’t provide any funds for the schools to acquire laboratories.

So, TGUP worked with our Kenyan partner, [Kiini Sustainable Initiative](#), and five science teachers from Kenyan junior high schools to modify our [Science Lab in a Box™](#) (which is designed for high schools), for junior high schools needing to teach the Kenyan Ministry of Education curriculum. (Phew, that was a long sentence.)

See the **Junior Science Lab in a Box**™ specification [by clicking here](#). And here are photos of the students and teachers at one of the first J-SLaB installations, at Riamkurwe Junior High School in Nyeri county.



Science is the most revolutionary mindset we have because without it, how do you know what you know? You have mythology and folklore and superstition and fairy tales and magic and such to know what you know about the world. With science, we have observation, analysis, hypothesis, experiment, theory and such to tell us what we know. Which is a better guide for navigating the physical world?

Clean Water for Africa™ in Uganda

We have just completed Phase 2 of our new **Clean Water for Africa**™ (CWA) program. We're delivering World Health Organization-quality purified water in Uganda for \$.53 (fifty-three cents) per person, per year. It's astonishing. It's less than 1/10th the cost of most alternatives.

See the **CWA White Paper** on the subject [by clicking here](#). Then, [this is a short \(1.2 minute\) video](#) that is being shown at the Stockholm World Water Conference later this month. It couldn't be simpler. For the full CWA program page, [click here](#).



Water is life. Clean water is good life. Dirty water is bad life, or death. So, this is important. Thanks to our partners [Nsawo Community Development Project](#) and [Sensiblue](#) for their participation.

New Classroom in Cameroon

This is the "Before" and "After" at the Dibanda School in Cameroon we built with our partner, [Action for Change](#). What else is there to say?



Except, which classroom would you rather YOUR children attended?

Final Word



If you plant a plant, it will try to grow. If the soil is bad, it will still try to grow. If it gets poor sunlight or not enough water or too many weeds, it will still try its best to grow. Anybody who has ever planted a plant and forgotten about it and comes back later cannot help but marvel at its doggedness. It's the same with children.

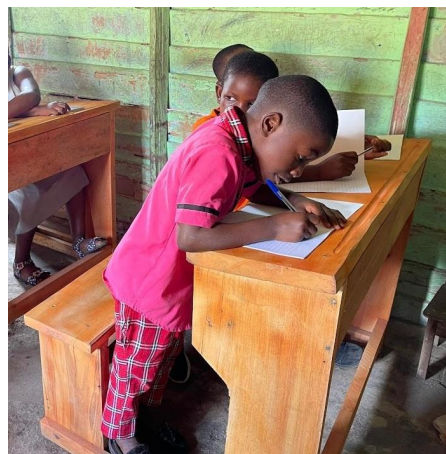
If you have a child, it will try to grow. If it gets bad water or poor food, it will still try to grow. No shoes, no sanitation, no electricity, no classroom... That

child will still try its hardest to grow into the best version of itself that it can manage.

This impulse to grow—to fill out the highest possible expression of one's innate nature, no matter the obstacles—is one of the most startling things about life, all life.

In that simple irrepressible propensity lies one of the secrets of TGUP's power.

We do a lot of different kinds of projects: classrooms; science labs; latrines; water systems; playgrounds; sanitary pads for girls, etc. They all have one thing in common: they all remove one or more of the obstacles in the way of children trying to grow.



See that boy at the desk, above? That is the first notebook, and the first desk, that anybody in the million+ year history of his family has ever had use of. Does it look like he's trying to grow? He's working so hard! The desk cost \$22. It will host hundreds of children trying to grow. The notebook cost \$.20 (twenty cents).

See this boy with the LEGOs? That is the first Western toy he's ever had. You can just see the gears going in his head as he figures out how they work. LEGOs are the best toys ever. They provide great hand-eye coordination; no instruction manual needed; they're indestructible; they offer hours of creative play with any number of children. They were donated by the Kiwanis Club of Palo Alto, CA that knew children just need the opportunity to grow.



Keeping an adolescent girl in school with a **Save a Girl**™ kit? She will try to grow. The first-ever **Science Lab in a Box**™ laboratory equipment for junior and senior high school students? They will try to grow. Shoes for children who have none? Clean water for children without it? Latrines for schools where the children have been going in the bushes? They will all try to grow. It is the indefatigable, ever-buoyant nature of life which it's our mission to liberate. It's working.

Thank you for your support of this vision.

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