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Our work in the Community continues to accelerate as we expand our activities into all Regions in which UTi does business and gain tremendous support from team members all over the world.

This interest in working together as a team to *Deliver Better Lives* is an outstanding example of the culture within UTi and builds on Who We Are. We cannot always meet expectations from people wanting to help but will try to involve everyone who is interested and will certainly take on board and consider all ideas or projects put forward.

A New School for Cambodia

You will all recollect from our last update that we have recently completed the construction of a new school facility at Kompong Seila in Western Cambodia. The benefits to the Community from this work have excited many people and it is a thrill to share with you that financial support of very generous donors has led to us commencing a second new school facility at Prek Tannoug in North Eastern Cambodia. This new project involves the construction of a new 6 room Pre Secondary school to provide education facilities for some 300 students who would otherwise be without a school due to the growth in numbers of students in the area.

The project involves a number of steps. The project began with significantly increasing the ground height to avoid the annual flooding of the school grounds that has occurred in the wet season, it also involves a new fence and new concrete floors in five existing rooms. The project will also lead to the construction of a new house for 5 teachers who presently sleep on the floor of the Pagoda. The construction of this house is going to be funded by the team at UTi in Los Angeles who have taken this on as their community fundraising project for 2008 – a great effort by this team.

After two visits to this school site the project is now underway and we would hope to complete construction by 1 November to enable the young people to commence school at the beginning of the new school year.

The photograph below demonstrates the terrible condition of the school facilities that we are replacing. These facilities have been condemned for four years but with no funds for replacement it is the children who have suffered.

This second photograph shows the wonderful kids of Prek Tanoung who, even though living in poverty, can smile at the news of a new school building.



The Leadership Foundations Team at work

On Sunday the 27 April the 31 participants in the Leadership Foundations Program (LFP) spent the day, as a part of the Program, working in Shanghai with a wonderful organization, Home Sweet Home, whose focus is on the provision of services to homeless people in Shanghai with a primary focus on those with physical disabilities.

This day was planned to enable us to challenge ourselves to Deliver Better Lives to these wonderful people who live with major disabilities but have still learnt to function against all odds and in some cases to participate in the manufacture of products that would challenge even the most able bodied of us.

During the day the team rebuilt the gardens in the homes the young people live in, painted their kitchen and canteen facilities, rebuilt the entrance way and created a wonderful recreation and outdoor living area at the Factory at which they work. This was all manual labor but we used our brains as well with one team working all day with the representatives of Home Sweet Home to build a Sales and Marketing Plan for goods produced in their factory.

We all had a wonderful experience and left in the knowledge that we had gone a long way towards Delivering Better Lives. The photo below was taken at the end of the day when the wonderful people of HSH joined us to complete the last task – you can see that these people have challenges but to meet them you would never know.



A new Team Focus in South Africa

Under the Leadership of Gavin Rimmer a team has been established to work on the development of a stronger Community focus that is targeted at undertaking significant projects in South Africa. All business units in South Africa are today involved in local community projects that are very important to their local communities, this work will continue - the new initiative is about bringing together the teams to work on a common cause to Deliver Better Lives and will focus on larger projects.

The team includes Wayne Furness, Elmarie Hugo, Rob Stead and Tulani Hlabangana all of who are committed to strong community ties. I will be meeting with this Team in Johannesburg in early June to agree on direction and to further the process of identifying and agreeing on projects.

This is an exciting development as it will involve every level of the Company in South Africa and a national commitment to improving the quality of lives of people in need.

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