



Mission

The mission of the Full Belly Project is to design and distribute income-generating agricultural devices to improve life in rural communities.

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WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Much vaunted and rightfully so, our volunteers and interns are the catalyst how Full Belly Project has been able to bring the proper tools to rural communities in 40 countries around the world. Students from UNC-Wilmington have come up large for us this year. Interns Courtney Townsend and Kendra Elliott of Biology and Environmental Science, respectively, have worked tirelessly providing much needed outreach, fundraising, administrative, and research assistance. Graduate student Steven Autry made significant contributions to our new 'Bag Board' Desk project. This fall, we are looking forward to Alex Lloyd and Katie Porter taking on intern duties. Full Belly sincerely appreciates all of what our volunteers do.

BAG BOARD DESKS

Full Belly Project's latest design is fashioning schools desks from recycled plastic shopping bags. In many developing countries rural school children are still forced to sit on concrete classroom floors. This is not only uncomfortable, but hinders the learning process. The skeleton of our new desk is built of a single piece of rebar folded fifteen times into an origami frame. The surfaces are made from the "mountains of plastic trash." To form the seating and writing areas, solar ovens heat the plastic into thick sheets. This spring in Nairobi, the Full Belly Project is partnering with another NGO already on the ground to bring proper seating to pupils there. Director of Research and Development Jock Brandis envisions paying



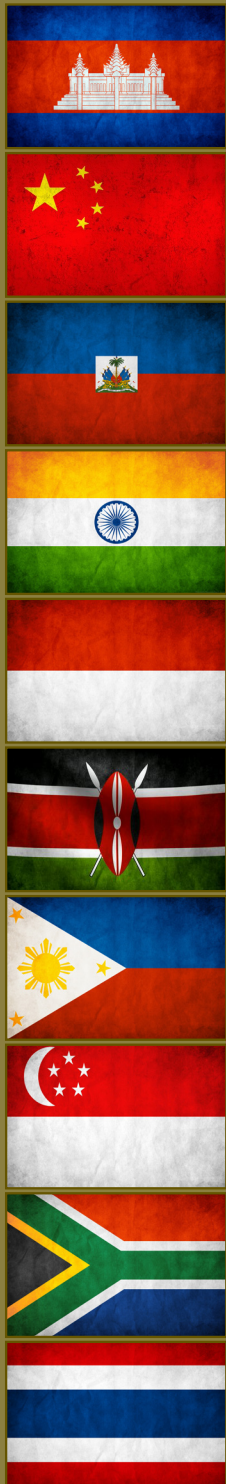
slum-dwelling children to gather the plastic. Like most Full Belly developments, locals will be encouraged to offer their own ideas, and hopefully decide to use the same process to make other materials.

This spring, students at Snipes Elementary were given the opportunity to see and try out Full Belly's brand new recycled "Bag Board" desks. The students were asked to do their

schoolwork on the floor to see how many students in Africa have to do their work and then they were able to try out the desks. The students loved the desk and we are equally excited about bringing this new development around the world.



SOAP FOR HOPE



FULL BELLY MAKES BIG SPLASH WITH SOAP

Conceived, invented, refined, and now distributed in 11 countries in less than a year, our Soap Press is rapidly helping to fend off disease, promote better health, and generate income for impoverished communities. With corporate sponsor Sealed Air/Diversey, Soap for Hope made its debut in Cambodia last fall. Our partners at International Starfish Foundation (ISF), a women's cooperative based in Phnom Penh made quick work in recycling the used hotel soap. As Jock Brandis noted then, "These are the best of times, fabulous people at ISF, and the worst of times. For all of you that helped me get here, give yourselves a major pat on the back. It is quite remarkable to see our soap people just crank out the product, hour after hour, earning four times what they did before I got off the plane. Between my opening the box and becoming obsolete, was a matter of 8 hours."



In short order, with Sealed Air/Diversey support, the Soap Press has already landed in 10 more countries. Soap for Hope's Stefan Fang has formed alliances with groups as disparate as local orphanages, five star hotels, and religious groups to help stem the spread of disease and prompt better hygiene on two continents.

FEAST FETES FULL BELLY

Written by Cullen Lea and Courtney Townsend

We celebrated our 12th annual fundraiser, The Full Belly Feast, at the Coastline Convention Center earlier this year. The event was a resounding success.



Attendees were able to see our award winning gear and the latest technologies developed by Jock Brandis and our army of volunteers. Included was the venerable Universal Nut Sheller, Rocker Water Pump, the Solar Hand Cart, the Soap Press and newly minted recycled plastic school furniture. Patrons were then welcomed by an abundant buffet filled with exotic dishes from various cultures around the world and an incredible silent auction stocked with unique items generously donated from businesses in the Wilmington area.

As the night continued Jock spoke about the progression of Full Belly to its benefactors. The speech was coupled with a preview of REPLAN IT's recent trip to Cambodia. The preview was focused around the "Soap For Hope" press being introduced into Cambodia. When asked about the event Jock replied "I felt things were fabulous and people were enjoying themselves except when I made my long speech."

The night concluded with an exciting live auction. Lucky audience members were able to win sports tickets, art and other unique items. Live auction items were also donated from local businesses in the Wilmington area. "The auction is key to our event and it was a real treat," said Daniel Ling, the executive director. "This event makes a huge impact in funding the Full Belly Project." Our 12th annual fundraiser was a great success. Full Belly is appreciative of all those who attended and those who donated their time and resources.

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