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## More than just a shipping container

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Shawn Shafton, Senior Sales Rep and Dragan Jankovic, Sales Manager photographed next to one of the converted containers in Melbourne Australia.

The shipping container is continually shown to be a rather versatile item. Recently, in Australia two 40-foot containers were turned into a mobile medical clinic and a wildlife educational unit.

APL played an important part. In addition to donating the containers, APL has also helped ship the converted containers to India.

The two containers were prepared by two schools in Melbourne, Australia, in an effort led by humanitarian organisation, Global Dialogue Foundation (GDF), to help poorer communities around the world.

A secondary college worked on the medical clinic, which will serve 17 villages in India as part of GDF's Global/Local Villages initiative. The second container was converted into an educational facility by primary school students for donation to an Indian tiger conservation park in aid of GDF's pilot Noah's Ark-Global Sanctuary preservation program.

The converted containers were on display in September as part of a prominent Federation Square display in Melbourne's city centre. The event featured a range of projects that were practical solutions towards achieving more humane and balanced development in the world, and the APL-branded containers were a much admired part of the display.

"Despite the woes besetting shipping, we must not lose sight of the many humanitarian needs out there which our company is in a position to assist," said Rod Begley, APL Australia's Victoria State Manager.