



## Fall Newsletter

Welcome to the official newsletter for SPARSH Global!

We recognize that a nonprofit is only as strong as the community that surrounds it, and we thank you for your interest in and support of our organization. For more information or to get involved please visit our website or send us an email at [sparshglobalusa@gmail.com](mailto:sparshglobalusa@gmail.com)

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### Who We Are

What started as a feeding program for 50 kids in the Ramtekdi slum in Pune, India in 2013, has now grown into SPARSH Global, a non-profit that exists to glorify the Father by caring for the people of Pune, India, with special attention given to slum populations. We have now expanded to include multiple programs, including "Food for His Glory," Vacation Bible School, Discipleship, Women's Health Initiative, and more! Check out our website for more information!

### Food For His Glory Sign-ups Start NOW!

It's that time of year! Each September we start a new year of Food for His Glory by asking for your help! We are not only feeding, clothing, school tutoring, and telling children about Jesus in the Ramtekdi slum in Pune, but have now expanded this ministry to the Khadi Machine slum where we are doing the same program for 45

additional children. All this for \$15 a month per child. For two weeks, we manned tables at both the Ridgeview and Antioch campuses of Blue Valley Church and had a great response. This was our 11th year asking for help and we are always humbled and overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown!

We are beyond grateful for how the Father provides for the precious slum children! We are seeing God bringing entire families to follow Him as the One True God through his little children! We always have more children that would like to join our program, so if you would like to invest in more children or know of someone who might, please let us know. If you attend a different church and would like us to speak there about this ministry, we would be happy to do that!



## Womens' Health Initiative

Did you know that young ladies living in India slums often have to choose between purchasing food and purchasing period products? All too often, these girls end up quitting school once they begin having periods because they do not have ready access to period products.

The Blue Valley Church Women on Mission are beginning their 3rd year of making drawstring bags filled with 10 reusable menstrual pads, underwear, and bar laundry detergent that we will distribute next May to approximately 130 young ladies. We conduct this



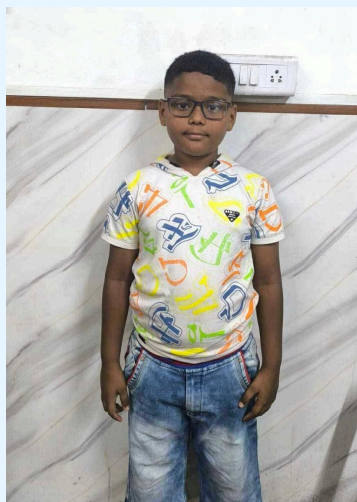
Womens' Health event each year on the Saturday before we start our annual Vacation Bible School.

We are so grateful for the huge undertaking that Women on Mission, chaired by Delores Hanneman, do for the Ramtekdi girls. The Women on Mission team are always in need of cotton flannel and lightweight canvas cotton cloth for this project. If you're interested in helping with any of this project, please contact us or the BVC Women on Mission.



## Seeing to Learn

As we reported in our Summer newsletter, we provided free eye exams during this year's VBS. A local doctor came to the VBS site, and tested over 400 kids and even some of our adult volunteers. That testing identified approximately 40 children that needed more detailed testing. Our volunteers in Pune arranged transportation for those children to the Eye Hospital for their additional testing and to be fitted with glasses. Here are a few of the children with their new glasses! We are excited that these children will be able to see better in school. We will continue with additional testing for other children! Thank you for your support!



## Growing Up With The Food For His Glory Program

Our Food for His Glory (FFHG) program began serving the children of the Ramtekdi slum in 2014. Over the next 11 years, FFHG has worked to provide meals and school tutoring daily to hundreds of children. There are so many children that we've watched grow from toddlers and young children into teenagers and young adults.

One of those is a young man named Omkar, who has now chosen to use the name Samuel. Today, Samuel is a 20-year-old who takes charge of all our audio needs during our summer VBS, and also seemingly takes care of just about any other thing that any of us need during the VBS day. He is the picture of selflessness and service for the Kingdom.

But, we also remember Samuel from when he was just 9 or 10 years old, coming for food and some school tutoring, and then attending our summer VBS program. And, during VBS this past summer, we heard Samuel tell his story. He related to us the way that his mother would send him every day "to get the things that were being handed out," with little regard for the people that were serving or the words that they were saying.

But, day by day, Samuel began to pay attention to those things as well, and found that he himself could be a part of this family. And, day by day, he began growing into a young man whose heart learned to love others just as He loved, and to follow Him in service for the Kingdom. Samuel is now showing those same things to his own family and they, too, are following and serving Him. And, praise God, Samuel is not the only



young person whose life has changed because of “the things that were being handed out.”



## Interested in joining our 2026 India Mission Team?

We will have a brief informational meeting at Blue Valley Church - Antioch Campus on Sunday October 26th starting at 12:15pm. A light lunch will be served.

Please RSVP to Stacey McCully at [smccully@kc.rr.com](mailto:smccully@kc.rr.com)





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