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**Welcome** to our very first newsletter for Sparsh Global.

This newsletter features the support that Food For His Glory gives to Sparsh Pune.

It's been a few months since you indicated your interest. Thanks for your patience as we've sorted out all the details to make this newsletter possible. Enjoy the articles and provide your feedback at [contact.us@tlcdsparsh.org](mailto:contact.us@tlcdsparsh.org).

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## **Food For His Glory Grows**

In 2013, Rob and Stacey McCully first traveled to India. They saw the extreme poverty of the children and their families in the Ramtekdi slum in Pune. The next year, Stacey started the Food For His Glory (FFHG) feeding program for the children. For \$10 a month, each child receives a meal every day, is tutored in school subjects and hears the Gospel. From 2014, the program has grown from 60 children to 209 children. Every year, Rob and Stacey travel with a team to visit the children and nurture the leaders.

We are so thankful for the many generous people who give prayer and support to help these beautiful children thrive physically, educationally and spiritually.

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## House Shower For Sparsh Pune's New Home

A New Home Shower was held at the McCully home on November 16, 2019 for the New Sparsh Home located just outside of Pune. Those attending were treated to lunch and learned about Pastor Timothy's wish list for outfitting his new home for orphans and the children of prostitutes. Cash donations were made to go towards those purchases. We had an overwhelming response, with more than \$6,800 raised for furnishing the home! We are so very thankful to all who helped bless Timothy's home!

## Vacation Bible School



Joining with a fellowship in the Ramtekdi slum, and SPARSH Pune, the McCullys lead a team of volunteers each year to teach VBS in the Ramtekdi slum. Since its beginning in 2017, the program has grown from 150 to 400 children.



Each VBS day brings Bible stories, praise and worship songs, activities and crafts that support the Bible teaching for the day. The children, as well as some of their family members, enjoy lunch at the close of each daily session.

Our partners in Pune help us with site preparation, food and drinks. They also print the t-shirts for each participant.

Before each year's VBS concludes, planning begins for the next year. Lessons learned carry forward into the year-long prayerful preparation of a curriculum and craft projects.

The children love the crafts. They might receive and decorate backpacks, first aid kits, or potted



chili plants (for every Indian dish must have chilies!)

The most important gift given, though, is teaching Bible truth to each and every child (and their family members) about God's love and plan of salvation. Sadly, the 2020 VBS was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. But, plans are underway for 2021.



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## Have You Thought About A Mission Trip?

We would love to have you join us in May, 2021 for VBS and community ministry! Our 10-day trip usually costs no more than \$2000 (plus one-time charges for securing a passport and visa). Cost can be reduced if you have frequent flier points.

We invite you to pray about joining us! Then, [contact.us@tlcdsparsh.org](mailto:contact.us@tlcdsparsh.org)!

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## Formation and Recognition of SPARSH Global, Inc. as Non-Profit Organization

On June 13, 2018, SPARSH (meaning touch in Hindi) Global, Inc. formally registered its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws with the State of Missouri. The Articles of Incorporation stated that SPARSH Global's primary purpose is to support the charitable, religious, and educational work of the registered charitable society known as SPARSH organized under the laws of Maharashtra, India. The current Board of Directors of SPARSH Global, Inc. are David Listrom (North Carolina), Cris Smith (Kansas), Robert Arthur (District of Columbia), and Rob and Stacey McCully (Missouri). Each of the Board Members have been integrally involved for many years in the work of SPARSH India.

On July 31, 2019, the Internal Revenue Service recognized SPARSH Global as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity, permitting it to receive donations pursuant to its purpose statement to support the work of SPARSH India. The SPARSH Global Board hopes that the formation of SPARSH Global as a U.S.-based entity, and the IRS's recognition of SPARSH Global as a tax-exempt organization, will facilitate the collection and transfer of U.S. donations for the very important ministry work occurring in India.

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