



Summer 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

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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!



Vacation Bible School 2025

We had another fun, successful week doing Vacation Bible School in the Ramtekdi slum in May 2025! This year's group was our largest to date - 20!

Monsoon season hit the area at its earliest time in 70 years, so that had us pivoting on how we taught and did crafts over the first two days of VBS. And, thankfully, we had the more usual sunny and warm days Wednesday through Friday! This year's daily themes were : Creation/ God made you special; 10 Commandments/ All have sinned; God sent His Son, Jesus to save us; Jesus proves He is God through signs and wonders; Jesus' death and resurrection and call for salvation.



The children colored pictures to be put in pots with pepper plants for their home, decorated beach balls, made pinwheels, and decorated a framed set of the Romans Road verses in their language. They also received a 10 Commandments coloring book in their language along with new crayons.

Praise and worship time is some of our favorite times with the kids and this year, we began Friday's praise and worship with a dance party to Christian music! It was so much

fun for everyone!!

We are already looking forward to being back next May!

Womens' Health Initiative

We had approximately 75 women show up during a rainy Saturday to listen to Stacey McCully talk about menstruation and womens' health. Her focus was on how God has uniquely designed women's bodies and the process behind having a period. She also touched on how a baby is made and the precious gift God gives women to carry and care for a baby. Lastly, Stacey reminded them that no one has a right to their body without their consent and that women can care for themselves by saying no if they want/need to.

We ended the time with answering questions and passing out the wonderful drawstring bags filled with reusable pads, bar laundry detergent and underwear that the Blue Valley Church Women on Mission made and purchased. We had some extra bags after the event, and we were glad to be able to distribute them to local women who make their living by spending their days at the city dump picking through garbage for items that can be sold for small amounts of money. We are EXTREMELY grateful for WOM's continued faithfulness to provide supplies for these women, including the many young ladies who are often otherwise made to leave school because of their lack of womens' health resources.



Discipleship

Following VBS on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, BVC team members met with 15 young men and 20 young women in gender-based groups to spend more time studying the Romans Road verses, and



how they apply to those wanting to accept and follow Jesus Christ. We started each of the 3 days with trying a candy/snack from each other's country that were favorites of that country. While the India groups loved the American candy/snacks, some of us Americans didn't care for the spicy/salt snack we had on the second day! We were able to provide a Marathi language Bible to each person in the discipleship class who did not already have one. We also provided Bible highlighters in order to underline the various verses we discussed from Paul's letter to the Romans. Some of those attending have a strong relationship with Jesus and were encouraged to go and tell others about Him. Others were still wrestling with faith in Jesus and their old Hindu religion and were shown how they cannot serve two masters. It was faith building for all of us!



Eye Exams for Children

While it has been a year in the making and implementing, we were able to do preliminary vision screening on all the children attending Vacation Bible School the Monday of VBS. Unfortunately, because of the monsoon weather, our numbers were down that day to around 240, but those children were tested and it was found that 36 children needed further testing and eyewear. They will be going to the Eye Hospital in the next few days for that testing and to receive the glasses they need! We are SO EXCITED about this because it will help these 36 children be able to see and succeed in school!! We look forward to making routine eye testing a regular part of our future VBS trips, and continue to explore the possibility of additional health checks.





Prayer Pals

Meet some of our friends in Ramtekdi supported through SPARSH Global. Please keep them in your prayers!



Ashwini (10 yrs) and Tanri (10 yrs)



Vaibhav (9 yrs) and Gaurav (11 yrs)



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