

Dear Supporters,

Happy New Year. Life Global UK have been active in continuing to support their partner charity Project 'Life', Rajkot and collaborating with other Project 'Life' chapters in US, UAE, Canada, Australia in how to meet the objective of **Relief of Poverty** through Education and Women Empowerment.

Mayur and I were in Gujarat over the Christmas vacation and visited the Life Global UK Primary school, Patanvav, Dhoraji, the construction site of Kusumben Mansukhbhai Kamdar Primary school, Panchasiya, Wankaner and visited the two schools sponsored by Navnat Vanik Association, UK.

Visit to Life Global UK school by Mayur Sanghvi

On arrival at the LGUK school, I was welcomed by the students, the headmaster and teachers. This was followed by an assembly which consisted of all present saying prayers and singing the national anthem. It was pleasing to see that all the students were in full voice and very inquisitively looking at 'this foreigner' who speaks Gujarati with an accent!! The headmaster then addressed the pupils and asked three students to ask 5 quiz questions relating to English spelling, Science and General knowledge. The idea behind this is to encourage students to become more confident in public speaking.

The school has been running for 11 months, and the school pupil population size has increased by 70 to 256 students. The village committee have managed to secure government grants which have been used to install CCTV in the classrooms and update their kitchen facilities for the students to have freshly cooked lunch. The volunteers from the village have created flower beds, planted trees and are ensuring that the school is kept clean and tidy.

There are now plans afoot to start equipping the classes with Smart class equipment (Projector, Screen, Laptop & Subject matter software) whereby the teaching of a subject will be less dependent on the skills of the teacher.

Click on the link to view photos of the visit. http://www.lifeglobal.org.uk/gallery.php?category_id=14

Visit to Kusumben Mansukhbhai Kamdar school

LGUK are currently building the Kusumben Mansukhbhai Kamdar school in Panchasiya, Wankaner. We were met by the village sarpanch and his committee. The 12 room school is being built on a large plot of land and is located near a lake. The current forecast is that the school will be completed by June 2020. Currently the 220 students are studying in 3 classrooms as 3 classrooms had to be demolished due to their dilapidated state. I am convinced that once the new school is built the students will benefit greatly in their new surroundings.

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WEP Program – 5th March 2020.

Life Global UK in conjunction with Navnat Bhagini Samaj, invites you to Change a Life and Celebrate International Women's Day by Investing in Skill Development of Women Below the Poverty line.

Our partner charity, Project 'Life' founded the Life Women Empowerment Centre in 2008, with its first graduation ceremony of 150 women on 21 February 2009. The Centre strives to contribute towards improving human and social capital with economic freedom for women.

The Centre has empowered over 7,200 marginalised women in rural villages and urban slums of Gujarat by delivering training in skills such as sewing, embroidery, computing skills, catering and beauty care. This then enables the women to start their own enterprises.

The trustees of Life Global UK hope that you can support the event

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