

Projects of the month:

## Nursery and Primary School, Centre of HOPE, Bhuj, Gujarat



One of the most devastating and deadliest earthquakes in the beginning of the 21st century occurred in Gujarat on 26th January 2001, killing twenty thousand in the region, the deadliest in its category over the last 189 years. Three important towns: Bhuj, Anjar, and Bacchau were destroyed, more than half of the people in the earthquake-hit areas migrated to neighbouring states. The crippling devastation in its aftermath drew relief workers from all over the globe.

After the initial wave, relief work began to be diverted - to disasters and victims in other parts of the world. But we were among those who stayed. On one acre of land donated to us, we started a mini-hospital and an English-medium primary school that is housed in a building built using seismic-proof technology. The construction of the quakeproof school has given confidence to the people who had lost most of their children in the quake, crushed under the walls of their school classrooms.

The school is located in the Ashapura Nagar slum, near the domestic airport, Kutch. The school has been a rallying point for the residents of Bhuj as their children chart out a new future for themselves and their families. Due to the good standard of education maintained over the years, in 2003 the school received a recognition letter from the Gujarat education board to conduct classes up to the 5th standard.

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# Industrial Centre of HOPE

Mumbai



► **Started in:**  
**2007**

► **Lives Touched:**  
**2132**

HOPE *worldwide* believes in bringing hope and changing lives, one person at a time. The Industrial Centre of HOPE (ICoH), sponsored by Wal-Mart, are doing exactly this for thousands of families of industrial workers, as well as the surrounding communities. The ICoH- Mumbai is located in the Santa Cruz Electronics Export Processing Zone (SEEPZ) area. SEEPZ is an export zone in Andheri East, with almost 500 medium to large scale factories inside the zone. As a part of setting up our Centre, the following factories were surveyed in the SEEPZ: Goldstar Jewellery, Inter Gold (India) Pvt. Ltd, Goldiam International Ltd, Elegant Collection, Tara Ultimo Pvt. Ltd and Renaissance Jewellery Ltd. We could gather from the factories that there were lot of youths working in the factories that were keen to learn computers and spoken English. The programmes offered to the community, for increasing their employability, through this centre are Computer Training, Spoken English, Tuition, Pre-school and Computer.

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# Making a difference

## HOPE Youth Corps India 2010



Fifty-five young people from various countries, stayed in very basic conditions, ate Indian food with their hands every day and served the underprivileged for ten days.

This trip was incredible as the average age of the group was only seventeen. The kids came from very different backgrounds and most of them had no experience of the developing world.

But the trip went smoothly. All the participants were amazing. They served, worked hard, and never complained. Some had a hard time with the spicy food but all had a great attitude.

They spent lot of time at the Pudupattinam Centre of HOPE where they taught the children of the primary school and helped beautify the premises by painting murals. The last day was spent feeding lunch to leprosy affected people in a colony about two hours away from where they were staying.

This trip had a lasting impact on the young people who took part in this wonderful experience. They missed Christmas with their families but celebrated with the children of the AIDS Home of HOPE. As they left they took away something much more valuable- the certainty that they made a difference.

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## New project launched to provide skill-based training in Dehradun, Uttarakhand



Just a month before the New Year descended, HOPE worldwide partnered with S&S Empowering Solutions Pvt. Ltd to implement the unique project in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The project is a result of a strategic partnership between S&S Empowering Solutions Pvt. Ltd and HOPE worldwide for skill development of the construction labourers working at the Sam India Builtwell Pvt.Ltd site in Dehradun.

The **Aatmavishwas project**, goal is to uplift the 'aatmavishwas' (self-confidence) of the labourers, most of who are daily wage earners. A personal endeavour of the SAM India Builtwell Pvt.Ltd and its management body under its CSR activities, the Aatmavishwas Project is a first of its kind initiative to provide skill based training and life skills education along with financial literacy to the labourers at the construction site. The project is committed to train 800 construction workers in specific trade skills of masonry, shuttering carpenter and bar bender along with life skills education in the next one year.

Indeed Aatmavishwas project takes a holistic approach to educate the labourers' children too (6-14 years of age) with regular tuition classes and also to provide a crèche service for the young ones. Besides it also envisages inclusion of good medical healthcare both from the preventive and the curative point of view for the labourers and their family members.

With special focus on women to become more skilled in their work, the project is envisaging special training for the women to become 'skilled masons' working at equal wages like the men. Giving an opportunity to the women at the site by training them in masonry, it is just taking a step ahead of making them more confident to earn and learn as their male counterparts.

The intention of SAM India Builtwell Pvt. Ltd, S&S Empowering Solutions and the HOPE worldwide through the Aatmavishwas Project is that this project will provide hope to the labourers for a better living and a better earning status.

## New opportunities to learn open for the school children in Pali



On 29<sup>th</sup> December 2010, the computer learning centre at the Shree Sultan Government Senior Secondary School Police line, Pali was inaugurated by Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha. The computer lab set up cost was funded by Member of Parliament Local Area Development funds. It was a big day for HOPE *worldwide* Rajasthan. We were waiting for this day after Jodhpur computer labs inauguration in the month of November.

The honorary guests on this occasion were Mrs. Nutanbala Kapila, District Education Officer, Mr. Kewalchand Gulechha, Chairman, Municipal Council, Pali, Mahamandleshwar Maheshwaran and Swami, some government officials, the school and HOPE *worldwide* staff, and the students.

The computer lab is located in the midst of the poorest colonies in Pali. The children and local youth were excited that the wait was finally over and now they could access the computers which they could not have afforded otherwise.

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