

# HELP US HEAL ONE LIFE AT A TIME



**HEALING LIVES**  
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# Welcome to Healing Lives

Too often we underestimate the power of a smile,  
a hug, a kind word or deed....

Too often we undermine the power of a simple,  
truthful compliment or the willingness to listen....

A word of encouragement, A tiny nudge when a  
fellow being is struggling....

Too often we get lost in the nothingness of grandiosity, the  
vacuum of self importance, the insatiable hunger of greed &  
vanity – Ironically forgetting that our self obsession is the  
very thing that has isolated us from the attention and  
approval we crave from those around us....

Our empathy & sensitivity is the only hope – and it is in much  
greater demand now and far more limited in supply than ever  
before and we need every bit of it from wherever we can get  
it.

And yes, too often we underestimate the power of hope....  
Even the tiniest one can turn a life around....

What we see today are the gaping wounds of despair and  
desolation, no matter which part of the world, the widening  
gap between those who have and those who have never had,  
a complete generation of children & young adults deprived of  
the basics of food, shelter and education.

These will come back to hit us hard unless we choose to do  
something about it....

Help us to heal – one life at a time....

**With Lots Of Love**

*Jani Viswanath*



To summarize, it is never going to be enough to do what  
we do and hope to airbrush away the sufferings and  
plight of the marginalized societies no matter which  
part of the world they are.

But, We can say with certainty that the acts of those  
kind and humane people who reach out to help will  
give some relief to those with nowhere to turn to and in  
turn bring the much needed hope.



# Our work in constant progress around the world

## Education

There is no better gift one can give a young adult than the gift of education as this alone can help them progress and bring about the change needed to create a positive, civilized society.

We believe that a strong foundation through education will enable bright young minds to cultivate and enrich their lives as well as those around them.

In Kenya , Africa we focus on medical education alone . HL funds bright , talented students from meager backgrounds for the entire tenure of 6 years.

In Kenya, we have a stable partnership with the the University of Nairobi where we have students under our sponsorship in various stages of the medical degree.

We are proud to see students from our family who have successfully completed the degree and are licensed doctors working in hospitals.

In India, our focus remains on the villages we have adopted in Bundelkhand. Here we have selected a number of girls to complete their school and university to enable them to take the community forward.

## Medical Camps, Kenya

Most natives of slums and villages in Kenya and India have little or no access to healthcare. Hence we started conducting temporary medical camps.

These camps are held in remote places like the Mara, Mount Kenya, the slums & other small counties and villages.

Typically lasting 2 to 3 days the camps are organized in close coordination with the Ministry of health, the local mayor, and take place in a community hall or a large ground where tents are put up.

We have a wonderful team of volunteer doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other health care professionals who selflessly devote their time & energy at every camp.



We offer free consultation, diagnosis and treatment for most minor, preliminary diseases/ illnesses. We supply medication approved by the ministry of health.

Our mobile cancer screening vans offer a platform for diagnosis and escalation of the case to a specialist hospital.

On an average we treat about 1500 to 2000 people in a 2 day camp.

Apart from medication, everyone who attends the camp are given a good package with basics as lentils, rice, sugar etc as an incentive.



## Agriculture: Drought Mitigation Project

The scourge of this century is perhaps borne most by this field. Natural & man-made disasters only add to the misery.

We have adopted 5 villages in the remote Bundelkhand area of UP/MP in North India. (Nadia, Nandanpura, Kondiya, Bengay & Kanti in the Tikamgarh district.

These villages have been suffering drought year after year. The main problem is lack of water.

Healing lives in coordination with Parmarth (a well-known local NGO who have won much recognition in their efforts to raise awareness for water campaigns) & Save Indian Farmers another diligent NGO to delve down to the grassroot level to tackle the problems.

### OUR WORK IN CONTINUED PROGRESS AROUND THE WORLD:

HL works in 2 formats.  
Long term projects that continue year on year.  
Short term temporary relief projects that we carry out in various parts of the world

#### Long Term Projects

Education (college/ university fee sponsorships) - Africa & India  
Residential Blind School - Assam, India  
Agriculture / drought mitigation & intervention - Bundelkhand

#### Short Term Projects

On a regular annual schedule  
Medical camps - Kenya, Africa  
Food packs distribution, Kenya Africa  
Community kitchen program to feed the elderly in drought areas - India  
Daily Drinking water distribution thru tankers - India

We start with providing seed banks, repairing borewell & hand pumps, building water retention farm ponds, lake deepening and restoring of wells.

The farmers are then taught Smart Farming methods to reap maximum crops with minimum water wastage with the use of mostly organic manure.

## Community Kitchen Project



A temporary community Kitchen scheme for widows, the elderly was done as a relief to provide them food on a daily basis during summer.

The villages are regularly supplied with sweet water for drinking and cooking 3 times a day transported by water tankers.

Our future dream is to build a community centre in Bundelkhand soon which will include the official seed banks, girls' school, farmer training centre etc...

This will be accessible to all the 5 villages under our umbrella.



## Moran Blind School, Assam, India

Assam is in the North East part of India and by far one of the most beautiful places in the sub-continent.

I visited MBS ( Moran blind school) in Feb 2018 and my visit took me by surprise, pleasantly so. Moran Blind School is one of the most wonderful, serene & peaceful institutions I have seen with such positive energy radiating from staff and students alike that one can easily forget that the children are visually impaired.

I had met the patron, Victor Banerjee by chance when I happened to take on the mantle of Executive Producer of a film that Victor was starring in. In the course of our talks I realized that he had this best kept secret that he was totally dedicated to.

His passion and love for the school founded by his father, Major S.N.Banerjee was evident throughout as was his concern for the students.

MBS was started in the 1970's in Morangarh, Assam and has now grown into a proper full fledged residential school for Blind children in and around the area.

The children come from extremely poor families who can ill afford to take care of them. The school offers free boarding, schooling and food & clothing for all its students.

when Victor graciously offered me to join them on the board of trustees" it was an honor and my privilege to do so. MBS will continue to be one of our cherished partnerships.





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