

Project vision

The Heartbeat of Progress: 300,000 Dreams and Counting

A Reflection from Tumkur

Dear Friends and Partners,

This past Monday morning in Tumkur, I found myself standing in a quiet corner of a bustling school hallway, watching a "well-oiled machine" in motion.

As children arrived in an orderly fashion, our team moved with a synchronized grace that filled me with a single, overwhelming word: Gratitude. From primary screening and auto-refraction to the gentle patience required to help a child choose their very first pair of spectacle frames, every role was performed with precision and heart. Even four new interns, who had joined us only that morning, integrated so seamlessly it felt as though they had been part of our journey for months.

Turning Fantasy into Reality

On the drive from Bangalore, I was narrating the history of Project Vision to a colleague. I was reminded of the 1979 ABBA classic, I Have a Dream:

*"I have a dream, a song to sing
To help me cope with anything.
And my destination
Makes it worth the while,
Pushing through the darkness,
Still another mile."*



For us, the "darkness" we push through is avoidable blindness. The "angels" are the dedicated young men and women of this team, the teachers who pick up the phone to call parents for urgent family discussions, and the partners who provide surgical care.

Our Journey in Numbers

What started as a vision has grown into a movement. We are humbled to share the milestones we have reached together across Karnataka along with our partner Vaishnavi Lions Service Foundation, Aloka Vision Foundation, One Sight Essilor Luxottica

- 300,000+ Children screened across 21 locations in 3 districts.
- 15,000+ Spectacles distributed within a 4–6-week turnaround.
- 5000 + Children referred to network partner clinics for expert evaluation at Rakesh Nethralaya, Jyothi Nethralaya and GSS Hospital, Tumkur
- Over 20 Life-changing surgeries facilitated through our hospital partners Vittala International Institute of Ophthalmology, Bangalore and Shridevi Medical College, Tumkur.



The Road Ahead

This program is a product of many minds and many hearts. Without that collective love, the blissful smiles we receive from the children at these schools would not be possible.

We aren't just checking eyesight; we are ensuring that every child has the clarity to see their own future. Thank you for being part of this dream and for helping us cross the stream toward a world without avoidable blindness.



Yours truly
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