

Hi All,

We round out the first (fiscal) year of ServicePlace today, July 31st 2018. During this time we have completed the Federal non-profit application and been awarded the charitable non-profit status. We have applied for and can now receive payments using PayPal. The annual meeting had to be delayed due to a family emergency, and will be rescheduled for early September. We have received an amazing amount of organizational pointers from Laura B, and will be looking to put that know-how to good use in our second year of planning and execution. Specifically for the three initiative areas:

1. Medical/Health Awareness: We are kicking off a program with the NSS (National Social Service) arm of IIT Kharagpur, and 30 students have been assigned to work with us (and St. John Ambulance) to come up with a series of life saving video instruction. The areas of awareness ranging from CPR to first aid applications in a range of emergency situations. We have identified about a dozen lessons to get started with, and the initial target languages are English, Bengali and Hindi. Between Dr. Mondal, Sarbari and I, we have visited KGP three times already, and have two more visits planned before the end of the year. Potentially we will have next gen low cost bluetooth enabled CPR dummies developed working with KGP (for India market), but this is not confirmed yet.

2. Elder Care. We are now working with the second cohort of ASU Capstone students, and the short term goal is to get a Pilot project ready for trial in India (Gauhati) before the end of the year. This pilot will be based on the Android Smartphone with a very simple user interface, with the local support from Celtic Systems (India).

3. Cultural Preservation. Three potential regions in India (Tripura, Orissa, Jharkhand) were visited for discovery purposes. We are working on the community engagement and funding model for these regions, but there surely is a lot of dying/endangered cultural practices in each of these regions. Community engagement will mean engaging with the local institutions and diaspora from each of these regions, and getting them engaged for social and financial support.

Signing off from Buenos Aires,