

The next day, January 14th was a kite flying holiday in Gujarat therefore all schools were closed. We left for Bhavnagar to celebrate the kite flying festival and have lunch with our Bhavnagar team. As you can see, we loved flying the kites!



It is a ritual for our Bhavnagar team to host dinner at a the Mamasa wadi. The owner is a gentleman who has devoted his life taking care of his jamat along with 4-6 volunteers. Their hospitality touches our heart every time we visit this place. Before dinner we always sit and discuss where the jamat is heading and the problems they are facing, where they need funding and support and what we can do to help.





1. Paramount point of discussion was the effects of COVID. Many of our jamati members have lost their jobs. A lot of them have lost their family members as well. The increase in welfare cases is a reflection of that.
2. Increasingly more and more children are leaving their families to go abroad. With that, the debt for the parents to support them has increased.
3. Their recent request was to build a hall with a few guest house rooms attached. Their jamat mostly lives 30 – 50 kms away from Bhavnagar. When a family member falls sick, they have to come to Bhavnagar to the city hospital for treatment. The first person they get in touch with are the Mukhi and Kamadia. These jamati members need a place to stay for a few nights. Tiffins go from the homes of these volunteers to these jamati members.

When someone dies in the family the body is brought to Bhavnagar for the funeral and our rituals and majalises. Their stay could be up to 10 days. Some of these deaths were during COVID, however, due to the fear of catching COVID no one is opening doors for these members.

I think if a few of us get together, we can solve this problem in a few centers. Under the Bhavnagar council falls Sihor, Palitana, Barwada, Valhipur and a few more.



Next, we will be visiting Mahuva from Bhavnagar.