



...participated in a polio immunization project in a foreign country?

...participated in any other international Rotary events or trips?

After thinking about the purpose of this presentation, I realized that perhaps the most important message I can share is...

each of you should consider taking the time to participate in some type of international Rotary trip.



## **Howard Tours**

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We left the USA on January 25, 2019 and arrived in New Delhi on January 26.

The tour departed India on February 5 and arrived back in the USA on February 6.



- 70 people were on the tour
- 49 Rotarians plus 21 family members and guests
- The Rotarians were from 22 states and two Canadian provinces
- Ages of Rotarians spanned from 28-75+



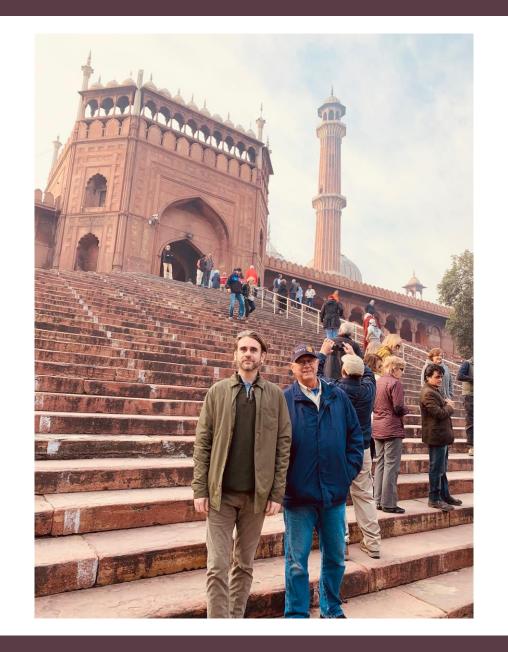
We experienced a wide range of activities:

- Visiting cultural and historic sites in the golden triangle
- Getting to know Rotarians from India and from around the world
- 3. Providing polio immunizations
- Visiting and witnessing many other Rotary projects in a wide variety of settings



- Most of our touring was conducted on two coach buses
- Each bus was lead by either Brad or Jolene, a knowledgeable local guide, a local travel agent, and 35 members of the tour





















- About a week before our departure, the National Day for Polio Immunization was cancelled
- At first this seemed to completely negate the purpose of the tour, but in reality it was a cause for celebration
- We had an opportunity to participate in immunization in one rural village where we witnessed the full success of Rotary's efforts
- What we witnessed was remarkable:
  - Immunizations in India for polio and other diseases have now become the norm
  - It has lead to the creation of children's immunization records so parents and public health officials can keep track of immunizations for children





- Toilet projects for schools...we participated in the dedication of toilet blocks at two different schools
- <u>Vocational training</u>...we visited a school in one of the New Delhi ghettos were vocational and other education was being offered
- Eye screening for rural people
- Participated in a school rally to promote the importance and value of polio immunizations
- Visited a program to provide artificial limbs to individuals who lost part of a leg or arm
- <u>Visited a hospital that has a special orthopedic</u> program to restore function to those who suffered limitations because of polio.















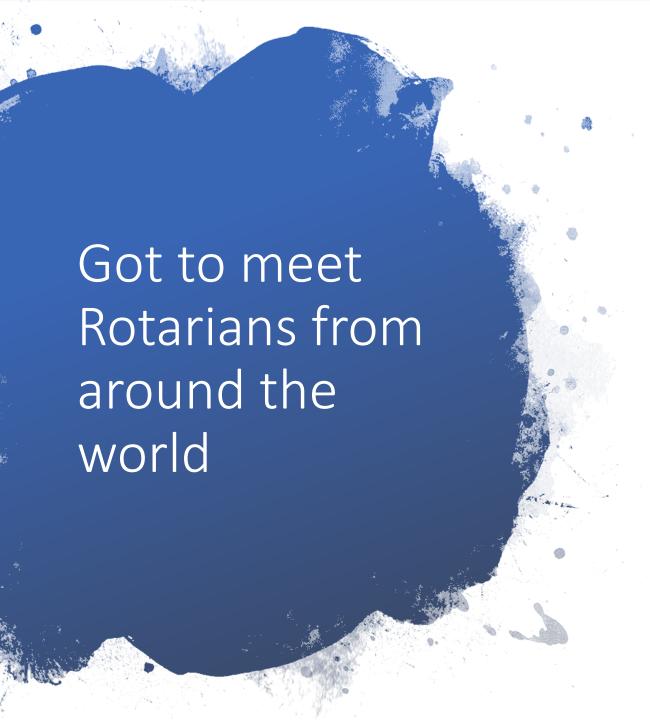












- Got to meet the president elect of Rotary International- Sushil Gupta (recently stepped down due to health)
- Participated in two Rotary meetings:
  - One was at a private home...the club was for women only
  - The other was in a large banquet hall with Rotary delegations from 8 other countries
  - Met one young Rotarian from a club that is completely online













- I am not a person who likes highly organized tours, but traveling with Rotarians is fun...especially when you get to interact with local Rotarians and witness or participate in service activities
- This tour demonstrated how Rotary International working together with local clubs creates good in the world
- Though each of us has limited time and resources to travel, I would strongly encourage each of you to make a commitment to experience the larger world of Rotary International