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NEW BAGS AND SCARVES AND UPDATE ON BUILDING PROJECT

Hello!

Just a super quick email today to show you some great new products. We have just received some new leather bags that we know you will love. We've also received a further update on the embroidery ladies building project in Kolkata and some photos from them. So seeing as how it's a Friday afternoon this is going to be a very non cerebral newsletter. Just sit back and look at the piccies and have a great weekend.

Lisa Redmond - Global Conduct

UPDATE ON THE BUILDING PROJECT IN KOLKATA



If you read the last newsletter you will know that the ladies decided that with our funds raised they would go further than just making a new roof. They decided to make a whole new building. I have had a further update from the Sasha Enterprise Development Fund that is supporting them which I have reproduced in full here.

Greetings from Sasha! We are extremely glad to inform you the your 'Build a roof' initiative has been a great encouragement to the women of the Panchannagram Mahila Samity. Your fund assistance had been transferred to Panchannagram Mahila Samity in due time. You will be happy to know that, as mentioned in our earlier mail that though the fund you sent did not fully meeting their requirement, it has infused a fresh enthusiasm among the women of Panchannagram and they planned to reconstruct their workshed afresh (not only repairing the roof- which is a partial solution). Sasha has also provided them financial assistance for that & the women themselves have chipped in. Put together it will enable them to construct new shed and refurbish the existing shed - so that they have much better working environment. The plan was finalised in April in consultation with a local architect & engineer. After finalising the final layout, contractors etc. in ealy May, the construction started in mid-May and is mostly completed-the foundation, pillars & roof. The rest of the consrtuction is expected to be completed withing the next three months including renovation of the in this month itself).

So what started of as garnering support for building a roof has resulted in building a proper workplace, not only the roof. Our best wishes and heartfelt thanks for the wonderful support. Thank you so very much, Lisa. And our fond regards. Am attaching some images of the building under construction, some happy & smiling faces from Panchannagram Mahila Samity.

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