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Takemi Program Brown Bag Seminar

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THRIVE Solar Energy: Bringing light to poor homes worldwide

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Dr. Bodavala has an MBA and Ph.D in information systems and was a Takemi Fellow in Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, from 1999-2000.

He founded THRIVE (Volunteers for Rural Health, Education, and Information Technology) and a commercial company Thrive Solar Energy Pvt. Ltd. and pioneered the development and deployment of portable Solar LED home lights in India, Africa, and Latin America through continuous improvements in materials, cost reduction, improved functional benefits and financial modeling. (See: www.thriveenergy.co.in)

THRIVE SOLAR ENERGY is now working to light up the homes of poor people around the world through LED lighting technology, so that a child can study, a mother can cook easier, a father can work fast and a grandmother feel safe for a better tomorrow. So far Ranga and this team reached 2.0 million poor homes with their solar lights and advocated and motivated state and central government in India to launch projects that benefit 5 to 10 million families.

Ranga has founded a trust “one child one light” www.onechildonelight.org to utilize the CSR funds of corporates and Thrive Energy’s profits to help a child with solar study light.