

# Ranganayakulu Bodavala (Ranga)

Ranga 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](http://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 grand mother feel safe for a better tomorrow. So far Ranga and this team reached 2.0 million (20 lakhs) poor homes with their solar lights and continue ding 2 million every year. He has 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](http://www.onechildonelight.org) to utilize the CSR funds of corporates and Thrive Energy’s profits to help a child with solar study light.

Ranga earlier worked for 16 years as a consultant in public health systems in World Bank funded health projects in India, JICA funded projects in Uzbekistan, Malawi, and UNICEF in Afghanistan. He worked as a Faculty member in Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad for 6 years. He hails from an agricultural family and from a village in India, and is interested in simple technologies that make the life of women and child better, safe and productive.

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