



LIGHTHOUSE: NIRANKAR GUIDING OUR WAY

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It was a little more than a year ago when we moved to this foreign land. Not different from many others the relocation was due to an official assignment; my husband was transferred by his company. I left my job, our house, our friends and more than anything else our families. Excitement coupled with anxiety while starting a new chapter of life. A sense of loneliness and hollowness crept at the beginning and it only got intense when we started settling in.

My husband and in-laws have been following Nirankari mission since many years and very honestly my inclination was limited. After moving here, we were suggested to start attending *Satsang*, I was little reluctant initially. I still remember my first *Satsang* in Seattle; I went in with an assumption that it will be a crowded place with too many people and an elderly man preaching. However, to my surprise it was a small group, with everyone getting a turn to share their knowledge and experience irrespective of the age group. A young child may be 10-12 years old narrated a simple story with a moral lesson behind it and it touched my heart and I could so relate to it.

Actually, it all began from there; a feeling and sense to relate to something in an absolute foreign place was wholesome. May be the opportunity to be part of the *Satsang* was an indication by Nirankar that we were not that alone in the foreign place and he was there to hold our hand and guide us through it. He didn't let us get lost in the ocean; he was there for us standing as tall as a lighthouse and guiding our way.

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