Summary
After visiting all the 5 Borderless World Foundation homes in May, 2018, I had the opportunity, earlier this year, to follow up on the status of a major BWF project - construction of their first own home in Jammu. Last year I had seen architectural plans and preparations for construction had just started. A shed was in place on the southern side of the plot to house labor and equipment.

Less than a year later I’m happy to report significant progress:
- Below plinth brick and RCC work - done
- Plinth level and RCC work at ground level - done.
- RCC work on first floor - done
- RCC work on second floor - in progress
- A tube well has been installed at the site
- An adjacent L shaped plot by the stream has been purchased. Hope is to purchase a few other nearby plots to enable conversion of the enclosed road also to into a plot
- Besides what I could see, I’m told that soil testing for load bearing capacity was also completed

Trip details
I flew into Jammu this time and was picked up from the airport by a car arranged by Mr Adhik Kadam. Eventually, I met up with Dr Ekagracheet Singh who took me to BSF Jammu Headquarters (Border Security Force). Dr Singh had arranged a high level meeting between Mr Adhik Kadam and top brass at BSF, to discuss donation of another critical care ambulance from BWF to BSF. The meeting went very well - it was a privilege to be in attendance. Adhik explained to BSF, the role of Asha for Education and appreciated our support over the years.

Since both BWF and Asha focus on children’s education, it may seem puzzling why BWF works on acquiring and donating ambulances. Here’s the explanation from Adhik:
- BWF reaches out to all sorts of organizations and corporations to solicit funds primarily for supporting their girls. Understandably, such efforts consume significant time and resources. However, not all donors consider education based initiatives for donation and in many cases they are open to contribute toward health related projects. In such cases, BWF accepts funding for critical care ambulances. In any case, the residents of Jammu and Kashmir are beneficiaries.

After the BSF meeting, Dr Singh, Adhik and I visited the construction site. We were joined by Mr Daftari (Adihk’s mentor and long supporter of BWF). Here are some pictures:
Over three days in Jammu, I got to see the construction site twice. As before, visiting the current BWF Jammu home (Project Fah) was a joy. I had meals there and chatted with the girls who were excited to see pictures of their future home. Mrs Rajni, who is in charge of the home, was again a very gracious host. She explained increasing difficulties with the prevailing living conditions and certainly looks forward to completion of the new home soon.
Unlike recurring funding for maintenance and living expenses at BWF’s five homes, this construction project is a one time, capital intensive project. Funding for construction is incomplete and the need is immediate. The payoff will be long term benefit and positive impact on the young residents and staff, brought by a sense of belonging and ownership. Seeing the steady rate of progress I’m optimistic and hopeful that this will happen soon.

Additional pictures and videos are available at:
https://photos.app.goo.gl/FVtuo7CJksoYPzQu9