

Srila Prabhupada's Walls

a collaborative Vanipedia project

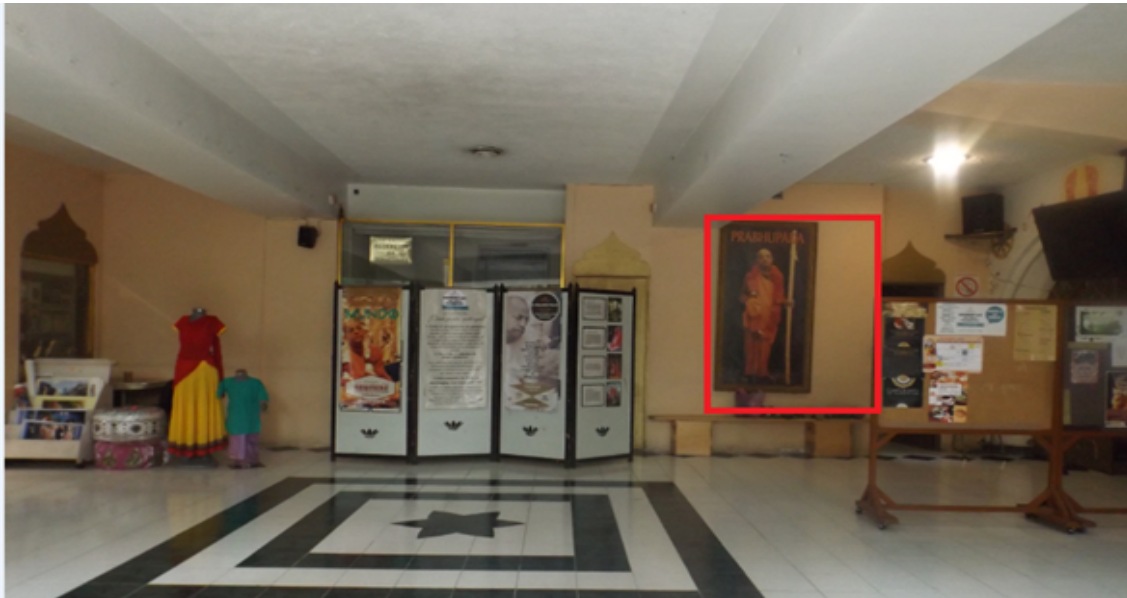
This initiative developed from the desire to share Srila Prabhupada's teachings with all devotees by publishing Vaniquotes in temples, restaurants, devotees homes, BBT offices and all other places, where one can stop for a moment, and read Srila Prabhupada's enlightening and encouraging words. With the purpose of having Srila Prabhupada's words nicely presented the idea came to have a dedicated Srila Prabhupada Wall consisting of his quotes that could be changed regularly in order for the devotees and visitors to read them continuously.

The statements on these Walls are drawn from Srila Prabhupada's 85+ books, 1950+ lectures, 905+ conversations, 490+ morning walks, 65+ interviews and 6,570+ of his letters. Information available at Vanipedia.org.

Now we are inspired to encourage more Srila Prabhupada Walls to be created in ISKCON properties and devotees homes around the world. What a wonderful offering to our Founder-Acarya and all his followers by establishing at least 32 big walls, 64 medium walls and 108 small walls during ISKCON's 50th year celebrations.

On the 17th of January 2016, in the presence of the BBT devotees of South America the first Srila Prabhupada Wall was inaugurated at Iskcon's Mexico City temple.

Welcome to this Pictorial Journey - from start to finish



The space that was allocated for the wall

With great anticipation we started preparing our wall. We are not experts at all in these



areas so it was only by the grace of Lord Krishna that we could do this

We started sketching out ideas - Have a big photo of Srila Prabhupada at the top, a beautiful title, frames that can show nicely the instructions of our Founder-Acarya. At the bottom have information about Vanipedia and an invitation to participate in the seva of translating Srila Prabhupada's words in our language.



**We wanted to cover the widest possible space.
The final size is 2.50 meters high and 2.30 meters wide.**

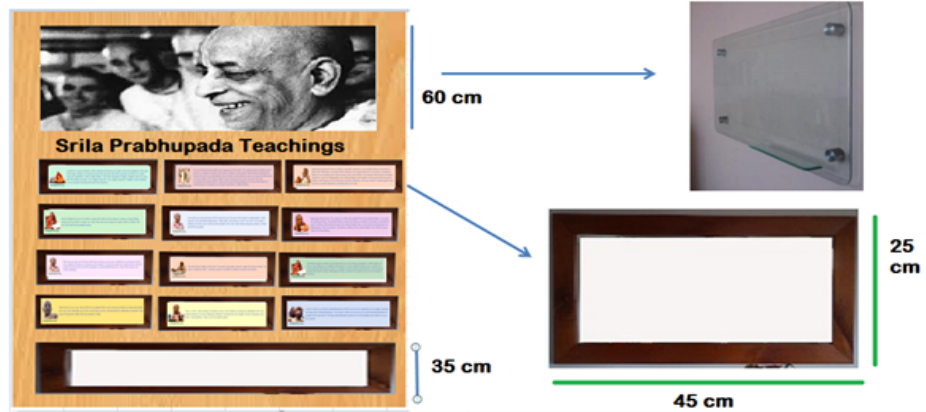
The Work Plan

- STEP 1. Design the wall to the size we required.
- STEP 2. Building the wall.
- STEP 3. Repairing and painting the room.
- STEP 4. Decoration.
- STEP 5. Vaniquotes design.
- STEP 6. The Title.
- STEP 7. Srila Prabhupada photo.
- STEP 8. Diplomas to donors.
- STEP 9. Inauguration - party and music.
- STEP 10. Video and photos.
- STEP 11. Reporting and Publishing.

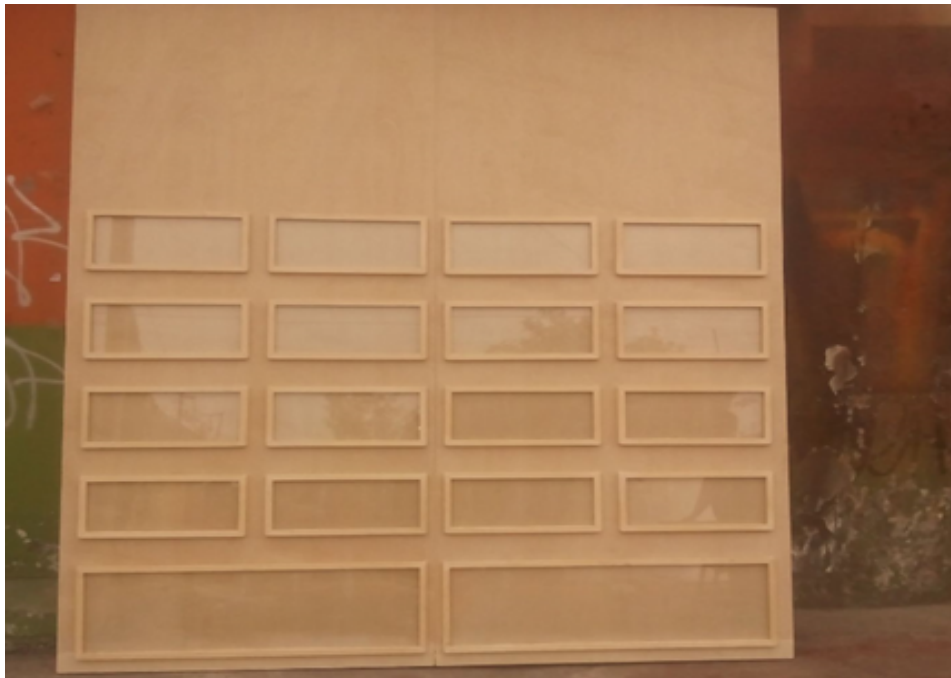


Design the wall to the size we required.

According the space we had, we made a plan with exact measures for the number of frames and surrounding decorations



Visnu Murti and Hanuman prabhus assisted us through emails and skype. Due to their experiences in serving Srila Prabhupada, they could give us good advice in different aspects. They were patient and compassionate with our humble efforts to serve Srila Prabhupada.



We choose wood as our option to build the wall



Building the wall

Hanuman prabhu suggested the perfect place to make the wall and we worked hard to obtain that wonderful place right at the entrance of the temple room. Our devotee carpenters were on the December sankirtan marathon so we had to look for carpenters who ended up getting the mercy of serving Srila Prabhupada and his mission.



We gave the two carpenters lots of prasadam for them and their families



Repairing and painting the room

The place needed some maintenance, so we repaired and painted the room in order to show Srila Prabhupada's Wall in a clean and great condition.



Bhaktin Diana, Hari Mohan das, and Ananda Bhakti dd



Suniti devi dasi, Bhaktin Diana, Bhakta AbdeRaman and Ananda Bhakti dd

For the last last two weeks of preparation, every devotee after work or after school, went to the temple in the evening to do seva for a couple of hours. It was really funny to see them with lots of paint in their clothes and hair as we are not professionals - only simple devotees loving to glorify Srila Prabhupada's words.



Decoration

The creation of the design was lead by Malini Mataji, she draw some beautiful examples of decorations. The devotees below varnished the wood and prepared all the panels for the decoration



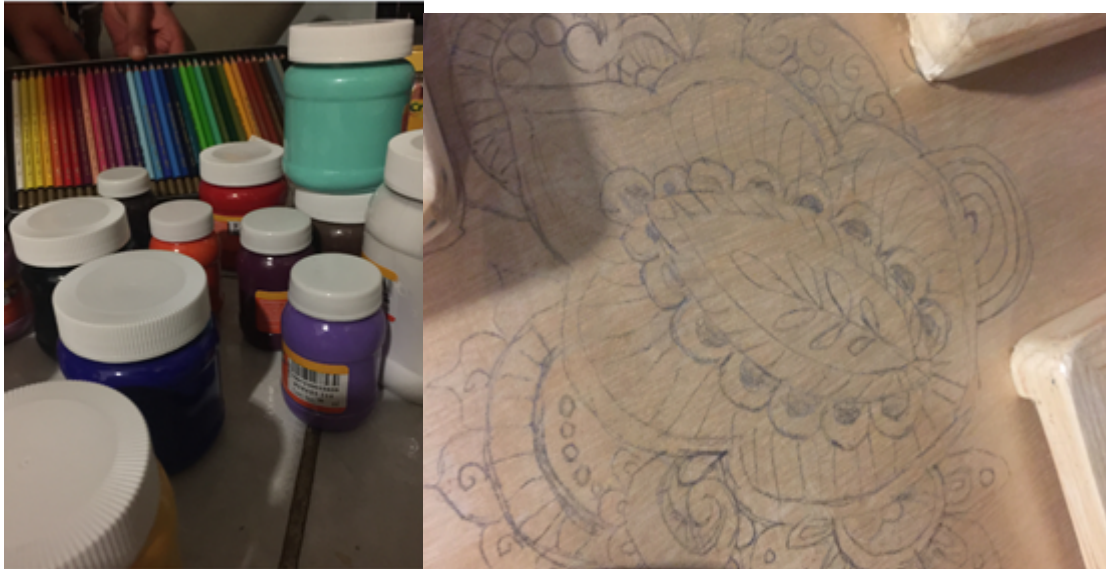
Bhaktin Diana, Sacinandan Das, Bhakta Said
Our vaniseva gave us great joy.



Bhakta Said, AbdeRaman and Alejandro, Bhaktin Fer and Ananda Bhakti dd

As we were doing the vaniseva other devotees started to join us. Our enthusiasm made the congregational devotees also enthusiastic to happily participate.





When the artwork began all the bhaktas and bhaktins were really excited to use their creativity to paint.



We wanted to use this painting by Malini Mayi dd but at the end the colors did not look as we had imagined and we changed the design.





Bhakta Dani and Alejandro, Bhaktin Ashanti

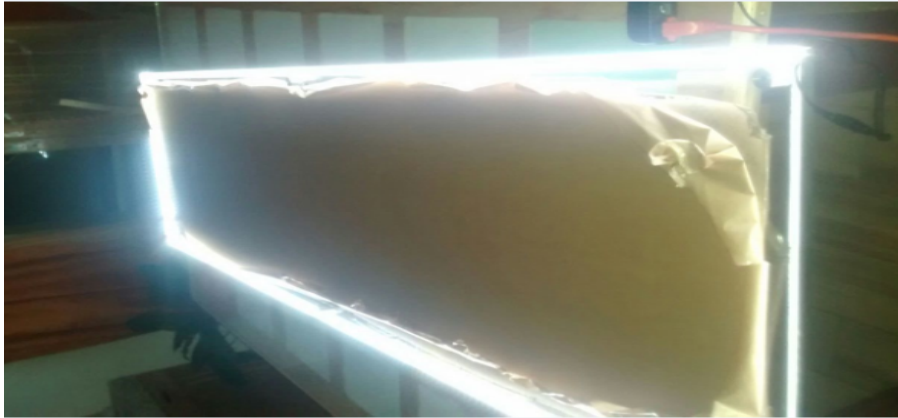
The last three days we had to work late into the night to get everything ready.



Bhakta Alejandro

After the sankirtan marathon, Bhakta Alejandro joined us to make a wonderful final varnishing using some professional tools.





Ananta Deva prabhu (left) and the Instalator (right)

Ananta Deva prabhu was very excited to collaborate on the Wall and had the brilliant idea to light the photo of Srila Prabhupada with LED light. He also participated with some donation. The instalator was so amazed by the deities that he also gave us a discount for his work.



Vaniquotes design

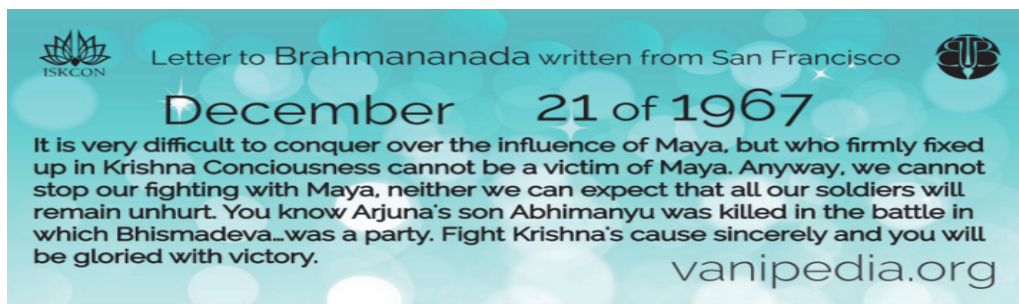
We wanted to show devotees and visitors Srila Prabhupada's words with an excellent presentation.



The work for the vaniquotes design was really mystical, as we tried to find the correct colors, fonts, size, logos and of course the translation into Spanish of the vaniquotes.

All this labor was made by Hari Mohan prabhu, really late at night. Visnu Murti prabhu was also helping us to choose the fonts, giving us ideas and explaining how we can share the vaniquotes. We discussed by Skype all these details.

The translations were made by Rasa Gamyadevi dasi, she is a vaniservant since last year. She was not in the City but by means of the internet we had her wonderful association. We decided to have 12 vaniquotes in Spanish and 4 vaniquotes in English for foreign visitors and to help us learn better English.



We choose this template with various colours



The title



Daivi Radha devi dasi.

We worked on the title until it was just right. We painted twice with colors and in the end we printed it and stuck it on the Wall. We did not know it was going to be so difficult, but by Krsna's mercy it finally looks fantastic.



Srila Prabhupada's photo



Bhakta Gonzalo from Colombia was helping us choose the photos. We had so many of them but forgot the pixels were very important for the size we required. We had to adjust to find a photo with more resolution.

Daivi Radha dd, after her work in the temple restaurant, was helping in all that was necessary to help build Srila Prabhupada's wall.



We wanted this photo but the pixels were not what we needed, so we choose another that was perfect for the design and colors, It was just two days before the inauguration.



Diplomas to donors



We offered the Donors a diploma for their effort and kindness to pay for all the materials

Mural	4127	Adi deva das	4127
Diferencia M	800	Hari Bhakta das	700
Instalación	400	Lavanga Devi Dasi	2000
Flete	500	Ananta Deva Das	500
Pintura	1000	Bka Gonzalo	800
Decorado	1200	Juan Cristacho	500
Vidrio	4000		
Varniz	500		
Impresiones	1200		
Fotos	1200		
Tela	500		
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For the finances, we saw that the bills were coming, but by Krsna's mercy we paid for everything. Laksmidevi was present all the time, giving us the opportunity to serve Her pure devotee.



Inauguration



Bhaktin Yamel and Tejasvit prabhu with only an hour to start



Inauguration ceremony begins



Devotees from the BBT - Left to Right: Chaturatma Goura Das (Ecuador), Govinda Damodara Das (Argentina), Aravinda Das (Mexico), Hanuman das (Spain), Narada Muni Das (Brasil), Nrisimha Kripa Das and his wife Kely Vilasa dd (Mexico). Ananda Bhakti dd





Kely Vilasa dd reading a quote



**The Temple president Dharmaraja prabhu reading a quote
Different devotees from the community each read a quote**





Hanuman prabhu reading a quote





Hanuman prabhu standing in front of our glorious Prabhupada Wall that is now showering us with nectar all the time.

Our plan is to change the quotes every ekadasi in order to keep Srila Prabhupada's nectarian instructions flowing constantly to us.

Your happy vanisevants from Mexico City. - written by Ananda Bhakti dd

