



Bangla Hope

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Changing of the Guard

By Dr. Ken Rose

For years now, ever since the beginning of Bangla Hope, it was very likely that if you called the main office, one of the voices you might hear would be the serene voice of Hazel Burns. Hazel has been the stalwart force behind Bangla Hope and its operations. In fact, as Dave Waid said, "The main reason Bangla Hope settled in Kennewick was so that we (Dave and Beverly) could work with Hazel." She has been the point person with our partners, constantly updating the sponsorship records, sending out newsletters, and the list of all she did for Bangla Hope goes on and on. In fact, when we asked Hazel to write down all she did, the list was a mile long! She has been the anchor for so much of what keeps Bangla Hope going and of what Bangla Hope is. That is why it has been so difficult to assent to her wishes to retire. We had put off her entreaties as long as we could, but the time had come to find her replacement. We want to wish her the best as she is now able to spend more time with her own family.

It was with some trepidation, much prayer and claiming God's promises that we began looking for her replacement. These words from the book *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, pg. 100 were inspiring for us: "If you have given yourself to God, to do His work, you have no need to be anxious for tomorrow. He whose servant you are, knows the end from the beginning. The events of tomorrow, which are hidden from your view, are open to the eyes of Him who is omnipotent...when we really believe that God loves us and means to do us good we shall cease to worry about the future." Bangla Hope has always been God's special project. The hundreds and literally thousands of kids who have been touched by Bangla Hope are all children of God, and He loves each and every one of them. We knew that God would continue to provide for Bangla Hope just like He has done so many times in the past. With that assurance we advertised for the position of Office Director for Bangla Hope. And as God had promised, He provided a wonderful replacement to slip into Hazel's shoes. Debi Axford has worked as a Social Worker for many years. Her experience of working with others, dealing with social is-



sues with kids, and her love for people has made her a great fit into our organization. In the little time that she's been working with us, it has become quite obvious that we couldn't have found a better person. God truly is in control and it is yet another example of His leading in the affairs of Bangla Hope. So, the next time you call our office, you may hear another serene voice on the other end of the line. Please welcome Debi to our Bangla Hope family.

What's the Nose For?

By Robyn Griffin

"You mean, you can actually breath through your nose, Kakoli?"

It was Marissa, our seventh orphan, speaking to Kakoli, our first orphan, who had just returned from an extensive nasal operation in Dhaka. Kakoli had been born with a cleft lip and a nose that she couldn't breath through. Now, at age 14, she was experiencing this joy for the first time in her life and Marissa was envious.

"I wish that I could breath through my nose", she told Suchitra, Bangla Hope's Administrator.

A week or so later, Marissa was in the office of the same ENT who had operated on Kakoli. The doctor was shocked after examining her nasal passages. "She is in worse shape than Kakoli...but I will charge the same price since she is an orphan...and I desire to help the children at Bangla Hope."

So, please pray for Marissa who is scheduled for an operation the first week of June, and if God speaks to your heart and you desire to help finance this operation mark your donation **Marissa's Surgery**. The total expense, including the operation and a minimum of three days in the hospital, will be about \$1,000. Any extra funds will go to support future surgeries for orphans.

Thank you for your prayers and support! You are changing the world!!



POCKET MONEY DEADLINE

August 15, 2017 is the cut-off date for sending in (or charging) pocket money for your student for the next school year.

Emergency Poor Fund

Hardly a day goes by that I don't hear something like the following:

"I don't know where to turn for help...that's why I have come to your mission."

"My little son has heart problems...could you help us?"

"The tumors on my daughter's neck are growing larger and the doctor says it will cost Tk 4000 (\$50) for an operation which we don't have."

"Do you have any blankets? I'm so cold!"

No matter where we turn people are begging for help whether we are in the villages or on our campus. The needs are huge and range from medical emergencies to needed food or blankets.

This past year we helped a villager needing hernia surgery, distributed 125 blankets, supplied funds for medical emergencies, food for the starving, and general unexpected needs among our workers and neighbors.

Often the Holy Spirit speaks to an individual and prompts them to give to bless others. If He is speaking to you, consider helping to support our newly established **Emergency Poor Fund** so that we can meet the constant needs all around us. For a number of years our Bangla workers have been contributing to this fund out of their small earnings...perhaps you would like to as well.

Bangla Hope Enrolls our First 7th Graders

January brought additional blessings to Bangla Hope as a new class is now being taught on campus. In the past, the 6th graders, upon completing their school year in December, began the sad task of preparing to leave in January for SAMS (Seventh-day Adventist Maranatha Seminary) approximately thirty-five minutes from our campus. Having our children leave home at this young age has introduced a number of problems that we are still working through with those who are currently there in both 8th and 9th grades. Our new 7th graders are delighted to still be at home. Having them here has cramped our classrooms, but we feel that the benefits will outweigh any inconveniences. As we continue to grow, additional teachers and classrooms will be needed. As new dormitory space becomes available, it will allow for the former dorm rooms to be used as classrooms. We know that God has a plan and if we consent to abide in His way, He will direct us in His path.

The Time of Their Lives

"Uncle Robyn...do you think that it is possible that we could ever take a trip to Dhaka? We have never been there. Only three out of our class have been there, and that was when they were sick and then the only thing that they ever saw was the doctor's office."

"Diana, you lived in Dhaka when you were little...don't you remember?"

"But, Uncle Robyn, that was when we were so little we don't remember anything!" Diana countered fully knowing that I was just teasing her.

"Please...couldn't those of us who never get to go to Dhaka go see it some time?"

"Sure...just as soon as you get sick we will take

you!" I answered.

"Uncle Robyn!!!!"

The short discussion sparked an idea that we hope will become an eighth grade tradition for the years to come. Bangla Hope's first

eighth grade class had just completed their government finals and arrived home eager to begin Christmas vacation. Many had burned the midnight oil preparing for their finals in hopes of continuing on to the ninth standard. One failed subject and the student would be forced to retake their entire 8th grade year.

Now Diana was asking about going to Dhaka. My mind raced with the possibility of sending the entire

class to explore some of the historical places in their country that they had only read about in history books. And what about the zoo...and shopping centers, tall buildings, and traffic jams?

These were all things that they couldn't see in Hili...well...except for traffic jams...those can exist on any road at any hour of the day or night.

It wasn't very long before the leadership of Bangla Hope had their heads together discussing the idea and dreaming of the places the students could visit to give them the joy of discovering their own country. While visiting our regional Associate Director of Education the subject surfaced and I asked for his ideas of places they could visit to make their trip enjoyable. He suggested a few, then asked if traveling by train might bring more enjoyment as well as protect those who might be prone to car sickness. That suggestion was also a hit and the leadership called the eighth graders together to begin to plan the trip of their young lives.

Sunday, December 4, 2016, found the class packed and ready to travel by van and truck to catch the 10:30 AM train. Litton and Suborna Mowaliev were selected to take our first eighth grade class on this exciting adventure. The two weeks prior to departing, students were divided up daily into different work details to help around the campus to help pay for their way to Dhaka. Some were working on the farm, some in the kitchen, some in the baby rooms, and others in administrative offices. The students had worked hard to prepare for their exams and now they were putting in time to bless our campus. The excitement ran high as they checked with Mr. Mowaliev to assure that everything was ready for the great adventure. I dropped by the Mowaliev's home where the youth were eagerly gathered and we thanked the Lord that He had prepared the way for this wonderful opportunity. When prayer was finished sixteen rambunctious youth climbed into the vehicles and left on the first leg of their journey.

After a memorable train ride, a first experience for all, the group arrived in the capital city where they hired two vans for their three day excursion. The group



made great use of the apartment at the Dental Clinic as their "home base". Now the students could witness firsthand some of the places dear to Bengali hearts. Their memories will be stretched to recall events experienced in the first home many of the students remember as their first Bangla Hope home—the building directly across from the Dental Clinic. Where had the time gone? These children were just infants living in close quarters complete with a badminton court on the roof. If you listen closely you still might be able to hear the giggles and baby cries of children who ran through the halls and rooms of that building in the heart of Uttara. Now those children are children no more, but lovely young people training for a place in the Lord's vineyard.

Places visited on the four day tour included the National Martyrs' Memorial, Bangladesh Adventist Seminary and College, Fantasy Kingdom and Heritage Park, the Armenian Church, Sonargaon Panam City, Sonargaon Folk Arts and Craft Museum, Lalbagh Fort, Bangladesh National Museum, Bangabandhu Planetarium, Dhaka Zoo, Jamuna Future Park, Bongo Market, and Bangladesh Adventist Union Mission. Lots of memories; lots of pictures; lots of fun; and a trip that gave them a taste of the country that is their home. Now, when they open their textbooks and read about places in Bangladesh it is meaningful because they have had the opportunity to experience some of it.

How fast time is flying! The little legs have become strong with adventure and their baby cries have become voices lifted for the King! May the adventures that they have shared together stir in their hearts a desire to make their country and this world a better place by giving unselfishly of themselves to the needs of others.

Project Updates

Musical Instruments—Many generous people have responded to our article on musical instruments! We have received over \$700 to bless us in our music department. A few weeks ago we were able to purchase **five new violins** in Dhaka for about \$100 each. Students are anxious to begin lessons. We currently have five guitars, a full sextet of recorders all of which I purchased myself, and one older keyboard which belongs to the Waids. Children are currently learning guitar and keyboard with many more requests being made. With the addition of violins and recorders, we are hoping to be blessed with more music. The cheapest piano that I've found here is a new Yamaha upright for \$5000—so we are content with a keyboard (fact is I've only seen two pianos in the entire country). Thank you for blessing us with the gift of music!!!



Education Complex/Girls' Hostel—We desperately want to keep our children here through the 10th grade! The new plans for the dormitory are currently being drawn and discussed. The building is designed to be a four story building when completed. The estimated cost for the first 2 stories is \$350,000, which will meet our immediate needs. As the enrollment increases, additional floors will then be added. We currently have almost enough funds to erect the first floor (\$195,000) which will provide some additional rooms so urgently needed.

Ramshil Village School—In late October it became apparent that a well was desperately needed at our Ramshil Village School. The school has been without sufficient land to drill such a well since it is surrounded by lakes and ponds. The project would include recapturing property from some of the surrounding lakes to give sufficient land to allow a well to be established. Through generous donations, support walls have been constructed and landfill is complete. As soon as the dirt settles, the drilling can begin. Thank you for your generous support.



Multi-Purpose Building—Original plans for the Multi-Purpose Building included a ground floor for much needed offices and a second floor for religious and various community meetings, as well as social activities. After thoroughly discussing the matter, it is in the process of being redesigned to be a single floor building for general purpose religious gatherings and various community meetings. We are anxious to begin construction as soon as the board approves the redesign.

New Project Options

~Kalampur Village School only has a shallow well, so they need a deep well drilled. Cost: \$1500

~Malikhali and Sitpur village schools both have deep wells already, but they will be needing repairs soon.

Special People Helping Children Thank You

~Barbara L. for 18 handmade children's dresses

~Virginia & Melvin W. for the 89 Beanie Babies for the orphans.

In Honor Of

Jeff Reeves

Mrs. Weber (7th grade teacher)

By: Al Wiggins

In Loving Memory of

**Gary Holland
Brenda Chappell
George Chappell
Leonard Squire
Donna Browning**

By: Bev Holland

**Elmer and Ruth Wiggins
Arlene and Dougie Wiggins**
By: Al Wiggins

Financial Update

Through **May 4, 2017**, we have received funds for the following projects in the amounts shown:

Multipurpose building (Church)	\$92,871.50 of \$130,000
Ed. complex/Girls' Hostel	\$160,150 of \$350,000
Security wall	\$60,761.21 of \$80,500
New Generator	\$5,622 of \$25,000

THE GROWTH

1987—Dave & Beverly Waid began sponsoring 8 children in Bangladesh
 1993—Dave visited Bangladesh and was asked to help get sponsors for children
 1994—Dave began sharing information with friends and local churches, sponsoring 200 children
 1995—Dave and Beverly, self-supporting volunteers, both visited Bangladesh
 1997—Dave and Beverly began living in Bangladesh four to six months each year
 2005—New receiving center for abandoned babies/toddlers opened
 2006—Eleven new village schools opened
 2007—Land purchased for new orphanage
 2008—Staff housing and first floor of new orphanage completed
 2012—Second floors of Orphanage & Medical Clinic completed
 2013—Third floor of Medical Clinic begun
 2015—Educational needs of over 1000 students being met



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Student Correspondence Only

Bangla Hope

Student Name & Number

Village: Hazrapur

Post Office: Mazina (Uchai)

Upozila: Panchbibi, District: Joypurhat
 Bangladesh

I would like to sponsor:

- () Receiving Center Orphan __Boy __Girl \$35 monthly co-sponsor or \$420 yearly
 () \$100 monthly full sponsor or \$1200 yearly
 () Boarding School Student __Boy __Girl. \$25 monthly co-sponsorship or \$300 yearly
 () \$40 monthly full sponsorship or \$480 yearly
 () Village School Student (No personal information) \$13 monthly or \$140 yearly
 () Total Village School Sponsorship (with updates and photos of school and children)
 () 20 students \$2,800 yearly () 30 students \$4,200 yearly

I would like to donate and help:

Security Fencing \$ _____

Orphanage \$ _____

Blankets \$ _____

Office Expense \$ _____

Medical Fund \$ _____

My sponsored child's tuition \$ _____

Church Building \$ _____

Feeding Fund \$ _____

Use as Needed \$ _____

Other _____ \$ _____

Orphans \$ _____

Pocket Money \$ _____

I would like to donate using my credit card:

Name on Card _____ E-mail _____

Billing Address _____ Phone _____

Type of Card _____ Number _____ Exp. _____ Sec. Code _____

Total amount \$ _____ (Circle one) Monthly Quarterly Yearly One-Time Only

Signature (Required for Recurring Charges) _____

>> Tax Receipts will be mailed in January for donations made in the prior year <<

“Let all that you do be done in love.”

I Corinthians 16:14 (ESV)