

# Bangla Hope

CHANGING LIVES... ONE CHILD AT A TIME

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## A Dental Clinic That Keeps On Giving

By Robyn Griffin

Late last summer I received a phone call from the wife of Dr. Jack Hamilton, a missionary dentist in Alaska. The couple often goes on mission trips with a combined purpose of both performing necessary dental work and training the local staff members basic dental skills. Mrs. Hamilton said,

***"If Jack comes and works on the patients...the blessing will only be short-lived for the time that we are there. But if he comes and trains eight to ten of your staff members, the work will continue."***

The Hamiltons arrived in January 2018 serious about making a difference. They purchased, at their own expense, dental items necessary for each of the eight apprentices to perform basic dental care. We had no difficulty recruiting volunteers. One of our eighth-graders, Marc, heard what was happening and quickly came running to me and said, "Uncle Robyn, you know that I want to be a dentist...is there any way that I can participate in the clinic?"

I responded, "Mark, let me speak with Dr. Hamilton and find out what he says..."

On Sunday, six staff members, one Student Missionary Emily Parish, a nursing student from Walla Walla University and 14-year-old Marc Sircar were prepared with notebook and pen anxious to get started.

The training included dental anatomy and physiology as well as practical skills such as giving shots, cleaning and pulling teeth, all of which they practiced on each other (except the extractions).

Monday morning the group surrounded the Hamiltons to receive last minute instructions prior to the gates of the orphanage being opened. Word had spread, and tickets were issued to those needing immediate dental care. Each apprentice was to assess the patient's problem, prepare the necessary equipment, then raise their hand to signal Dr. Hamilton that they were ready for his permission to proceed. After his recommenda-



**Dental instruction for the apprentices & Marc.**

tions and approval, the work began. Over time, the confidence of each apprentice increased, and the dental work advanced more smoothly.

By Wednesday, Dr. Hamilton had worked himself out of a job, and by the end of the week, our experienced dental team had seen multitudes of patients and now possessed skills to allow them to go into surrounding villages and make a difference for God.

Thank you Dr. Jack and Katie Hamilton for giving a dental gift that keeps on giving! We know that health evangelism is the right arm of the three angels messages...you have made a tremendous difference!

## Golden Opportunity Complete By Robyn Griffin

**Praise The LORD...ALL of the funds for the purchase of the three acres have been raised.**

As I reflect on what God has done in the past eleven years for Bangla Hope I am totally amazed! To see a two-story orphanage, a four-story apartment complex, a three-story medical clinic, a two-story farm building/temporary classroom nearing completion...all standing where only rice fields

stood eleven years ago should make us stand in awe of a God who uses human agents to change the world!

When the owner of the three acres approached us in December 2017 asking if we wanted to purchase his property my immediate thought was "What does God want for us?". It was tempting to jump on the offer right away, but we were determined to not run ahead of God.

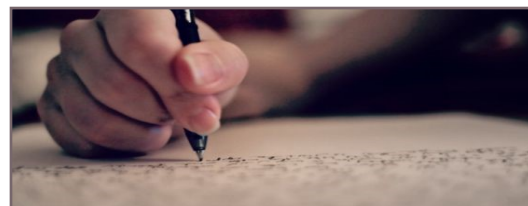
A contract was drawn up in December giving us the lease rights to use the land while we attempted to raise the funds for the property. At this point we have harvested our first rice crop with the second harvest to occur in October or November. Now that we have the funds raised to purchase the land, we will dedicate it to God, and pray that His will be realized for the future of His program.

**Thank you for your overwhelming support in this faith adventure!**

## Sponsor's Corner

### Writing Your Sponsored Child

Are you nervous to write that first letter? Children value and cherish the letters they get from their sponsors. Your letters remind your child that you love and care for them. You will never know how much your words matter.



#### Make the most of writing to your child by following these simple tips:

- ◆ Write plainly and clearly.
- ◆ Write about things that your sponsored child will understand, such as family, pets, work, church, hobbies, seasons, and food. Encourage your child's learning and relationship with the Lord. Please do not discuss politics or governmental issues.
- ◆ Please do not ask your child if there is anything they need. Your sponsorship meets their needs and they are taught not to ask for things.
- ◆ Decorate your letter with stickers, stamps, etc.
- ◆ Send photos of yourself and your family. Dress standards may be different in your child's country so please send pictures where everyone is dressed modestly.
- ◆ To ensure your privacy, please do not include your address or contact information.
- ◆ Place your letter in an envelope with your child's name and reference number. Then place that envelope into another envelope addressed to our office in Bangladesh (for mailing address, please see the student correspondence address on page 4).

#### Three Helpful Ideas for Your Christmas Letter This Year

1. Tell about the highlight of your year,
2. How you celebrate Christmas, and
3. Your prayer for the year ahead

## Sponsorship Opportunities

If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please give us a call at (509) 586-4259.  
To see more children in need of sponsors, visit our website: [www.banglahope.org](http://www.banglahope.org).

### Village School Students

Village school students receive tuition, books, supplies and a uniform. You may sponsor one or multiple students as you choose. You will receive a photo, name, grade level and perhaps a bit of personal information as available. The tuition rate for all village school students is \$20/month or \$220/year.

Name: Bristi Sikder

Aid No: DBVS-002

Gender: Female

Grade: Kindergarten

School: Dharabashil Village

School in Southern Bangladesh



Name: Antor Mondol

Aid No: DBVS-042

Gender: Male

Grade: Kindergarten

School: Dharabashil Village

School in Southern Bangladesh



### Bangla Hope Children

Children at the Bangla Hope receiving center come from desperate situations. The children live and attend school on the Bangla Hope campus through 9th grade. Their total care is provided for. You will receive an update on their progress twice a year. The sponsorship rate for these children is \$140 monthly or \$35 monthly to co-sponsor. Dolly currently needs three co-sponsors.

#### Dolly's Story—By Beverly Waid

Dolly's mother, Bondonna, married a man who already had one wife. She did not know that he would not treat her well. He neglected her and did not even let her have food at times. She was malnourished yet she bore her husband two little daughters—Dolly & Amelia. He also neglected the girls and there never was enough food to go around. Bondonna was desperate to give her girls a better life. When she came to the school to meet us and give us her two daughters she had not had food for three days. I felt so bad that I asked her to come to Bangla Hope and work in the laundry. She refused at first, but later came and joined the staff as a caregiver in the baby room where she is doing an excellent job. Dolly is now 9 years old and is in 4th grade. She loves to give big hugs, she enjoys coloring, and she does really well at her home chores.



## God Is Sooooo Good...

### Do You Copy?

By Robyn Griffin

It is soooo true!! God always knows what we truly need.

On July 12, 2018, I received an urgent email from our administrator, Suchitra Soren, stating that our copy machine in our Bangladesh office that had been in the Intensive Care Unit prior to my leaving Bangladesh in April finally breathed its last. It had originally cost about \$2000, however it was completely inadequate for the current workload required of it. Suchitra stated that it was imperative we get something quickly particularly since we were right in the middle of our school year. It was determined that a copy machine able to meet our present and future needs as our work expands would cost around \$4000, but we did not have the funds to purchase it.

I naturally turned to the Lord, saying, "Oh, Father...what do you need me to do?"

Immediately the thought came to me, "Put something on Facebook." Before the morning was over the short request was placed on social media, was shared by email, and posted on our website.

By July 17, 2018, more than \$4000 had been received to cover the cost of the much-needed machine! A pastor from Michigan told me, "I was working at summer camp when I heard of the need and it was like the Holy Spirit was impressing me that I must contribute!" One thing is certain...we can NEVER out-give God.

The new machine has been purchased and is in operation. Not only does it copy...it will serve as



our network printer and fax machine.....no it doesn't do dishes or windows.

"There is one who scatters yet increases all the more. And there is one who withholds what is justly due, but it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered." Proverbs 11:24 & 25

### In Preparation for 9th Grade

By Robyn Griffin

It has always been the Waid's desire to keep our students on campus until they have completed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. This would allow ample time for the students to mature and be emotionally ready to adjust to the challenges of life on a boarding campus when they begin their college courses. It has taken us some time to realize this goal due to limited space on our Receiving Center campus.

Two years ago, instead of sending our 7<sup>th</sup> graders to SAMS (Seventh-day Adventist Maranatha Seminary) as the two classes proceeding them had done, we began 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes on our campus with the hope of beginning work on a new dorm. Last year the 8<sup>th</sup>-graders also remained on our campus for their coursework, and Lord willing, next January the 9<sup>th</sup>-graders will remain home as well.

This has created critical space issues on the campus while we are awaiting the final approval to begin work on the much-needed dorm.

In the meantime, the Executive Committee in Bangladesh saw the need to construct a temporary classroom to meet the needs until the dorm is complete.

***After much prayer, it was decided to add on to our existing Farm Building which is used to store rice, and has two staff apartments on the second floor.***



We built an additional staff house on the east end of the building and will use it for a classroom until the dorm is complete. Then, when the classroom is moved we will have a much-needed staff house available for future use.

Praise the Lord for His continual guidance and please pray that the final details for the dorm construction will be completed so we may proceed quickly.



## Bangla Hope Contact Information

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### Student Correspondence Only

Bangla Hope  
Student Name & Number  
Village: Hazrapur  
Post Office: Mazina (Uchai)  
Upozila: Panchbibbi, District: Jopurhat  
Bangladesh

### IN HONOR OF

#### Thank You

Eureka, MT Hilltop SDA Church  
Paul & Lina Adams (Missionaries  
to Thailand)  
Davis Stafford  
**By Al Wiggins**

### SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN

#### Thank you

7 lbs of stickers for the children  
**By Jane Trethewey**  
18 lbs Sabbath School felts  
**By Kathy & Bob Parish & friends**  
Stickers for the children  
**By Iris Cathey**

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

#### Thank you

Miles Stafford (Missionary to  
Myanmar)  
**By Al Wiggins**  
Paul Zabolotney  
**By Arla Zaolotney**  
Rollin Schoemaker  
**By Cleon White**  
Gary Holland  
Geroge Chappell  
Brenda Chappell  
Myrtle Chappell  
Chris Chappell  
**By Bev Holland**



### Sponsors, We Want To Hear From You!

Tell us why *you* sponsor in two to three sentences and how the experience has been a blessing in your life. Please send your replies to us by October 22nd. We will share your responses on our Facebook page throughout the month of November.

**Support Bangla Hope When You  
Shop At [Smile.Amazon.Com](http://Smile.Amazon.Com)**



### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through August 28, 2018, we have received funds for the following projects in the amounts shown:

- Property Purchase: Fully Funded!!!
- Multi-purpose Building/Church: \$111,293.50 of \$130,000
- Girls Dorm: \$ 217,035.94 of \$350,000
- Security Wall: \$ 46,703.96 of \$80,500
- New Generator: \$ 8,134.50 of \$25,000

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." Psalm 82:3