

**Special Edition July 2019** 

#### **HELLO FRIENDS!**

We are sending you this special edition newsletter because we have a few things we would like to share with you.

## A Golden Opportunity Finale...or the Beginning

As many of you know, the Lord presented an opportunity for us to purchase nearly 3 acres of land almost adjacent to our Bangla Hope campus. We have shared with you our efforts as we have labored with the sellers to abide by the terms of the original contract that we had established with them over a year and a half ago. Countless requests were made by the sons of the owners, who were not present at the original meeting when the agreement was signed, to raise the price of the property. Many different tactics were used in an attempt to accomplish this goal but to no avail. We informed them that we had been more than generous with the price and would stick to the original agreement.

Finally, a meeting was set up for June 3 to finalize the purchase. After the government surveyor measured the property, which took most of the day, he declared that only 2.6 acres were free to sell...the remaining .4 acre did not belong to the sellers. The identity of the actual owner of the .4 acre was unknown and it would take between 3-4 years to untangle the situation. Upon hearing that we stated that we would only purchase the 2.6 acres and no more. The sons declared that we must purchase all or none, to which we responded..."

Then it is none, I guess". At that point the sellers resorted to yelling...then

tears...then, pleading. They begged us to purchase all of the property. At last, they gathered their things to leave and we informed them that if they were planning on selling the land to us, they MUST do so before June 30...that is the close of our fiscal year and we had re-budgeted everything in order to make this purchase. It seemed that we would not be purchasing the property after all.

After three weeks of silence we were suddenly notified that the sellers would return on June 28th with their own surveyor to re-measure the land and then, sell on the 29th. We informed them that we would only have the government surveyor measure the property and that we would not purchase on the 29th since that was Sabbath but could do so on the 30th. After the re-measurement was accomplished it confirmed that only 2.6 acres were available for sale. **The land purchase was made truly at the eleventh hour of our fiscal year.** 

# This is only a very brief description of all that took place; however, the bottom line is...the land now belongs to Bangla Hope!

We praise the Lord for His guidance and love. Now, we pray that what is done on this property will truly be a blessing to heaven and to the people of Bangladesh. Thank you for your interest in and support of our mission!



The property that was purchased

## **School Boat Badly Needed**

One of our Village Schools in southern Bangladesh is named Polotona. Often, especially in the summer, the only way to reach this school is by boat due to the excessive rainfall. Our poor old boat that we use currently is falling to pieces. We desperately need to replace this essential "school boat" as quickly as possible. The cost for building a new boat is \$250. If you feel led by the Holy Spirit to help us with this need it would make a world of difference. Thank you so much!



Polotona School Boat

Donate now towards the school boat

# **Ceiling Fans Needed At The Village Schools**

The hot summer has really arrived in Bangladesh and our Village School children are suffering from the severe heat. The intense sun that beats down on our tin roofs makes learning very challenging for the students and teaching difficult for the staff. In an effort to lessen the heat we are looking to install ceiling fans to cool the classrooms. Thirty fans are needed for ten of our schools. The cost is around \$40 per fan making the total goal \$1,200. If you feel moved to donate toward this cause, our students would greatly appreciate it. Thank you so much for your support.



#### Donate now towards the ceiling fans

## **Bangla Hope Receives a Makeover**

Who of us has not, at one point or another, felt as though our look was just a bit outdated and in need of an update? Well, Bangla Hope is no different. We have been around for nearly two decades and decided to refresh our look. Now, when you go to our website, you will notice our new logo. Soon, our newsletter, letterhead and other materials we utilize to connect with the public will also sport this new appearance.

Over the years, Bangla Hope has benefited from the volunteer service of many dedicated, Christian, young people who have served us in Bangladesh as Student Missionaries. This past year, I reached out to Walla Walla University to see if we could engage the services of a Marketing Intern to volunteer in helping us update our look. The Lord had just the right young person in mind: Madison (Madie) Youngberg.

Madie was a senior Graphics Design student. A big part of her senior year was completing a senior graphics arts project. Madie has a heart for missions as mission service runs deep within her family, and she volunteered many hours for the Student Missions Office on the WWU campus. Rather than have her hours of work toward her senior project have no practical purpose, Madie determined she wanted Bangla Hope to benefit from her efforts.

Thank you Madie for the makeover. We appreciate your hard work and pray God will use your talents for Him in the future.

Kind regards, Your Team at Bangla Hope

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