



NEWS

PROJECT FUNDS UPDATE

August 31, 2019

VILLAGE SCHOOL BOAT

Fully Funded - Thank you!

GIRLS' DORM

\$365,813.89 received of \$432,426

MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

\$161,643.50 received of \$270,819

SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN—*Thank you*

• John & Connie Kent •

One package of diapers; doll and doll stroller

• David & Arlene Jewell •

18 sets of hats and scarves & two hats

• Jane Adkins •

220 lbs of hats, t-shirts, & socks

• Carrie & Russell Wickham •

18 lbs stuffed animals, shoes, & scarves

• Brighton Adventist Academy •

739 lbs of used text books

Welcome Baby Sonali!



Santosh is a security guard and Dipali works in the laundry.

Bangla Hope employees, Santosh and Dipali Sircar, welcomed their daughter, Sonali, to the world in July. They have two older daughters, Metali and Dulali.

A Golden Opportunity Finale...or the Beginning By Robyn Griffin



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!

Phase II: Construction of the Girls' Dormitory and Multi-purpose Buildings Begins

By Robyn Griffin

It has been a long process to get these much-needed projects underway, but by God's grace Phase II has begun. Phase I consisted of designing the buildings and making application to the Department of NGO in Dhaka for approval of the plans and estimates. This June we received the NGO approval with the stipulation that the buildings must be completed within two years.

Once we received the approval, Phase II began with the search for and delivery of the best building supplies available for the best price. A temporary storage shed has been constructed to house the concrete and reinforcement rod needed in the erection of the two buildings.

The girls' dormitory is at this time being laid out and construction will commence as soon as the monsoons subside.

The level of the land must be raised to assure proper drainage and foundations are beginning to be dug.



Digging the foundation for the girls' dorm



Building site for the Girls' Dorm



Temporary pillars to line up the building

The Multi-purpose Building construction will begin this winter as the two buildings will be constructed simultaneously. Contracts have been signed with building supply companies with the possibility that they may agree to freeze the cost of the supplies at the current rates during the two-year building process. If this occurs, it will be an additional blessing from heaven.

A HUGE thank you for all who have sacrificed in prayers, time, and finances to make these necessary additions. Continue to keep us in prayer that God's will be done as every brick is laid!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES —Village School Students

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



Sejuti Bala
Female—2nd

Dharabashil Village School



Sorna Roy
Female—3rd

Dharabashil Village School

Funding the Ordinary

By Robyn Griffin

How often as a child, I remember, anticipating the *extraordinary* events...birthdays, vacation days, snow days, summer vacation, Thanksgiving, and especially Christmas! To me, the saddest day of the year was the day we returned to school after Christmas vacation. *Extraordinary* events were light-years away. A day took a week...a week took a month...and a month took a year. I lived in anticipation of the next big event.

The media seems to capitalize on the same thinking...the next BIG event will keep the world riveted for hours. Major stories leave lasting impacts. If its just an ordinary day, news agencies scramble to find something worth reporting...something new to capture our attention.

Perhaps we get caught up in projects with the same mindset...the new building project, the new copier, a new vehicle...the old is neglected while the new receives our undivided attention. Funding for operations is easily placed on the back burner because it is always there...its dull...same everyday...maintenance costs, administrative costs, unforeseen

medical and dental costs, office supplies, traveling expenses, brakes repaired on our vehicles, or paint for buildings.

As ordinary as they seem, these everyday funds keep the children growing in a safe environment. We sincerely thank you for the love that you express with your generous donations!

Bangla Hope Receives a Makeover

By Debi Axford

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 In-

So many blessings continue to come our way and we thank you so very much!

But while we consider the many new projects that are exciting...please don't forget the general fund...or "As needed" fund...this is where the rubber really meets the road. Not as exciting, but still essential.

tern 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.

Ceiling Fans Badly Needed

By Robyn Griffin

The hot summer has arrived in earnest in Bangladesh and our Village School children are suffering from the severe heat. The intense sun that beats down on the tin roofs of our village schools 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.

At this time, only \$40 has been raised toward the goal. The heat will not subside until mid-November. If you feel moved to donate toward this cause, our village school students and staff would greatly appreciate it. Thank you so much for your concern for the children in Bangladesh!

If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please give us a call or visit our website for more information.

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“You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD,”
Jeremiah 29: 13 & 14

Here I am...Send Me! By Robyn Griffin

Raising 162 children is always a challenge...but also a rich blessing! The biggest challenge that we face is quality time with each individual child. When I first arrived five years ago, Faith, the little girl that my wife and I first began to sponsor, handed me her spoon and begged me to feed her. Her peers laughed at her and called her a baby even though she was a whopping six-year old...but she took it in stride basking in the joy of being babied by a parent. These are special times that can be important to children.

The HUGE question remains... how can we sufficiently meet the needs of a growing child... particularly one who comes with a primal wound of separation from their birth parents?

This is where student missionaries (commonly referred to as SMs) and volunteers play an important role. Our children at Bangla Hope love companionship and to be doted on by those who have genuine love for children. Often, caregivers, who are hired to care for the kids, get so focused on the job and attitudes are expressed in actions that make it clear...for them it is “just a job”... not a mission.

SMs and volunteers, on the other hand, come with a mission in mind...love is spelled...TIME. They are willing to give time to listen, time to laugh, time to work, time to play, time to just hold hands and rest. When a child is desperate for a heart that cares, they will often seek out our SMs for that comfort. So, you can see how much we depend on volunteers to help a child cope. If a child falls and skins their knee they will come running... not necessarily to the nurse, but to someone whom they feel cares. They want the hugs and concern

more than just the band aid. They love to be fussed over and have their owies mourned over.

This year we are blessed to have four SMs coming to help.

Annette Echivarria, a pre-med student and **Allison Lowry**, a recent nursing graduate both come from Southern Adventist University. They have both worked on short term trips in India and hunger to bless our children in Bangladesh.

Kate Ruud, a nursing student from Walla Walla Adventist University will also be joining us. She has been the chaplain in the ladies’ dorm and desires to use her skills to bless. **Faith Lomeland** comes from the Walla Walla, Washington area, and desires to use her skills in music, particularly violin, to make a difference in the lives of our children. These ladies will all begin their work in September... Allison and Faith will spend three months volunteering and Annette and Kate eight months.

Please keep these ladies in your prayers as they reach out to make a difference. Hopefully, you will hear directly from them in our next newsletter.

Prayers for our Future Physician By Robyn Griffin

Melanie Modhu has wanted to be a physician for as long as I have known her. Her vacations are often spent studying physics, math, chemistry, and English or being tutored in those subjects.

She scored the highest in her class in the SSC Exams this past spring with a GPA of 4.89.

She received her passport this past April and left Bangla Hope for Roorkee Adventist College in India where she is preparing for medical school.

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 Bangladesh

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

—Thank you

Lynn Chappell

(By Bev Holland)

Grizzy Zabolotney

(By Arla Zabolotney)

Helen Fry

Irene Squier

Leonard Squier

Gary Holland

George Chappell

Chris Chappell

(By Ruth Squier)



Please keep her in your prayers...and if the Holy Spirit speaks to you, she does need sponsors.