

NEWS

PROJECT FUNDS UPDATE

October 31, 2019

VILLAGE SCHOOL FANS

Fully Funded - Thank you!

GIRLS' DORM

\$368,813.89 received of \$432,426

MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

\$161,993.50 received of \$270,819

16 PASSENGER VAN

Needed: \$52,000

SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN—Thank you

• Mindy Thornton •

50 24-count colored pencils; 165
12-count boxes colored pencils; 158
24-count Crayola crayons; 56 boxes of
Legos.

• Karen Jarrett •

12 sewing bobbins and bobbin case

• Eugene Miller •

156 lbs. tools, projector

• Jan Thornton •

20 lbs. clothes, Lego set, Christmas toys

• Glen and Patti Turpin •

21 pairs of new children's underwear

• Mirtes Miers Schmeling •

6 lbs. of hand-made baby blankets

• Susan Forgey •

3 boxes of handmade blankets

The Rich Blessings of Heaven By Robyn Griffin

Girls' Dormitory

Work began in August on the most needed building on our campus. The air is filled with the sounds of shovels digging, hammers attempting to divide reinforcement rods, men shouting, and busy concrete mixers keeping myriads of men employed. With no concrete pump truck available, two men transport wet concrete in open sacks tied to a bamboo pole or in baskets on their heads. The skeleton of the girls' dormitory is gradually taking shape. Mountains of sand, crushed brick, and gravel awaiting men to transport them, now occupy places where the children used to play, leaving their tempers a little on edge. However, eighth grade young men anticipate



the chance to help move those mountains in exchange for some spending money for their eighth-grade class trip.

Change is never easy...but often necessary. In this case, the change is for the better...it just requires time...time for the rods to be cut and wired together...time for the concrete to be mixed, carried, poured, and cured (28 days)...and time to move on to the next beam or pillar and do it all again.

What a rich blessing to have the construction advancing at a steady pace.

Other blessings include safety for employees, fine weather for building, and some costs lower than expected.



Multi-Purpose Building

November 24, staff and students gathered to lay the foundation stone for the multi-purpose Building. It was a joy to have Dave and Beverly present to dedicate this building to God. Work will commence from this moment on, with both the girls' dorm and the multi-purpose being built simultaneously. We have a year and a half to complete both structures. Please keep us in your prayers as we pursue this goal. (Continued on page 3...)



Left to Right: Suchitra Soren, Dave & Beverly Waid, Robyn Griffin, and Paniel Baroi

Thank you for your help and your continued support in these two projects!

There is always lots of excitement among the children on the Bangla Hope campus when a new child joins our family. The children are anxious to welcome the new arrival and help them feel at home. However, the situations that bring these new little ones to BH are heart-wrenching. It is important that the stories of our children are not forgotten, and the sacrifices made by their birth parents are honored. Let me share with you the story of how Jethro and Janet recently came to join the BH family.

A group of us from Bangla Hope traveled an hour or so from our campus to the home of two siblings, a boy just shy of his second birthday, and his little sister not quite one year. These children are not what we call “true” orphans as they have two parents. However, their mother has been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. She has experienced advancing cognitive decline and has been told that she will not live long. Her husband, though currently out of work, typically works as a day laborer to support the family. He is currently caring for his wife in her illness. While the family includes grandparents, they are quite elderly and not in good health.

As the children’s mother’s condition worsened, the family had to face reality. They would not be able to continue to care for the two young children much longer, particularly once the father succeeded in finding work. It was about this time that the family learned of Bangla Hope from

an extended family member. The father came to believe that this was the answer to the future care of his precious children.

When we arrived at the home of the family, there was a sense of uncertainty and anxiousness on the part of the family members. The father was doing his best to reassure the rest of the family and keep the children calm. The family told us through an interpreter that the mother most likely did not fully understand the impact of what was happening. I watched her closely and felt that she was trying very hard to put on a brave face, despite deep emotion just beneath the surface.

After a nice visit in the home, the BH group started to return to the van. I went to the mother to give her a hug and try to let her know I understood this was very difficult for her. I could see a few tears begin to fall.



Janet and Jethro Marandi

As I embraced her, she openly sobbed into my shoulder, and I sobbed along with her. This was clearly an extremely courageous act on her part.

Her children will always know that they were entrusted to Bangla Hope out of a selfless act of love on the part of their parents.

Jethro and Janet are adjusting extremely well to their new home. However, they need loving sponsors. If you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to sponsor them, and you are willing to let these little ones into your heart please contact us at our US office at (509) 586-4259. You can help write the rest of the story for Janet and Jethro.

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.



Sujit Halder
Male—2nd
Ramshil Village School



Nirob Samadder
Male—Kg
Ramshil Village School

There has been lots of injuries and sickness here in the short time I've been here. It has been extremely fun helping out in the clinic. One of the SMS, Allison Lowery, just graduated with her RN license and has taken the clinic over since she has been here. One of the smaller boys named Abraham had mumps. The poor boy had a swollen neck for a few days, but then was better within a week. Praise God no one else got it. There is always someone who is sick or hurt, mostly minor things.

However, not too long ago, one of the men working on building the girls' dorm was carrying a large rock on his shoulder and somehow it fell right on his head then rolled off. He came to the clinic with blood all over his head. We cut chunks of hair off to see what the damage was, then cleaned it. That took a long time because there were bits of rock and dandruff from not washing his hair. We put some ointment on all the cuts and scrapes. One of the cuts was really deep, but we decided that it wasn't bad enough to do stitches on him.

Another time the older boys were playing Kabaddi, a fun tackle tag kind of game, and three of them collided with each other. Mikey somehow landed wrong and broke his clavicle. The bone was concave causing excruciating pain. I could see it poking out of his back under the skin! We got him to the clinic in town, but they sent him back to the orphanage for a couple of days until the surgeon could fix it. He's healed up nicely now.



Allison Lowery, RN, working at the clinic

One of the older girls has been sick off and on with difficulty breathing, racing heartbeat and issues with blood pressure. She's been in and out of the hospital. We are still trying to help her.

Many of the women staff here are always asking about getting their blood pressure checked. Many of them have all the symptoms of diabetes. Unfortunately one of the staff went to the hospital one night recently and died the next morning from kidney failure due to uncontrolled diabetes. Lots of people were devastated. It makes me mad that their diabetes could have been controlled and taken care of, but people here are so poor and don't understand or know how to keep their bodies healthy.

We are hoping to get a health screening going soon to help with this problem.

The Rich Blessings of Heaven
Continued...

New Generator

In early November the work order was submitted for the purchase of the new Perkins generator. The British-made generator is considered by many to be the very best. It was recommended by electrical engineers to plan for the future with a 250 kva generator, which will allow for further growth, especially as electrical appliances become more common-

Just Plain Worn-out!

By Robyn Griffin

Our Toyota Hiace is just about totally worn out. It is the main vehicle on our campus that has served us well for the last seven years. Its engine has been overhauled a number of times, once fully replaced, the air conditioner dies every other time it is driven, and the body is held together by Bondo. It is now rare to take a trip without having to spend several hours in a mechanic's shop. It is time to say farewell to our 12-passenger friend for something a bit bigger and more reliable.

Toyota has recently expanded their fleet with a 16-passenger van that promises to help relieve the travel pressures of growing children as well as to provide reliable transportation. The price of \$52,000 includes VAT and tax, licensure, as well as CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) conversion, which is now the cheapest fuel available. The conversion allows us to run on either CNG or standard gas. We are now beginning a fund to purchase such a vehicle. If the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart concerning this transportation need, you can make a donation to help us stay out of the mechanic's shop every time we travel. Thank you for your support and prayers for this project.

The old Van



place throughout the country.

In preparation for the new generator, the foundation and flooring are being poured. A new gate is also being installed in the security wall to allow for delivery of the generator and fuel. **Thank you for making the lights stay on!**

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

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“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are mine.” Isaiah 43:2

Visitors from America By Debi Axford

Mommy and Daddy Waid arrived on the Bangla Hope campus after a nearly two-year absence. The visit elicited tremendous excitement from children and staff alike. Accompanying Dave and Beverly was the US Office Director, Debi Axford who was visiting the BH campus and Bangladesh for the very first time.

Their journey was fraught with mishaps. The journey began on Sunday, November 3rd but it was discovered when they arrived at SeaTac Airport that Dave and Beverly had forgotten their passports at home! The Lord was with them however, and they were not charged a fee to reschedule their flight for the 5th. Between the initial trip to SeaTac and the one on the 5th, the Waids also decided that their passports needed a thorough cleaning and sent them through the washing machine inside Dave's pants pocket. The passports suffered no real damage and came out clean as could be.

After arriving in the Bangladesh capital of Dhaka, there was a short flight

that was to take the group to an airport near the BH campus. There was time before the flight to pay a visit to Dr. Lorna, a dear friend of BH. The visit went a bit too long, and together with the dreadful Dhaka traffic, the group missed their flight necessitating an overnight stay in the capital. So, as it turned out, the trio began their journey on Sunday, November 3rd and did not arrive on the BH campus until Friday afternoon, November 8th! The children thought they would never arrive.

The time with the children went by far too quickly. It was filled with laughter, Sabbath videos, treats from America, hugs, board games and shopping trips to the nearby town of Healy. It cannot be overstated that, to the children of Bangla Hope, Dave and Beverly Waid are Mommy and Daddy in every sense. The goodbyes that were said were all the more difficult because it was not known when the Waids and their children would be reunited. What a blessing this visit was for everyone!

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF —Thank you

Lynn Chappell
Eddie Bustardo

(By Bev Holland)

Arlene Wiggins (Wife and best friend)

(By Al Wiggins)

Lillian Ringering (Mother)
(By Candice Ringering)

Do You Hear What I Hear? By Robyn Griffin

“But, Sir...where am I going to find a job?”

The question was texted to me more than once by Chondona Kerkata, a senior who was just preparing to graduate from Bangladesh Adventist Seminary and College (BASC). Chondona is the eldest daughter of one of our caregivers at Bangla Hope. She has been fatherless for years...the mother, Dulali, struggles to meet her children's needs. In 2011, Chondona came down with a high fever which left her 80% deaf in one ear and 60% in the other. She has struggled through school with the use of a simple hearing aid purchased from a local pharmacy for around \$20. It merely amplified all sound without regard to her specific hearing loss, and it did

not help. In frustration she stopped wearing it. She has worked her way through college attempting to read lips, but this has been very difficult for her. This year she is graduating from BASC as an education major and office manager minor. Because of her severe hearing loss, she is very concerned that finding a job will be nearly impossible. I arranged for her to see a specialist to obtain professional consultation. Her hearing was tested, and she was fit with hearing aids specific to her unique hearing loss. The cost was rather expensive but well worth the price as it will make a real difference in her life. The cost for the pair was \$2,000 which includes the doctor's fees. It was a delight to watch Chondona's face as she heard again for the first time in years.



Chondona is in green on the right with nurse Miriam at the clinic getting her hearing aid programmed

If you would like to give a special Christmas gift to a newly graduated student who is earnestly praying for an opportunity to serve God, please mark your gift for Chondona. Thank you so much.