



## NEWS

### PROJECT FUNDS UPDATE

May 31, 2020

#### GIRLS' DORM

\$375,218.89 received of \$432,426

#### MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

\$162,193.50 received of \$270,819

#### 16 PASSENGER VAN

\$11,543.99 received of \$52,000

#### HANDBELLS

\$4,700 received of \$8,500

### IN HONOR OF—*Thank you*

- **Emile Walrath (Happy Birthday)** • *By Tony and Kathy Purvis*

### EXAM RESULTS

10th grade exam results - on pg. 4

### POCKET MONEY DEADLINE

If you would like to give your student some extra money to spend on their personal needs for the next school year, please send in your donation by **August 31st**.

### LETTERS TO SPONSORS

Due to the current situation, student letters will be emailed to sponsors via their REACH accounts. If we do not have your email address, we will mail you a hardcopy. To provide your current email, or for any questions, please contact us.

### One Step Closer to Seeing Jesus By Robyn Griffin

From the first report of the coronavirus it seemed that panic set in all around the world. Bangladesh did not have issues with the disease until early March. By late March schools were closed and lockdown began. Student missionaries received emergency phone calls with instructions to fly home on the next available flight. Bags were hurriedly packed and tearful partings followed. Students at Seventh-day Adventist Seminary (SAMS) were sent home for a two-week vacation which was then extended indefinitely. Banks have been closed, mail has stopped, and all public transportation has been suspended. Dhaka has been closed to traffic entering or leaving. Our two building projects completely stopped since our campus was closed to all visitors. This caused financial trouble to our day laborers who count on their weekly paychecks just to survive.

**While eating breakfast one morning just a few weeks ago, the thought occurred to me that we were so blessed to have enough food to feed students and staff. My thoughts turned to the many families just outside our walls. Were they getting enough to eat?**

In a flash I was reminded of Chudney, a tenth-grade girl living in Gohara, just a mile down the road. When Tisha was in fifth grade the Pathfinders were instructed to go into our surrounding villages and make friends. Tisha soon became close friends with Chudney. She has since become a great friend with many on our campus and has been studying English with me once a week.

As I continued to eat breakfast, I made a quick phone call to Chudney and discovered that they were struggling to have enough to eat. I asked if she could meet me at our gate in a half hour and I would see that she had



Local Village Woman

money to purchase food. God told me to give her Tk 10,000 (about \$116). Two days later she called me to say that she and her brother had gone to Hili to purchase flour and gave between two and three kilos to 75 needy families. I knew that within a week we would have to do it all over again. This spurred on a call to our Chaplain to arrange a special staff worship where we presented the needs of families living all around us. The response was overwhelming. Staff gave a sacrificial offering of Tk 27,000 to combine with Tk 77,800 given from America. Within two days, 131 families received Tk 800 each to help with their needs.

All of these things are certainly pointing to the fact that our freedoms are quickly eroding and Jesus' coming is even at the doors. Even so, come Lord Jesus!

If the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart about helping needy families in our surrounding neighborhoods during this time of crisis, you can mark your donations "*Needy Families*".

The lockdown here was lifted on May 31 and on June 9 a crew arrived from surrounding villages to exercise their muscles and to be employed by beginning to pour the roof/floor for the 2nd story of the girl's dorm. Once the concrete dries labor will begin on the interior walls. We only have till July 2021 to complete both the girl's dorm and mutli-purpose building.

**God is so good to us! Thank you for your continued support for these much-needed projects!**

**Jesus said, “And if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto Me.” John 12:32**

This statement continues to prove true. In our last newsletter we told about four students who desired a Christian education. We received an overwhelming response to that article. Unfortunately, shortly after they started classes, schools closed due to the Covid 19 virus. Since then additional students, some from different areas of Bangladesh, have asked to have a Christian education. These new students have no knowledge of the recently sponsored students, so you know that the Holy Spirit is working on hearts.

**Chudney Bormon, SAMS, \$50/mo**



Chudney first became acquainted with Bangla Hope when she was accepted as a Kindergarten student at Bangla Hope Village School in Gohara. She attended the school from K through the 5th grade. Since graduating from our school, she has attended a nearby public school and recently received a GPA of 4.22 on her SSC exam. She has a strong desire to

take nursing at our Bangladesh Adventist Nursing Institute after finishing the 12th grade. She is considering studying at Seventh-day Adventist Maranatha Seminary (SAMS) for her 11th and 12th grade when school re-opens. She continues to study English with me...well, when we aren't in lockdown.

**Nayon Halder, BASC, \$50/mo**

Rebecca Halder, one of our 11th grade girls who has been with us since infancy, has an older brother who desires a Christian education. His mother died of jaundice when he was four years old. Because he was older than three his father sent him to Home of Hope in Dhaka and the younger Rebecca was sent to Bangla Hope. Nayon has now passed his 10th grade year and his exams with a GPA of 3.94 in science. He desires to go to Bangladesh Adventist Seminary and College (BASC) where he will prepare the next two years to enter Bangladesh Adventist Nursing Institute located on the same campus.

**Roxona Soren May 7, 2000 BANI, \$150/mo**



Three years ago, Lewis Soren joined our campus as cafeteria manager. About the same time, he married our principal's secretary Martha and they have both been an exceptional blessing on our campus. Lewis is the oldest of four children. His mother raised her little flock by taking them to Sabbath School and placing them in Seventh-day Adventist schools. The

father is an agnostic, day laborer who doesn't have the interest or the means to send his children to school. Lewis feels an intense desire to assure that his younger siblings obtain an Adventist education. He enrolled his younger sister as a first-year nursing student into Bangladesh Adventist Nursing Institute (BANI) but it soon became evident that it was impossible for him to meet her expenses. Thus, he came to me asking for financial assistance for his sister. In February, I received an unexpected donation while visiting the BASC campus, and within a matter of twenty minutes placed the entire donation on Roxona's bill. It was the exact amount to the penny that was needed! God's timing is impeccable! This donation will only pay for Roxona's first semester. Nursing tuition and fees are \$150 USD per month. You may sign up to be a co-sponsor for Roxona at \$25 per month.

**Anjory Biswas, SAMS, \$50/mo**

Kerissa and Natasha came to Bangla Hope because their father would not stay around the home to care for the family. Two years ago, while visiting her home for the first time, Natasha died in a tragic accident. When the girls first left for Bangla Hope, Anjory and her older blind brother remained at home with their mother. Anjory is now eighteen years old and ready to enter the 11th grade but her family is still unable to rely on consistent support from the father. Anjory desires a Christian education and hopes to attend Seventh-day Adventist Maranatha Seminary (SAMS).

**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.



**Nupur Nag**  
Female—5th  
Dharabashil Village School



**Barnoba Barikder**  
Male—5th  
Dharabashil Village School

Dave and Beverly Waid took their time in finding their way to each other. They had already experienced a fair bit of life when God brought them together in His time. Perhaps that is why after marriage they seemed to attack life. Dave was 51 when they married. For many people, that is when they begin to take life a bit slower. Not so with these two. They seemed to do their best to cram as much life into every moment as they could. If they were not exploring on Dave's motorcycle, or playing tennis or badminton, then they were traveling. Some of the exciting places to which they have traveled include: Nepal; India; Bangladesh; Thailand; Hong Kong; Trinidad; US Virgin Islands; Guatemala; and Mexico.

Beverly and Dave eventually chose to expand their immediate family. Dave has a daughter Jann, but the couple decided they wanted to raise children together and so they welcomed into their hearts first Amber and then Bristi. The couple has been so blessed



by their girls, and now are having a blast with their 19 grand and great-grand children. Their greatest adventure, however, began at a time when most people think of slowing down a bit. When Dave retired at age 63, he had worked for 44 years. His idea of taking it easy was selling their home in Utah, purchasing a 5th-wheel trailer and traveling around the country for the purpose of building up sponsorship support for students in Bangladesh so they could attend Seventh-day Adventist Christian schools. Beverly and Dave were always on the move and ventured far out of their comfort zones to speak to strangers whenever God gave them opportunity. The 5th-wheel trailer was home to them for seven years. During this time with the help of the Holy Spirit,

many impoverished children halfway around the world who would not have been able to receive an education and who had never before heard the name of Jesus were provided a Christian education!

If that was not adventure enough, when Dave was in his mid-70's he and Beverly decided they should build an orphanage in Bangladesh. That is how Bangla Hope became the driving force in their lives. The US headquarters for the ministry occupies a substantial space in their home. Today, besides their daughters Jann, Amber and Bristi, 164 children and youth call Beverly and Dave Mommy and Daddy. For two people who did not become a couple until later in life, they certainly have packed in a ton of love, adventure and most importantly service to God and other into their 40 years of marriage.

**Congratulations Beverly and Dave. What a blessing you both are to those around you. We love you!**

### More Desiring a Christian Education cont'd...

#### Dulali Sircar, KMMS, \$50/mo

David Waid first ran into Santosh Sircar in Dhaka. He was very poor, attempting to support himself by shining shoes. He badly needed work and Bangla Hope needed a security guard. The family slowly grew and worked with us a Bangla Hope for many years. Suddenly the family chose to move, through some unfortunate circumstance. This has left Dulali, who is the 9th grade, with nowhere to attend school. The family has no way to support her at KMMS (Kellogg Mookenje Memorial Seminary).

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

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### A Couple of Updates By Robyn Griffin

#### Handbells

Three handbell groups are currently ringing out praises to God. They include grades 8, 9, and 10. Other classes are desirous but my time for teaching is limited. I wish you could hear the progress that has been made already. Students have gone from not knowing a note from a hotdog, to being able to recognize the music and producing a glorious sound to the King. To my knowledge, we have the only set of handbells in the country of Bangladesh. What is God's purpose? We must be ready! Thank you for helping to make this dream a reality! If you desire to participate in this project, music and gloves will always be needed.

#### New Generator

With the rainy season approaching, the need for the generator increases. Every time rain begins to fall the electric company shuts down. We lack only one panel now to complete the generator's complete hook up, but it is temporarily hooked up and has already proved a HUGE blessing for our campus. We use our old generator during the day to operate classrooms and offices, if needed. But at night it doesn't have the power to service the entire campus. The new one has the capacity to handle the continued growth of our operation. Thanks be to God and thank you for your support.

*“Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in the time of trouble.” Psalm 41: 1 & 2*

## Computers For Our Village School Teachers By Robyn Griffin

Our Village Schools have done a remarkable job preparing the students to know God and to prepare the students to excel in academics. Most of the schools are nothing more than a tin building covering a mud floor. There is a huge need to change these buildings into something more substantial, but that is a topic and dream for another time.

**The teachers, however, are in dire need of a computer and printer to prepare lessons and tests.**

At the present time, our Educational Superintendent, Nishicanto, helps the teachers get these things done, but the schools are so far apart that the territory is difficult for him to cover. **A decent computer and printer would run about \$800.**

Most schools have three teachers. I hope to raise funds for one comput-



Gohara Village School

er/printer per school, and we have eleven village schools. If we obtain more funds, we will purchase a second computer for our larger schools. All schools now have electricity so a computer would be a huge help to our village schoolteachers.

If you feel a desire to assist in this project please mark your donation “*Village School Computers*”.

## Tenth Graders Finally Receive Their Exam Results By Robyn Griffin

Every year grades 5, 8, 10, and 12 are required to sit for government examinations. Pressures soar in the hearts of those students as they are faced with only two options: pass or fail. If a student passes, then they may advance on to the next grade. If they fail in only one subject, they must repeat the same grade level again.

Tenth graders spend their Christmas vacation preparing for the government exams which begin at the beginning of February and extend till the first week of March. Exam results are usually out by the end of April.

May 28, 2020 was a big day for our 10th grade students, who finally received their exam results. We praise God for working in each of our students lives!

### **Congratulations to all passing students!**

#### **ARTS STUDENTS**

Kakoli Bala 3.67 Passed  
Kathi Joydhor 3.44 Passed  
Kara Mondol 3.56 Passed  
Sheba Arinda 3.61 Passed  
Kerissa Biswas 0.00 Failed in one subject

#### **COMMERCE STUDENTS**

Brittany Bala 3.72 Passed  
Reisa Hansdak 0.00 Failed in one subject

#### **SCIENCE STUDENTS**

Tisha Maree Mridha 5.00 Passed  
Marjorie Mankhin 4.56 Passed

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Bangladesh

*IN LOVING MEMORY OF*  
—Thank you

### **Myrtle Cook**

By Willie and Sharon Ellington  
**Myrtle Cook**

By Linda and Daniel Martella  
**Myrtle Cook**

By Sally Ann Owen & Dan M. Brownell  
**Brenda Chappell**  
**Mr. and Mrs. George Chappell**

By Bev Holland  
**Lil Ringering**

By Candice Ringering

The BIG NEWS is that Tisha is the first Bangla Hope student to receive a perfect 5.00 in any government exam. Praise the Lord and congratulations to Tisha for a job well done!

Also, congratulations to Marjorie for her high score!

Tisha and Marjorie are both heading to India when school opens to continue their studies in the field of science. Tisha is aiming for dentistry and Marjorie desires to be a physician.

Both girls may need extra financial assistance to pursue their educational goals... if the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart regarding this matter please feel free to contact us to explore their needs.