



NEWS

PROJECT FUNDS UPDATE

As of June 30, 2021

NEEDY FAMILIES:

\$26,285 received

HOMES FOR NEEDY FAMILIES:

\$2,248 received

PROJECTS FULLY FUNDED:

- GIRLS' DORM CONSTRUCTION
- MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
- 16 PASSENGER VAN
- VILLAGE SCHOOL COMPUTERS
- TRANSFORMER
- NEW PLAYGROUND

Thank you so much!!!!

“Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it. Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to covetousness. Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, and revive me in Your way.”
Psalm 119:35 - 37 NKJV

Getting Closer to Completion

By Robyn Griffin



Multi-purpose Building and Girls' Dorm

Even amid the recent Covid-19 outbreaks, construction on our buildings has moved forward despite many challenges. Our construction workers have been severely hampered by supply shortages and delivery delays at every turn. As a result, our builders will not be able to meet our June 30th deadline, despite their best efforts. However, though the deadline will not be met, completion of both the Girls' Dormitory and the Multi-purpose Building is not far off. For this, we praise the Lord.

The Girls' Dorm is awaiting the construction of lockers in the storage areas that accompany each room. Each student will have their own secured closet where they may hang their clothes and store their belongings.

The Multi-purpose Building construction workers have been waiting for tile to arrive allowing them to finish installing the floor, but delivery has been delayed due to the lockdown. In the meantime, the walls are being completed, as well as the restrooms.

Thank you for your support and prayers for these projects!



Girls' Dorm

COVID-19 Begins Taking its Toll at BH

By Robin Griffin

Since March 2020, we have felt the protective hand of God held over our campus as sickness has created devastation around the globe. Only four on our campus had tested positive and there had been few outbreaks in the area near our campus...until now. The country has now gone from “lockdown” to complete “shutdown” where police permission is required in order to leave one’s home to conduct any vital errand. Two BH employees have recently tested positive and are quarantined. Three other families are experiencing illness but have tested negative for COVID-19. 18 ill students are quarantined, some with Covid-19-like symptoms but not testing positive.

Schools have, for the most part, remained closed since March 2020, which includes our Village Schools. The one exception has been our Bangla Hope campus school which (Continued on pg 4)

Simon Says Help! By Robyn Griffin

Jesus acknowledged that we would always have the poor with us, but He also called His followers to action. Our Lord instructed us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and care for the helpless.

Simon's House:



Simon at SAMS

Simon is a Security Guard for Seventh-day Adventist Seminary (SAMS), and he has been confined to a wheelchair (W/C) for many years. Simon had lived with his brother on campus, but recently lost his housing when his brother

moved away. Being single, Simon did not qualify for the family house he had been living in with his brother.

Out of necessity, Simon moved into a "house" across the street from SAMS that is inadequate for his needs and is dangerous for him to access. Crossing the busy road is dangerous at any time, but the mud paths are completely inaccessible during the rainy season.

When the situation was brought to the attention of the SAMS administration, they readily agreed that the situation must be remedied and they set aside a tract of land on campus for the construction of a W/C accessible house for Simon. The cost estimate for a very small house with a W/C accessible restroom is \$4,500. The much-needed household items to make the house habitable will come to \$300 totaling \$4,800.

Tito's House:

Tito worked for BH at our rented office and apartment space in Dhaka. Unfortunately, when BH had to vacate that space due to an unreasonable spike in rent, Tito found himself without housing and employment. His family now lives in a room in his father's small house. Tito hopes to start a business raising cows and chickens. He lacks the funds for a small house for his family and to begin his very modest farm. It is estimated that a small house would cost \$6,200, a pregnant

cow would run \$400, and a small animal shelter will cost \$1,000 for a total of \$7,600.

Chanmoni's House:

Chanmoni was widowed a number of years ago after the brutal murder of her husband. Suddenly she found herself alone to raise her two very young children. In the end, Chanmoni decided to place her children in the orphanage at SAMS where they received a Christian education while Chanmoni worked as a farm laborer to support herself.



Chanmoni Toppo

When Chanmoni's daughter Laxmi turned 16, she came to work at BH as a caregiver. The small mud house that Chanmoni lives in currently is succumbing to the elements. She has begun to build a small brick house for herself, but has run out of money. She needs \$3,500 to finish building her home.



Lady from the south



Inside of her house

Home for Lady from the South:

Bangla Hope has learned of a woman who lives in the south with her daughter who is crippled. This family lives in a hut that is rapidly deteriorating, and needs to be replaced. If we only replace the tin roof, it would cost \$600, but we would love to build her a small brick

house which would cost \$2,500.

If the Holy Spirit speaks to you regarding these humanitarian outreach efforts, please mark your financial gifts "Homes for the Needy".

Thank you so much!

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.



Biprojit Talukder
Male—2nd Grade
Ramshil Village School



Arnob Talukder
Male—1st Grade
Ramshil Village School

New Sponsors Urgently Needed By Robyn Griffin

I love the promise found in *Christ's Object Lessons* p. 326 which reads, "Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God." Naturally, each of His children desires to walk in God's will but, too often instead of placing God in the driver's seat of our lives, we hope He is under the hood pulling on the power steering. Three of our Bangla Hope family members need immediate sponsorship to help them prepare for the work that God is calling them to do for Him.



Timon was 8 when his father who worked as a Security Guard for BH was killed in a motorcycle accident. Timon's mother Tapoti was faced with supporting her son and daughter who cannot walk. The Waids stepped in and provided Tapoti with a job overseeing the laundry for BH, where she has worked ever since.

Timon feels God calling him to serve as a nurse. He has been accepted at an SDA nursing program in India, but he does not currently have sufficient sponsorship to cover his expenses. Timon needs an additional \$135 to cover his monthly expenses in college.

Roton was born into a fatherless family. His mother Miriam has worked for BH for many years, first as a caregiver, and now as our beloved campus nurse.

Roton has felt God leading him to a career working with compu-



Roton Soren and Miriam

ters. We identified an SDA college in India that offers a Bachelor of Computer Application degree. Roton currently has two faithful sponsors, but to cover the expenses related to this college path, he needs an additional \$145 per month.



Dulali Sircar

Our Founder, David Waid first encountered Santosh Sircar (**Dulali's** father) in Dhaka where he was shining shoes for a living. David hired Santosh to work for BH as a Security Guard where he worked for many years. Dulali had gone through SDA schools until the 9th grade when her parents decided to move. Dulali had always loved learning in our SDA schools, and was very sad to have to disrupt her education. Then COVID-19 hit Bangladesh which further complicated Dulali's desire to continue her education. Family problems have recently created a situation where Dulali now needs to transition from home to attend BASC to continue her education. She desperately needs a sponsor to cover her \$50 monthly tuition.

If you feel moved to help any of these students, please either sign up to be their sponsor on our website at www.banglahope.org or call us at (509) 586-4259. Thank you so much!



New Maintenance / Generator Building



New Transmitter

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

(509) 586-4259
www.banglahope.org

Our US Office Team By Debi Axford

Bangla Hope is prayerfully seeking to add to our team in our US office in Kennewick, WA. We ask for your prayers for our ministry as we seek God's will in this matter. It is our firm belief that our teams both in Bangladesh and in the US are so strong because we have humbly sought the direction of the Holy Spirit in the hiring process.

If you sense God speaking to you about someone who would enhance our team, please direct them our way. As always, we thank you with full hearts for both your financial support AND for your prayers.

Covid-19 Begins Taking its Toll (Continued from pg 1)

has been able to continue to operate since the students' and teachers' homes are on the same campus as the school. It is the only school, to my knowledge, in the entire country of Bangladesh which is currently open. The students who were enrolled at SAMS when the COVID-19 pandemic hit were initially thrilled at the prospect of an unplanned holiday that was initially to have lasted just two weeks. Fifteen months later, they are climbing the walls, weary of waiting to return to SAMS and continue with their academics. Our 10th-graders, who were supposed to have taken their government exams last February, are continuing to review for their exams which are to be rescheduled for a future date.

Melanie Modhu, who has been studying at Roorkie Adventist College in India, was one of two students who were not allowed to

leave India because of the closure of the border between India and Bangladesh. She remained on the campus of Roorkie taking online courses until December 2020. She returned home at that time, but not long after received a directive from the school to return to campus in January to prepare for her exams. Melanie returned to Roorkie and took her exams. Then COVID-19 hit India with a vengeance. Once again, all of the other students were sent home but Melanie and her fellow student from Bangladesh. The border remains closed at this time, and Melanie and her fellow Bengali student remain isolated and disheartened.

We are tired of COVID-19 and its impact on the world. Perhaps this will help us to realize more fully that the only thing worth living for is to share the gospel with the world!

Prayers Needed By Robyn Griffin

The first time I visited the BH campus with my wife Myrna was in 2015, and it took us quite



Suchitra & student

some time to learn just who was in the position of authority on the campus. We came to understand that it was Suchitra Soren who was the Administrator, though she has no need to boast that she is in charge. It was soon crystal clear to us that she is a leader sent to us from Heaven.

Suchitra arrived at BH after losing her job with the SDA church as a result of a false accusation. I describe Suchitra's management style as "gentle steel". The children lovingly refer to her as

"Big Madam", not because of her physical size, but because of her respected position of leadership.

Suchitra is now physically in trouble. She desperately needs cataract surgery, but water on her retina is preventing the surgery from happening. Two physicians have unsuccessfully given her very painful injections in an attempt to remove the fluid from her eyes. She is scheduled for a follow-up appointment in early July, provided she can get to Dhaka given the current shutdown status of the country.

Please pray that if it is God's will, the fluid on Suchitra's retina will dry up allowing her surgery to be performed.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

George Chappell

Brenda Chappell

Evert Chappell

By Bev Holland

Dr. Charles Smith (Uncle)

By Lynelle Smith

Dr. Charles Smith

By Doris Smith

(In honor of her recently deceased husband's birthday)

Bob Nehler

By Linda & LaVern Rice

Bob Nehler

By Laura J. Dougherty

Gustine McConnell

By Albert & Gloria Oakes

IN HONOR OF

Daughter Tamara

By Anthony Walker

Their parents

By Rich & Ronda Smith