



NEWS

PROJECT FUNDS

UPDATE

As of February 28, 2022

2nd FLOOR GIRLS' DORM:

\$3,872 raised of \$376,00 needed

FURNISHING DORM:

\$216.30 raised to date

DIPA'S MEDICAL COSTS:

\$4,331 raised to date

Thank you so much for your support!!

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

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A Life of Saying "Yes" to God (A Farewell to Dave Waid) By Roger Cook



Dave and Beverly Waid

I met Dave Waid in 1978. He had just recommitted his life to God and he was on a journey of recovery. Dave left the ways of the world behind and surrendered his whole life to his Savior. Dave and I became good friends, and spent a lot of time together. He liked most sports and was good at almost every one. He would take me golfing or try to teach me tennis, but I am sure I disappointed him at both. I am certain that more than once he thought to himself "There is no hope for Roger." But he never made me feel like a hopeless case.

In time, Dave was introduced to a schoolteacher named Beverly Hatley, and in 1980 they were united in marriage. This began their life of service to God together, and the adventure of a lifetime. My wife was also a teacher, which added to the things we had in common.

In 1987, Dave first learned of the need for sponsors to assist impoverished Bengali children in acquiring an education. They began sponsoring eight children, and eventually traveled to Bangladesh and started their years of traveling in their RV recruiting sponsors. Within one year, by the Grace of God, they had recruited 200 sponsors!

Dave was a consummate businessman and a man of integrity. Accountability was of paramount importance to him. It soon became apparent to Dave that the best way to ensure precisely how the funds he raised were used was to begin his own ministry. In 2001, when Dave was 72 years old, they began Bangla Hope.

In 2004 their Children's Home in the capital city of Dhaka was started. They began with a few abandoned infants. I never thought I would see Dave holding babies. He had always been more comfortable with older children. It just goes to show that when you say "Yes" to God, He will change you in ways that even those closest to you would never imagine.

In 2006, it became apparent that they needed to move out of Dhaka due to crowded conditions and pollution. By the end of 2008, we had purchased land in the country and the building process for the Administration building and staff housing was nearly completed. Dave often said that he never intended the work to expand so. But he had a big God. Today, 165 children and youth are being raised at our Children's Home.

Dave's love of sports led to his loss of eyesight in one eye during a game of badminton. That event led to his decline in health and strength. Dave went to his rest on January 20, 2022 at the age of 93. He is awaiting his reward for a life of service to others.

My prayer is that the story of Dave's life inspires you to say "Yes" to God as Dave did and watch what happens.

Goodnight Dave. We will see you in the morning.

Sponsors Urgently Needed By Robyn Griffin

Three years ago, a still, small voice urged me to go in search of a girl whose name I could not remember. Upon locating the girl, I discovered she was longing to see me because she wanted to attend Seventh-day Adventist Maranatha Seminary (SAMS). Not only did she eventually enroll there, but three of her friends did as well.

Last year, we enrolled eleven students who were hungry for a Christian education, but whose families could not manage it financially. I was totally unprepared for the overwhelming interest this year...25 new students were seeking a Christian education, and have been enrolled at SAMS. Due to space constraints in this newsletter, we are not able to include the entire list of new students needing sponsors. However, here are some of them:



Akhi Sikder

Akhi comes from a home where her mother is the only provider. Akhi's older sister is sponsored by BH. Akhi is a diligent student and wants to be a doctor.

Pusbo Hansdak

Pusbo comes from a very poor family that cannot afford to educate her. Pusbo's parents are wanting her to marry, but she wants an education.



Ritu Hansdak

Ritu's father passed away leaving her mother to provide for the family on her own, working as a day laborer. Ritu's goal is to become a teacher.

Rita Rani Kumary

Rita lost her mother at a very young age. Her father remarried, but his 2nd wife made life difficult for Rita. Rita is thrilled to be attending SAMS and dreams of becoming a doctor.



Jenny Murmu

Jenny desires to be a nurse. I will share her request for support in her own words. "My family cannot help me for my study because of financial crisis. I have a desire to study in my life. Please

you help me to fulfill my dream and make a happy life. So please help me to get a sponsor from Bangla Hope. Thank you very much."

Down New Roads By Robyn Griffin

Anyone who has ever parented a child knows well how emotional it can be to watch their child progress through life's milestones. We at Bangla Hope experience those same emotions, however, they are multiplied many, many times over with our 165 children and youth.

It is important to celebrate our kids' successes. We want you, as our supporters, to understand what a difference your sacrifices are making in the lives of these children and young people. After a year and a half of the students not being able to take the required governmental exams in grades 5, 8, 10, and 12, our students were finally able to sit for these exams. Here are their exam results: (Continued on next page)

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.



Lagno Roy DBVS-007

Female

Darabashil Village School

12th Grade Exam Results:

Bristy Das 4.58, Kami Bala 4.42, Jennie Gayen and Caleb Mazzi 4.33, Sherry Baroi and Rebecca Halder 4.17, Konny Dhali 4.08, Daniel Halder, Joshua Hembrom and Kimberly Bala 4.00, Moni Halder and Joseph Panday 3.83, Diana Sircar 3.67 and Marissa Folia 3.58.

We praise God for His leading in the lives of our oldest youth! At this time, here are the paths they are taking: Kami, Jennie, Diana, Rebecca, Kimberly, Konny, Bristy, Sherry and Moni are all receiving tutoring at Bangladesh Adventist Nursing Institute (BANI) preparing for the upcoming nursing entrance exam in April; Marissa is enrolled as an education major at Bangladesh Adventist Seminary and College (BASC); Joseph is preparing to study law at American International University Bangladesh; Daniel desires to get his Bachelors of Business Administration at Spicer Adventist University in India; and Caleb and Joshua are heading into Textile Engineering at BCI Engineering Institute, one of the best in Dhaka.

10th Grade Exam Results:

Alex Kisku 5.00, Marc Sircar 4.94, Akhi Hembrom 4.89, Brianna Sircar and Brooke Bala 4.56, Savannah Modhu 4.44, Crissy Modhu and Deborah Roy 4.33, Jony Tigga 4.28, Rosie Kunda 4.17, Matthew Kunda 3.83, and Joni Halder will retake the exam.

Most of these students had been planning on going to India to further their education, especially those intending to study medicine. However, at this time, unexpected events have prevented that from occurring. All of the students who have passed their 10th-grade exams will be continuing their studies at SAMS with the exception of Alex Kisku who has been accepted at Notre Dame College in Dhaka where he will be excused from all classes and exams on the Sabbath, and Brooke Bala who is studying an American Curriculum on the Bangla Hope campus.

***Your prayers and financial support have helped place their dreams within reach.
Thank you so much!***

Construction Updates By Robyn Griffin

Multi-purpose Building (MPB):

Two and a half years ago, construction began simultaneously on two buildings, the MPB and the Girls' Dorm. Despite COVID-19 and the many hurdles it presented, the building has progressed, though is not yet complete. The MPB is currently being used even

though it needs to have windows installed, doors on the upper level hung, the back rooms completed, furniture purchased, and installation of fans, lights, projectors, and sound equipment.



MPB in use for gatherings



Girls' Dorm 1st Floor

Girls' Dormitory:

The Girls' Dorm is currently having lockers built. The girls are not yet in the new building because it is located directly next to our old cow shed/dairy. As you can imagine, it is not an ideal environment.

We need to build a new dairy in another location, but have been delayed due to "red tape". Government beaurocracy has presented us with a roadblock, but we know prayer will help us break through. Once God provides us with His answer, we will build the new dairy, move the girls into their new home, and begin construction on the next phase which is the 2nd floor of the dorm. We had estimated some time ago that the 2nd floor would cost \$376,000. However, that was prior to the war in Ukraine, and the resulting inflation. **If you feel impressed to give to the next phase of this building project, please mark your donations "2nd Floor Girls' Dorm".**



Building the Playground

Playground:

Two years ago, we began filling in an adjacent rice field with mud where the playground is to be located. After allowing ample time for the mud to settle, the process continued. We are currently building a fence both for safety of our kids as well as for containment of their soccer balls. Your generosity made this possible for our kids. Thank you so much!

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it;"

Something positive that comes from NOT being wise enough to direct a ministry like Bangla Hope is the joy of watching what God can and will do when we allow Him to lead. During the pandemic, He led us to opportunities for being a blessing to those around us. Two years ago, we were made aware of a woman living nearby our campus whose roof was falling apart. We were asked to repair her roof, but God desired to build her an entire new house. Within a few short days, her mud and dung house was removed and a fully financed, small brick, two-room home has replaced it. This house will not succumb to the elements as the previous one had.

That woman's need opened our eyes to others who were in dire need of adequate housing. The homes we are about to update you on have all been paid for through your donations.

Simon's House:

Simon is the lead security guard at SAMS, and he is confined to a wheelchair. The SAMS campus is not exactly accommodating for someone who is W/C bound. He now lives alone, and has great difficulty accessing his current house that does not accommodate his physical limitations. Plans are in the works for a completely W/C accessible living quarters for Simon.

Chonmoni Toppo's House:

Chonmoni's house is nearing completion. She is the mother of one of BH's former caregivers, Laxmi. Chonmoni has had to leave her housing with family, and is anxiously waiting for her house to be completed.



Chonmoni's nearly completed house

Titu's House:

Titu was once employed by BH as a security guard at our former Dhaka apartment. When it became necessary for BH to move out of that apartment, Titu lost his job. Titu decided to turn to farming. He asked BH to assist him in building a house on his father's property where he plans to build a farming business.



Titu's House in Progress

Woman from the South:

It came to the attention of BH that a woman of very poor means who lived in southern Bangladesh needed a new roof on her modest home. It was soon determined that she was in need of an entire home. The building process for her home will commence very soon.

Each of these homes will become a reality through your sacrificial gifts. What a joy it is to be a small part of this project to provide sturdy homes for these dear souls.

Gifts to this fund should be marked "Homes for the Needy".

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Thank you

(Nov. 1, '21 - Feb. 28, '22)

Pauline Woodard

By Wendy Stumph (Daughter)

Paul Zabolotney

By Arla Zabolotney (Daughter)

Leonard Squier

By Floyd & Nancy Sippel

Dave Waid

Nancy & Floyd Sipple

Leonard Squier (Husband)

George & Myrtle Chappell (Parents)

Dr. Harvey Heidinger

Steven Vanfeldt (Her patient)

Elizabeth Willis (Her patient)

By Ruth Squier

Steven Vanfeldt

Brenda Chappell

By Bev Holland

Dave Waid

By Debi & Dave Axford