# **BANGLA HOPE**

# NEWS

**PROJECT FUNDS UPDATE** (As of March 1 - May 31, 2023)

2nd Floor Girls' Dorm:

\$8,716 raised to date

Darabashil Village School Building Project:

\$28,415 raised to date

New Truck:

FULLY FUNDED. THANK YOU!!

New Home for Kalpona & Shokta:

FULLY FUNDED. THANK YOU!! Special Village School Needs FULLY FUNDED. THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

"Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me..." Jeremiah 9: 23-24

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## Until Jesus Comes By Robyn Griffin

In March 2005, three women and two men brought a nearly two-year-old girl named Sunity to Bangla Hope's co-founder Beverly Waid. Sunity's mother shared how her husband had left her and moved to India. She needed to work to support herself, and for that reason, needed to entrust the care of her little girl to the staff at Bangla Hope.

The next morning, as Beverly was preparing Sunity for the day, she noticed that Sunity had difficulty holding up her head and moving her arms and legs. Sunity was taken to two doctors, the first of which claimed that Sunity merely had to do his prescribed exercises to remedy her problems. The second physician's diagnosis was not so optimistic. He said Sunity had cerebral palsey, and was developmentally delayed.

Beverly chose to help Sunty with the prescribed exercises, and noticed some improvement after a while. Unfortunately a few weeks later, Sunity became very ill, and was rushed to a doctor. That physician gave Sunity a spinal injection which Beverly suspects caused serious complications... many from which Sunity never recovered.

Through the years, Sunity was given special housing that was wheelchair accessible, was provided her own care givers and wheelchair since she gradually lost the use of her limbs. Despite this, her brilliant smile never dimmed, and she always had a cheery "Hello" for anyone who greeted her. She loved hugs and kisses on her forehead.



**Sunity Roy** 

Sunity's health began to decline this past year. Last April, she contracted typhoid fever, and spent a week in the hospital. That began a rapid decline in her overall health. One Sabbath morning, I was notified that Sunity urgently needed to go to the hospital in Dhaka. Sabbath School was interrupted so that the children and staff could encourage her and send her off with hugs and prayer. Her ever-present smile was absent as she labored to breathe.

Unfortunately, Sunity never made it to Square Hospital in Dhaka. On the way, she fell asleep in Jesus to awake again at the resurrection. There is now a small grave behind our Children's Home where this courageous young woman rests.

In the many years that I have known Sunity, I have NEVER heard her complain once. Her chair now sits empty...never to be used by her again. Something better awaits her! I want to see her run for the first time. Sunity, this is not "Goodby,",but simply "See you in the morning." Thank you for your inspiring example.

> Sunity Roy Oct. 15, '03 - April 29, '23

#### Now Where Do I Go? By Robyn Griffin

Now where do I go? It is a question asked by most students as their 12th grade year comes to a close. Their lives to this point have largely been directed by care givers, and circumstances of birth. Now it is time for them to face decisions that only they can make. What wil they do for the rest of their lives, and where will they receive the best training for the future?

The Spirit of Prophecy promises, "Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is a special place designated on earth where we are to work for God" (COL 326.4). With a promise like that, how can a person go wrong? If we seek God, He will direct our paths. The challenge, of course, is seeking God with **all** our heart.





#### **Konny Dhali**

Kimberly Bala Jennie Gayen

God seems to be answering this question in the lives of some of our oldest youth. The following young women have all passed their nursing exams and have been accepted into the following schools: Konny Dhali, Kimberly Bala, and Jennie Gayen have been accepted into the Diploma Nursing Program at Grameen Nursing School.





Rebecca Halder

Kathi Joydhor

Rebecca Halder and Kathi Joydhor have been accepted into the Midwifery Degreed Program also

# **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** Village School Students

Village School students receive tuition, books, supplies, and a uniform. You will receive a photo of your sponsored student, a name, grade level and perhaps a little personal information as available. The tuition rate is \$20 per month. If you wish to sponsor a student, you may call us at (509) 586-4259 or go to our website at www.banglahope.org.

at Grameen Nursing School. Kara Mondol has been accepted at Bangladesh Adventist Nursing College.

Marissa Folia has recently been accepted into the educational program at Spicer Adventist University in India.



Kara Mondol



Marissa Folia

Early in January, the Lord impressed Danny (Talukder) Halder that he should become a pastor, and within days he was enrolled in Bangladesh Adventist Seminary and College (BASC) where he is studying Theology.



Danny Halder



Kerissa was just accepted into an ADRA program that trains students in cosmetology. When her coursework is completed, she will be paid to continue to receive hands-on training at a salon in Dhaka.

Kerissa Biswas

Melanie Madhu received word in late May that she had been accepted at Davao Medical College located in Davao City, Mindanao, Philippines. She will enter the college of pre-medicine just as soon as she receives her visa, where she will study to receive a BS in Biology, then, continue on into medical school there for another four years. Expenses will run about \$15,000 a year.

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Ria Adhikary BKVS-032 Bisherkandi VS



Steven Bala BKVS-033 Bisherkandi VS

A fund has been established to help meet the expenses for our youth who are called into medicine or

dentistry. Melanie is only the first of many of our young people who feel the call to one of these professions.

If the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart regarding this need, please mark your donation to "Medical Education Fund", and please remember them in prayers.

#### Bundles of Joy from Heaven By Debi Axford

It seems as though Bangla Hope will never experience the empty nest syndrome. Just as our eldest kids head off campus to college, God sends us more little bundles of joy to love. As our new little ones quickly work their way into our affections, we are ever reminded of the loving sacrifice their parents made for their children's welfare.

While these new little members of the Bangla Hope family are certainly well cared for and shown much love and affection, there is still one key element of their care you can help us with.....sponsorship.

Archona is doing

so well at BH. Full

sponsorship of our BH kids is \$140

monthly. Since many

people cannot afford

that amount, we have

broken the sponsor-

ship into four shares

of \$35 each. Archona

has a sponsor who has



Archona Kisku

taken one of her shares which leaves three shares of \$35 each remaining. Archona is a sweet and engaging little girl who can win your heart in a moment. She has all the love and care she needs, but she needs additional sponsors.

**Monisha** comes from a two-parent family, but her father has serious physical limitations which means her mother must earn to support their family. Monisha has adapted well to her new home, but she does



Monisha Khakha

need full sponsorship of one or more sponsors who can cover her four shares of \$35 each monthly.



Lest you think that all of our new little ones are girls, here is **Duranto**. His father died, and his mother did the only thing she knew to do, surrender Duranto into our care so she could work to support herself, but he needs a sponsor.

**Epafra** also had a very sad beginning in life. Not long after his birth, his mother was rushed to the hospital, and died in the ambulance. Without the support of extended family, Epafra's father turned to Bangla Hope to care for and raise his son so he could work to earn a living. Epafra currently has no sponsors to support him.



Epafra Marandi

We introduced **Shawn** to you in our last newsletter. He continues to do very well at BH. Currently, Shawn has one sponsor who covers one share of his sponsorship. That leaves three shares of \$35 each available.

**Shawn Sircar** 

**Sneha** came into care along with her brother because their young mother was dying of an inoperable brain tumor. She has since passed away. Despite this tragic beginning, both children are thriving. Sneha has come out of her shyness, and is now a happy and well-adjusted child. Sneha, nicknamed

Janet still needs three additional shares of \$35 each covered.



Sneha Marandi

## Homes for the Needy Update By Robyn Griffin

Playing even a small part in providing homes for those in need is pure joy. Our supporters have been so generous as always, and we want to provide you with an update. In the summer of 2021, we started collecting funds for an elderly woman and her disabled daughter who were

desperately in need of a house. Here is a photo of their new home. Things have been going well, but there has been a recent problem with elephants ransacking their village each evening. They should be able to move into their home very soon. They are overjoyed.



Nomita standing near her home under construction



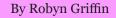
Woman from South's home

One of our care givers, Nomita Murmu began building a house for herself a few years back. But, because of the rising cost of materials, she quickly ran out of funds. Our generous supporters stepped up once again to assist Nomita in completing what she had started.

To participate in this outreach effort, mark donations "Homes for the Needy"

#### Another Broken Heart

Suborna Minjee is 13 years old and is currently enrolled in the 5th grade at Seventh-day Adventist Maranatha Seminary (SAMS). Suporna has recently had her education abruptly interrupted due to a previously undetected heart malady. It has recently been discovered that she has three faulty heart valves.





Suporna and her family

Her parents are day laborers and it is all they can do to provide for the family's basic needs and Suporna's tuition. They do not have the means to provide Suporna with the medical care she needs. The principal of SAMS took it upon himself to search for funds to cover the operation Suporna needs. He has come to Bangla Hope to ask for help in meeting this urgent need. It is estimated that the operation plus the necessary one year of follow-up care will cost approximately \$4,500.

If you sense the urging of the Holy Spirit encouraging you to help Suporna, please mark your donation "Suporna Minjee Operation". Thank you so much. **Bangla Hope Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9 am - 3 pm PT

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Student Correspondence Only: Bangla Hope Student name and ID number Village - Hazrapur Post Office - Mazina (Uchai) Upozila-Panchbibi, District -Joypurhat Bangladesh

> March 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023 IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Paul Zabolotney By Arla Zabolotney (Daughter) Jeann Miller By Skip & Holly Joers Deloris McGowen By Naomi Matteson Bruce & Lottie Squier George & Myrtle Chappell By Ruth Squier Kelsey Berreth By Darrell Berreth George & Myrtle Chappell By Bev Holland Dave Waid (Founder Bangla Hope) By Michael & Joanie Ryan

#### **IN HONOR OF**

#### Ken & Cindi Wright

By Nancy Teale (Correction from last newsletter) Beverly Waid (Co founder of BH) By Michael & Joanie Ryan