



NEWS

PROJECT FUNDS UPDATE

(As of October 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024)

2nd Floor Girls' Dorm:

\$8,946 raised to date

Darabashil Village School Building Project:

\$29,015 raised to date

Suporna Minjee's Operation:

\$4,785 raised to date

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

A Sad Farewell! By Robyn Griffin

When a little one is entrusted into our care, and joins our family, they win their way into our hearts very quickly. This was certainly the case with little Dipok. Just days after his birth, Dipok was brought to us after the death of his mother. He had been hospitalized for a time before coming to us. Dipok's family lived in the home village of our farm manager, Porimol, so the family knew all about Bangla Hope and how we care for children in need. Dipok had health problems from the start, but was one of the most contented infants that I have ever known. He loved to squeal with joy just to hear his own voice, and he was forever grabbing for anything within reach.



Dipok Shiba Tigga

However, life can change in an instant. Last Friday, Dipok became ill with a virus which caused vomiting and diarrhea. He was taken to the doctor who immediately admitted him into the hospital.

His temperature rose sharply. While the nurse was preparing to

vulsing. Soon after, the little one passed away. Dipok, your brilliant smile and happy, contented nature will be sorely missed by the whole Bangla Hope family. We look forward to seeing you again little one.

"The Lord has often instructed me that many little ones are to be laid away before the time of trouble. We shall see our children again. We shall meet them and know them in the Heavenly courts." 2 SM 259

Unexpected Blessings

By Robyn Griffin



Sherry, Bristy and Kami

Sherry Baroi, Bristy Das and Kami Bala could not believe their eyes when they saw their grade reports. All three, Bangla Hope's first nursing students,

are attending Bangladesh Adventist Nursing College (BANC), and completed their first year with straight A's! Throughout the school year, the girls had their moments of discouragement. However, they have persevered despite the challenges, and now they could not be more thrilled. It has encouraged them to continue to do their best.

Thank you for making it possible for our young people to have the opportunity to achieve their dreams.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.
Psalms 32:8

Our new Girls' Dormitory is nearing completion. It has been a very long process, but one worth the wait. When construction began, it was decided that there were two pressing construction needs on our campus... a Multi-purpose Building where worships could be held, and a Girls' Dormitory. Since concrete takes 28 days to cure, the decision was made to build both buildings simultaneously. While the concrete was curing on one building, the workers were working on the second one.

We were given two years by our Non-governmental Organization (NGO) oversight entity to complete both projects. Unfortunately, no one was able to foresee that COVID-19 was about to turn the world on its head. The pandemic brought all construction to a halt, limited access to building materials once construction resumed, and resulted in soaring costs. Despite all of these setbacks, our building timeline was met, and we praise God.

Then the decision had to be made whether to continue with the second floor of the dorm or not. If we continued, we could file an extension to our building permit which would eliminate the time and expense involved in filing a new building plan. We filed for the extension knowing that God would provide. We still had brick, cement and other supplies on hand.

However, with workmen having daily access to the Girls' dormitory, we chose not to move the girls into the first floor until after the dairy, which was very near to the new dorm, was moved, and after the second floor of the dorm was completed.

Now we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel, and the girls will move into their new home very soon.

Thank you for your continued support. Please mark donations toward this project "Girls' Dorm".



Our new, two-story Girls' Dormitory

A number of years ago, we were faced with the need for a new copy machine. As always, we turned to our wonderful supporters, and you helped us purchase our current machine. It has served us well, and has been a real workhorse. The reality is that our copying needs continue to change. First of all, our program continues to grow. Another factor that impacts our copying needs is the fact that the Bangladesh government is altering our curriculum as well as many of the student activities this year. This change will increase our copying needs significantly going forward.

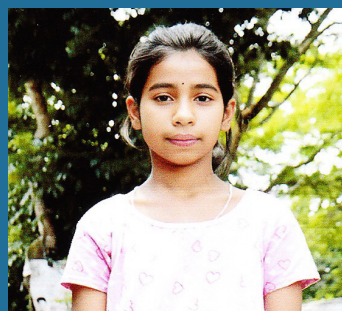
After researching copiers, it has been decided that the Toshiba 6528 A will best meet our needs now and in the future. The new copier will cost \$5,000.

If you feel the Holy Spirit leading you to partner with us in this purchase, please mark your donations "Copy Machine". Thank you so much!!

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.



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More Blessings from Heaven By Robyn Griffin

This past fall, our third group of 12th-graders sat for their government exams known as HSC. Their results are as follows:

Marc Sircar	3.92	Planning to retake the exam and eventually study medicine
Cloe Hira	3.67	Studying at BANC to prepare to take the Nursing entrance exam
Marjorie Mankhin	3.50	To study medicine in the Philippines
Deborah Roy	3.67	Will study Computer Administration likely in India
Akhi Hembrom	4.25	Planning to study medicine in the Philippines
Matthew Kormoker	2.50	Currently undecided as to his career path
Rosie Kunda	2.25	Studying Business Administration at Bangladesh Adventist Seminary and College
Reisa Hansdak	2.67	Studying to become a nursing assistant
Brook Bala	4.33	Preparing to study Business Administration

Crissy Madhu, Brianna Sircar, Savannah Madhu and Marc Sircar have all chosen to retake their exam this summer due to disappointing results. Most of these students had hopes of taking their 11th and 12th grade studies in India, but due to COVID-19 restrictions at that time, they had to study at Seventh-day Adventist Maranatha Seminary (SAMS) here in Bangladesh.

Brooke Bala chose to do home schooling on the Bangla Hope campus rather than going away to school. To the amazement of the staff and students, Brooke scored the highest of her class. Prior to that, many on the campus had thought home schooling was a very poor option, but they are not thinking that any more.

Our sponsors and supporters have played such a huge role in shepherding these young people on their paths to their future work. Your partnership with us has made all the difference in the lives of our young people. THANK YOU!

In This Life You Will Have Trials By Robyn Griffin

On February 12, 2024, Profullo Devsharma, the principal/teacher for our Dharabashil Village School, was riding a motorcycle at twilight. He was stopped by some heavy traffic, and ended up being hit from behind by a heavy vehicle.

Profullo was thrown from his motorcycle, and pinned under the vehicle that hit him while the driver of that vehicle fled the scene of the accident. Bystanders gave chase and apprehended the other driver, but Profullo was pinned under the other vehicle for quite a while. It was discovered that Profullo had both bones of his right leg protruding from the skin. After a long delay, he was sent by ambulance to the National Institute of Traumatology Orthopedics and Rehabilitation where he underwent surgery at 4 am the next morning.

Metal rods had to be used to help his leg heal. Profullo will remain in the hospital for the next month or so until he recovers to the doctor's satisfaction. It is expected that hospital costs will be excessive. It does not look as though Profullo will receive any assistance from the other driver who was a very poor, elderly man.



Profullo in the hospital

If the Holy Spirit impresses you to assist with the medical expenses for Profullo, please mark your donations "Teacher Aid Fund".

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Dulali Kerkata has worked as one of our caregivers on the BH campus for many years. She is currently working in our infant room. Dulali is widowed, and has no home of her own. She and her children currently occupy two small rooms in her uncle's house, but he is



Possible site for Dulali's new home

pressuring Dulali to move out and get a place of her own. For Dulali to build a house, she must first purchase a small piece of property, fill it with mud, and then allow it to sit for approximately a year to allow the soil to settle. She has located a small plot of land that she can purchase for \$3,000, but lacks the funds to proceed with the purchase.

If you feel called to help Dulali in this first step of building a house, please mark your donations "Homes for the Needy". Thank you so much.

Another Broken Heart - Update 2 By Robyn Griffin

Suporna Minjee is a 13-year-old girl who had to drop out of one of our Seventh-day Adventist boarding schools when it was discovered she had serious congenital heart defects. Suporna has encountered many delays and long periods of waiting to receive the treatment she needed so badly. There were times of discouragement for her and her family. Dulali's discouragement began to affect her health as she was not eating well.

The intervention of a dear friend to Bangla Hope, Dr. Hossain, helped us navigate the chaotic and perplexing medical system that we encountered. He offered encouragement and counsel. He also utilized his influence and his contacts to help Suporna be scheduled for surgery sooner than she would have without his advocacy. Dr. Hossain did all of this for us without any remuneration. He is a true friend to Bangla Hope. Her March 5th surgery date had to be re-scheduled. But, at the time you receive this newsletter, she should be recovering.

Thank you for giving Suporna a new chance at life.

Do You Hear What I Hear? - Update

Kalpona Hembrom's ear drum was successfully repaired and know it is just a matter of time to see if her hearing improves. The ear drum had been damaged for so long that Dr. Hossain was reluctant to say whether any hearing could be restored. She now certainly has been given a good chance of fighting off any future ear infections.

Thank you for your generous contributions toward the cost of Kalpona's surgery.

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Thank you so much!!!