



NEWS

PROJECT FUNDS UPDATE

(As of March 1, '24 - May 31, '24)

Teacher Aid Fund:

\$125 raised to date

Darabashil Village School Building Project:

\$29,315 raised to date

Suporna Minjee's Operation:

\$5,785 raised to date

Copy Machine:

\$200 raised to date

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

“O Lord, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.”

Isaiah 25:1 NKJ

Would You Stand? By Robyn Griffin

**“Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness.”
Ephesians 6: 13 & 14**

Challenges have recently come to our students regarding the Sabbath. Unfortunately, these challenges have come on Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) campuses where the schools' hands have been tied by the government. Roton Soren, who is studying computer administration at Lowery Memorial College, a SDA college in India, has been challenged twice now with exams scheduled on Sabbath. The college is under the umbrella of another university and must follow the regulations outlined by them. Roton was one of two students in a class of 47 who chose to stand up and refuse to take the exams on Sabbath. He will graduate in June, but will have to wait until the exams he missed are scheduled on a day other than Sabbath. The last student who refused to break the Sabbath waited 11 years to finally take his exams.



Roton Soren

Kakoli and Cloe have been preparing for the pre-nursing exam at Bangladesh Adventist Nursing College (BANC) since October. In February 2024, they received word that the exam would be held on May 4, a Sabbath. The girls contacted me asking what they should do? I told them to stay in school, learn as much as they could, and wait and see what God would do.



Kakoli Bala



Cloe Hira

Leadership in both the college and in the Union requested that the students at BANC be allowed to take their exam after the Sabbath hours. Requests to reschedule the exam were denied, and on May 4, the exams were held with no exceptions granted. Five of the class of 37 stood up and said “no” to breaking the Sabbath.

Kakoli and Cloe have now returned to the BH campus and are awaiting God's direction in their lives. Please pray for them that they continue to stand for God despite the consequences.

“O praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise Him all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord.”

Psalm 117

As we reflect on the unlimited blessings of God, I stand in awe of what God has done for Bangla Hope. In the spring of 2019, our Executive Committee began to determine our most urgent building needs on campus. Our buildings were overcrowded, our offices too small, and our classrooms too few. In 2016, we initiated a change that would have us keeping our kids on campus longer rather than sending them off to SDA boarding school a few miles away in the 6th grade. We soon realized that sending them off to boarding school too young was having a detrimental effect on them. We first held back the 6th-graders, then each successive grade with each passing year. This change proved beneficial to the students, but stretched our classrooms, dorm space and worship space to the extreme.

It was readily decided that the need of a Girls’ Dorm was most urgent. Once the girls were moved into their new dorm, that would free up space for classrooms and for additional boys dorm space. It was also decided that a Multi-purpose worship building was also a must so that everyone on campus could worship together. Our cafeteria that was being used for worships did not accomodate all who wished to worship together.

The two buildings were constructed concurrently for efficiency. While the concrete was curing for 28 days on one building, the crew could work on the second. We thought we had anticipated all eventualities. What we had not counted on was the COVID-19 pandemic which brought all construction to a halt.

Once construction resumed, it became clear that we needed to also move the dairy which was located



Our new, two-storey Girls’ Dormitory



Crissy Madhu inside the new Girls’ Dorm

directly behind the Girls’ Dorm. That meant constructing housing for the farm manager. He lives on site to ensure that our animals and farm equipment are not stolen. In addition, we needed to construct a new threshing floor for our rice crops.

With the construction of the new buildings, we would have increased electrical needs, requiring our transformer to be upgraded. We had been given two years to complete the first phase of our building projects by the Non-governmental Organization (NGO) oversight entity. Six months prior to the deadline we were \$169,000 short of the necessary building funds. We voted to move ahead with

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Bristi Barai
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The Unlimited Blessings of God (Continued)

construction of the new dairy, farm manager's living quarters, and threshing floor even though the "Red Sea" was before us. To me it looked impossible. But God loves the word "impossible". One week later, we were blessed with enough funds to cover all our needs without asking anyone but Him. In 2021, We were granted an extension to complete phases two and three (building the second floor of the Girls' Dorm and furnishing both of the new buildings).

Just last week, the contractor handed the keys to the dorm to our Administrator and the moving in process began. Our very excited girls are now settling into their new home. The boys will then move into the first floor of the RC building, and we will also have expanded classroom space. The "Red Sea" that we thought we were facing miraculously parted as we placed our trembling foot into the water. What "Red Seas" are you facing? God loves the word "impossible".

We offer our sincere gratitude to all who allowed God to use them to make this miracle happen.

A Horrible Tragedy

By Robyn Griffin

On May 28, two girls, Dristi and Sanjida were on their bicycles returning to their homes from tutoring classes when they were struck head-on by a speeding truck. Both went under the wheels resulting in broken bones. Sandita also had the wheels of the truck go over her chest. It is not yet known the extent of damage to Sandita's chest, but she is having difficulty breathing and spitting up blood. Unfortunately Sandita's parents do not have the money to seek medical treatment for their daughter. Dristi is in the hospital awaiting surgery on her leg.

It came to our attention that neither family has the money for surgery and hospital care. We offered our help, and the families gratefully accepted. We have been informed that surgery for each girl will cost \$550, but that does not include post-operative/recovery care the amount of which is yet uncertain.

If the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart and you desire to partner with us in helping, please mark your donation "Medical Expenses". Thank you.



Our new Dairy



Farm Manager's housing and new threshing floor



Sanjida



Dristi

We Welcome Our “New” Toyota By Robyn Griffin

Our faithful little truck (the Tata) began to decline after many years of service. In fact, every time we went to town it would more than likely end up in the mechanic’s shop. We wrote about our need for a new truck in one issue of our newsletter, and we were encouraged by the overwhelming response from our



Our “new” used truck

generous supporters. There were many hurdles to surmount in the purchase of a new truck. First of all, there was vastly different opinions as to what type of truck should be purchased. Also, very few of our Executive Committee members were able to drive.

In the end, it was decided that we would buy a used vehicle because new ones were so very expensive, and it would take six months to have it delivered. What a blessing that we chose to look at used trucks. At the dealership, we found a brand new looking Toyota truck with only 6000 miles on it. On the test drive, we stopped at the Toyota Service Center a few miles away. They conducted a thorough check and pronounced it in very good condition.

The truck has a gas engine and has dual wheels on the back giving it a larger capacity. Before taking it to the Bangla Hope campus, we converted the engine to also operate on liquid petroleum gas (LPG), installed an LPG tank, put in removeable seats in the back, and a removeable cover. This truck is a true blessing to our campus, and we are thrilled, but not as thrilled as our driver Nathaniel is.

We truly believe that God led us to this truck, and we thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Another Broken Heart - Update 3 By Robyn Griffin

Because of the high demand for heart surgeries in Bangladesh, procedures are being scheduled six to eight months in advance. This explains why Suporna Minjee, who was scheduled for surgery on March 5 finally had her first surgery on March 23, and the second one on March 26. They originally intended to do both procedures at the same time, but decided against that due to the extent of the repairs needed.

After Suporna’s second surgery, the doctors were fearful that she would not survive. For the first few days, her condition was critical. But the Lord blessed Suporna, and a week later she was discharged. Suporna must now see a doctor every three months, and continues to take medication. She is doing well, but still faces another valve replacement in the future. Thank you so much for your generosity that has given Suporna a second chance at life.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

- Janice Butler**
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- George & Myelle Chappell (Parents)**
By Ruth Squier
- Leonard Squier**
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- Paul Zabolotney (Father)**
By Arla Zabolotney

IN HONOR OF

- Beverly Waid (Co-founder of BH)**
By Lin & Phil Venden

Thank you so much!!!