



Bangla Hope

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God's Worship House

By Beverly Waid

God has blessed Bangla Hope with 135 beautiful children. Each time one more comes, we squeeze them into our limited facilities and pray we can expand. One serious limitation is the lack of a dedicated church building.

Below is a picture of our cafeteria on Sabbath morn-



raising funds to build a church for our children and the village people around us. We are in the early stages of planning so we do not have estimates on the costs yet.



ings when everyone is there! It is filled and overflowing with our church family! We want our village neighbors to feel free to come join us but our space is limited. Some of the villagers are beginning to attend and, praise God, one special lady is attending regularly. We need to be able to accommodate others.

I have felt the need for our own church building for a number of years now. I have prayed and talked about it but it just wasn't possible financially. I was voicing my desire to our union president, Dr. Lee, just before we left Bangladesh the first of April. He understood my concern and frustration! He told me he thought he could help us! He knows some men in Korea who like to help with building churches. He told Dave and I if we could get part of the finances from America he would try to help with the rest from Korea. We were overjoyed to hear this and now I am bringing this for your consideration, our dear sponsors and donors. We are now

We are stepping out in faith believing God will impress the right people to give for this church.

The pictures above show two views of the property we have chosen for the church. It is close to the village. The villagers will have an entrance to the church, and we can still keep our campus secure with a separate gate into the campus.

God is so good and Dave and I are excited about seeing how he provides for this much needed house for worshipping Him.

From Dave's Desk

By David Waid

First of all I would like to send a special thank you to everyone who donated or helped raise the funds for the tractor. Purchase is in progress with pictures to follow.

I am now contemplating how best to describe our needs in our newsletter. I will try and let you know about our plans and hopes. We are responsible for the orphans by government rules until either they have completed the 10th grade or until their 18th birthday. We have always wanted to keep our children on campus at least up through the 10th grade, unfortunately we do not have the funds and staffing to make that happen. One of our orphans and 2 of our workers' children are now in SAMS, a nearby boarding academy. Next year there will be 14 more transferring to SAMS for seventh grade and above.

We still need a new deep well. Digging was postponed because they could not get the drilling equipment to the orphanage due to the hartals. We feel so sad that it will cost us about twice as much as first estimated. Our first estimate was \$15,000 (in October 2013) and now we can see it will be at least \$30,000. We have received over \$21,000 to date. We hope this project will be finished by early 2015. The plan is to start digging as soon as the rainy season is over.

There are other urgently needed maintenance items. The toilets in the bathrooms need to be replaced. Many are broken, and we plan to replace them with squats. This involves tearing up the floor, and will probably cost us around \$300 each. In addition, the 3rd floor of the medical clinic will need 5 bunk beds, mattresses, sheets and blankets for the older boys who will live there. It will probably cost about \$250 for each bunk bed assembly.

We also plan to put up 2300 feet of steel reinforced brick wall security fencing around the perimeter—cost is about \$50,000. Donations so far have reached about \$16,000. We plan to start building the fence as soon as the rainy season is over in November.

You can specify a project for which your donation will be used, but please do not forget the children's sponsorship money. This is always our first responsibility. God Bless Each of You.

Sophia's Story

By Beverly Waid

Lima was so happy when Ashok's family asked her family for an arranged marriage with Ashok. He was a good man and he loved her. The couple were married and looked forward to a joyful life together.

The custom in Bangladesh is for the bride and groom to go to his village and live in his parent's home. The young wife assumes many of the household chores and helps care for the parents. Lima was comfortable with this arrangement, but she could tell her father-in-law was not well. He was unable to work full time, so Ashok

had to bring in most of the family income. Lima was kept busy caring for the family but was about to become even busier.

A baby girl was born to Lima and Ashok. The baby brought joy to Lima, but added responsibility and more demands on her time. She had to help in the home plus take care of her daughter! Lima was content, but changes were about to impact her happiness.

Ashok's father became progressively weaker. The family took him to the doctor where he was diagnosed with lung cancer. He could no longer work. The medicine prescribed for him was expensive, and Ashok's small salary could not buy the medicine and cover the other family expenses too. Things seemed bad, but were about to get worse.

Lima needed to go to work, but couldn't because she was pregnant again. Then Ashok became ill. He had difficulty breathing, especially when working (We think his lung condition is severe asthma!). He continued to work when he was physically able, but had to stay home on days when he had an especially difficult time breathing. When Lima had her second baby girl the villagers saw how hard it was for the family. They brought rice and other items for the family when they could. The future was looking bleak. Would there be no way out?

Lima became pregnant again! What was she going to do? She knew her oldest girl could go to school and help some around the house. The new baby could breast feed, but the middle daughter was a handful! The family talked it over and decided they must

give up Sophia! They heard of Bangla Hope and made a call to our office. Panuel, our campus pastor, went out to see the family and assess the situation. He told us they were very needy. We agreed to take Sophia into our Bangla Hope family. She is at our home now and adjusting well. We are thankful we can help little ones like Sophia.

If you would like to sponsor Sophia, contact our office, and we will send you her picture and case history. You will be changing a little one's life forever.



Elizabeth's Surgery Update

Thank you to all who donated to help with Elizabeth's surgery. We are so thankful that even some extra funds were given. Often things run a little more than expected so there will be a little cushion if that happens. Her aunt and uncle have been notified and they are working with Bangla Hope to arrange for the surgery. Pray that her hearing will be restored.

Special People Helping Children Thank You

Several churches help with a variety of projects in Bangladesh—sponsoring children, building village schools, and other specific projects. We recently received a letter from the treasurer of the Bazine Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kansas. The children in the church had chosen to send the funds from the children's offering to purchase coats and blankets for villagers in Bangladesh who are cold in the winter.

Dolores W. who is sponsoring a child in the orphanage in gratitude for her grandchildren.

Minister David has a special gift of making beautiful wooden toys and a generous heart to share them with children around the world. Bangla Hope was the recipient of one of his creations, "The Hannah Dream Cottage" (shown below). It will provide hours of fun for many children. He has also shipped another of his original designs to Bangladesh, "The Caleb Wilderness Cabin Toy." We're eagerly waiting for the pictures of the children playing with that special toy also.



In Honor Of

Janelle Wike's 85th birthday
By LeRoy & Helen Heavirland
Len & Hazel Burns

In Loving Memory of

Frank Martinell
By Al Wiggins

Al Hickman
By Al Wiggins

Margie Hall
By Len & Hazel Burns

Brenda Chappell
By Bev Holland

Jack & Thelma Lamberton
By Al Wiggins

William Davis
By Jann Paul

Leonard Squier
By Ruth Squier

Gary Holland
By Bev Holland
By Ruth Squier

Tressie Newbury
By Al Wiggins

Cecyl Rentfro
By John & Pearle
Westerberg

Will You Sponsor Me?



Rumi is in grade 3 at our Orphanage. Her parents ran away together and got married. Her father ended up being abusive to her mother. Her mother feared for her life and the life of her baby girl. She learned of Bangla Hope and gave her to us so she could be raised in a safe environment. Tuition for her is \$35/mo.



Munmun is the daughter of one of our village school teachers and an unemployed "scamp" of a father. She is the oldest of 4 children and desires to attend KMMS, one of our boarding schools. Tuition for her would be \$40/mo.



Mousumi is studying in the 8th grade. Her father took his own life by taking poison when she was small. Her mother works as a cook for Bangla Hope Orphanage, but she does not earn enough to send her daughter to school. Tuition for her is \$40/mo.

POCKET MONEY

August 15, 2014 is the cut-off day for sending in pocket money for your student for this coming school year.