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Jann's Story By Beverly Waid

I looked at little Jann's face staring at me from the picture on the computer screen. The sad look of rejection was plain to see. Her face showing the results of being abandoned by her loving mother.

I knew it would not take too long before she would be running around playing with the other children. It is so hard to see the new little ones who come to the orphanage have to go through such a hard change so early in life. Praise God our little children have made it through and are now happy.



Jann's mother, Mitali, was raised in a Hindu home with two parents and one brother. As she grew up, she anticipated the day she would have an arranged marriage. The day finally came when her father told her he had found just the right man for her to marry. When she met him she felt her father was right. But Borum, her husband to be, asked for a large dowry from her family. He not only wanted money for the dowry, but also many different items to go along with it. The family was devastated that he wanted so much, but they found every possible means to get the needed money and items he was demanding they pay.

Mitali's special wedding day was filled with ceremonies and Hindu festivals. Late that night when everyone had gone Mitali and Borum left for his family home.

The first year of married life was good, but when Mitali became pregnant and had a baby girl things seemed to change for the worse. One day Borum did not come home from work. Days went by and he did not return. Mitali had no means of support. She knew she must go back to her mother and father's home. She tried to

help out as best she could, but she could not stay long. Her parents were poor and could not support her and her baby for long. News finally came to the village that Borum had married another lady and left the area completely. She never saw him again. Someone told her about Bangla Hope Children's Home. She contacted Panuel, our sponsorship director, and after discussing the situation, the decision was made—Jann would come to live at Bangla Hope. She is adjusting to her new home, but she needs a sponsor. If your heart is touched by her story and her sweet face, please call our office @ 509-586-4259.

From Dave's Desk

Warm greetings to you all. I am thankful to God that our children are healthy and doing fine. Usually during this rainy season our children get sick, but this year everyone is doing well.

During the cyclone last May, electric wires and poles broke in many places and the campus was without power for almost 3 weeks. Those broken poles and downed wires have now been repaired or replaced—we are so happy to have our power restored.

The political situation of the country is better than it was when we left Bangladesh back in February. There are no more hartals, no blockades, and no chaos as it was before and after the election.

We are so thankful for all the support from our donors over the years. As with any growing ministry, it seems that there are always things that are needed:

1. **A photocopier for the school** – The machine we have in the office is almost worn out. The repair man is called on a regular basis. Since the copier is used for many assignments and projects in each class, we think it would be helpful if the school had its own copier.
2. **Extension of the guards/auxiliary workers housing** - One room is not adequate for those who have children in their family.
3. **10 bunk beds (\$125 per bed)** – We have 19 children in the toddlers' room that are sleeping in small beds. The children are growing and the beds do not fit them anymore.
4. **2 Computers** – Our computers are getting very old and not operating well any longer. We are in need of 1

computer for the sponsorship office and 1 for the accounting office.

Thank you all so much for your love, prayers and support for our kids in Bangladesh!

Update on Pronoti

Pronoti Marandi is the young lady from our Spring 2015 newsletter. She had run away from home because her father and step-mother were going to force her to marry. Pronoti has been enrolled at BASC (Bangladesh Adventist Seminary College) in grade 11 for the last two months (July and August, 2015). She is studying hard and doing well in her studies. We continue to pray for Pronoti's well being and good grades.

Bangla Hope Personnel Update

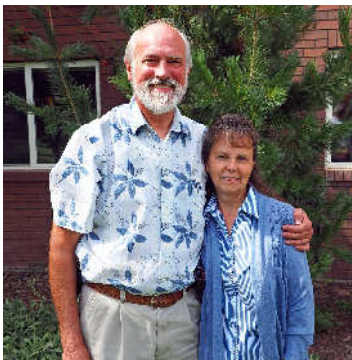
Dear Bangla Hope Partners,

Over the last few years we have been looking for a qualified and dedicated couple to help carry the vision that Dave and Beverly have for the kids of Bangla Hope. The load is heavy for Dave and Beverly—it would be wonderful to have someone help carry it. The new person(s) could shadow Dave to learn the ropes and gain from his vast wisdom and decades of experience in Bangladesh.

As an answer to our prayers, God guided our search in finding Rob and Myrna Griffin. You may have read in the last Bangla Hope newsletter of their experience visiting Bangla Hope this spring. Despite the fact that Dave and Beverly had already left Bangladesh because of Dave's eye injury, and despite the political unrest in the country at that time, Rob and Myrna traveled to Bangladesh and enjoyed their time at the orphanage and made great memories with children and staff.

After their return from Bangladesh, they continued doing programs and making contacts to benefit Bangla Hope. The thought of their working directly with Bangla Hope was an idea we just couldn't get out of our minds. Over the next several months we all continued to talk and pray. We are delighted and thankful the Griffins have joyfully agreed to join with Bangla Hope on a full-time basis.

I don't think there is another couple that has the vast experience in all the areas we need. Both Rob and Myrna have been dorm deans and are experienced in training and nurturing young people. They have spent most



of their lives working with youth in many different capacities - as teachers, counselors, as a principal and manager of various departments, in charge of maintenance and gardening, and more. But most of all, they are truly Godly people. So, it is with high hopes and great expectations that the Bangla

Hope Board voted to hire Rob and Myrna to transition with Dave and Beverly and help with the management of Bangla Hope. We wanted a couple who share the vision and passion for Bangla Hope that Dave and Beverly have, and I truly believe we've found that in Rob and Myrna. Please keep them in your prayers.

Ken Rose, President

Update: At the recent board of directors meeting, it was voted to appoint Rob as Executive Director of BCSSA (Bangla Hope America).

VILLAGE SCHOOL NEEDS

Last year one of our village school sponsors decided to do something extra for the students they were helping. What a blessing that turned into for the students at South Satla Village School. The students, teacher and cook are now benefiting from a new well and the kids are really enjoying their new balls and jump ropes.

Ramshil—Rebuilding Classroom Flooring: \$4000; Deep Tube Well: \$1200 (the neighbor who was letting us have drinking water from his well is now refusing); Kitchen/School Utensils: \$200; Wash Room: \$600; Wood House/Storage: \$500.

Bisharkandi—Kitchen & Classroom Concrete Floors: \$3000; White Board: \$150; Tube Light & Fan: \$100; Wall Clock: \$50; Calculators: \$30.

Gohara—Classroom Floors: \$2500; Sports Eqmt: \$200; Kitchen Utensils: \$200; Teacher's Room: \$1500; White Board: \$150.

Kalampur—Kitchen House: \$1500; Sports Eqmt: \$200; Kitchen Utensils: \$200; Computer: \$600; White Board: \$150.

Malikhali—Kitchen: \$600; Kitchen/School Utensils: \$200; White Board: \$150; Sports Eqmt: \$150; Boundary Fence Repair: \$1000.

Rampotti—Classroom Concrete Floors: \$2000; Boundary Fence: \$1500; Wash Room: \$1000; White Boards: \$150; Sports Eqmt: 150.

South Satla—Classroom Concrete Floors: \$3000; Kitchen Utensils: \$200; Storage Basket/Steel Box: \$100; White Board: \$150.

Talpokuria—School Field Fill Dirt: \$3000; School Boat (school bus): \$150; Bathrooms: \$500; Classroom Concrete Flooring: \$2500; Classroom Benches: \$600.



Dharabashil—Classroom Concrete Floors: \$2500; Wash Room: \$800; Kitchen House: \$800; White Boards: \$150; Calculators: \$30.

Suagram—Classroom Concrete Floors: \$3000; School Benches: \$600; Wall Clock: \$50; Sports Eqmt: \$150; Calculators: \$30.

PROJECT UPDATES

We wish we could always get projects done immediately. Unfortunately, unrest in the country and lack of funds can slow down completion and increase projected costs. Following is current information on each project:

Church—You've contributed \$28,861 toward the goal of \$115,000.

Cyclone Damage Repair—Estimated costs to repair damage and replant trees is about \$4,035. You've given \$2,382.70 to help with these expenses.

Security Wall/Fencing—The plan is for 2,300 feet of steel reinforced brick wall 8 – 10 feet high with barb arms and an additional 5 strands of barbed or razor wire. The cost now is about \$35 per linear foot. Presently we have enough to fence 562 feet.

Campus Well—It's impossible to drill a well if you can't get the drilling rig on campus. The political unrest and rainy seasons have successfully thwarted our drilling plans for many months. Our financial officer in Bangladesh believes we should be able to get the drilling rig in and complete the well by the spring of 2016. Unfortunately, the forced delay will cost us an additional \$6,000. Pray the political situation will remain calm so we can proceed with the drilling as soon as the rainy season ends. Total donations: \$24,879.

DONATION ENVELOPES

Beginning with the December newsletter, we'll leave out the donation envelopes for those who donate by credit card, PayPal or online bank checks. If others would also like us to leave out the donation envelopes, contact us by e-mail (children@banglahope.org) or phone 509-586-4259.

WILL YOU SPONSOR ME?

Antor Das is in 9th grade. Mother died when he was a baby. Father works as cobbler in the streets; making very little. He remarried & Antor feels unwanted. Local pastor got him admitted to school, but he needs a sponsor to pay tuition so he can stay in school. Monthly tuition is \$50.



Isaac Baroi is one of our cute little guys at our orphanage. His father deserted him and his mother. She had no way of working and caring for her baby. She abandoned him to Bangla Hope when he was 17 months old. He is now almost 8 years old and in first grade. Monthly tuition for him is \$35.



Special People Helping Children Thank You

~Ginger B. for sewing 62 nighties for our girls.

~Staff and students at Laurelwood Academy for choosing Bangla Hope as their "worthy project." They worked at Belknap Hot Springs building greenhouses and getting flower gardens and campsites ready for summer guests. The funds they earned will help build the church in Bangladesh.

~Darla H. and her kindergarten class. Students brought quarters from home for jobs done in the month of May, along with some piggy bank money, to help with the cyclone disaster relief.



~Marylynn B. for the beautiful "Bible in Felt" set.

~Judy S. for the beautiful 3 year set of felts.

In Honor Of

Grizzly's birthday
By Arla Zabolotney

Renee Goodwin for her faithful labor for Native Americans of the Colville Tribe
By Al Wiggins

Derek Logan for volunteering as a mission pilot
By Al Wiggins

In Loving Memory of

Parents, Elmer & Ruth Wiggins
By Al Wiggins

James Johnson
By Konny Brandon

George Chappell
By Bev Holland

Ernest & Stella Purvis
By Al Wiggins

Dr. Frank Shearer
By Al Wiggins

John & Thelma Lamberton
By Al Wiggins

My dear friend, Debbie Ruff
By Kathleen Purvis