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Update on Marissa

Robyn Griffin

If you remember, Marissa was intrigued that Kakoli was able to breathe through her nose after surgery. Marissa had then reported that she had never been able to breathe through her nose. This led to Marissa seeing the same doctor who had performed Kakoli's surgery, Dr. Hossain. Because of your love offerings to Marissa she was able to have surgery this summer and now has the wonderful ability to breathe through her nose! Thank you for your support!!

Marissa in hospital with Johnny visiting. Marissa very happy with the outcome of her surgery!



people are becoming as we advance ever closer to seeing Jesus face to face.

Here are a few who we've been able to assist.

A woman in Dhaka whose husband earns only Tk 3000 per month (\$36.90) working as a security guard has been terribly sick for the past six months. The doctors put her on medication, but to no avail. We were providing the funds for the medication. The doctors insisted that her only chance for survival was to have an immediate operation which would cost Tk 60,000 (\$738). The family had somehow been able to save Tk 20,000 (\$246) but would need assistance with the rest. By God's grace the bill has been paid and the woman is in recovery.

One of our caregivers, who is a single mom, has two daughters attending SAMS (Seventh-day Adventist Seminary). Even though the costs for attending a Christian boarding school are minimal in comparison to here in the States, they still exceed the ability for most people in Bangladesh to afford such an education. This caregiver's girls are sponsored by another organization that does not provide full sponsorship. This has left her desperately needing Tk12,000 to care for the girls' necessities. Thank you for your help!

One of our employee's sister has had uterine cancer and is suffering greatly. Her husband is an alcoholic who refuses to work, leaving her the sole breadwinner for the family. The pain is often too great to even stand, much less work, but she is attempting to make ends meet. Tk 5000 has been provided at this time to assist her where needed, and we will continue to keep our eyes open to how we can best bless her.

One of our village school teachers was in a horrible rickshaw accident in January in which her back was broken. We've been paying medical expenses since then to assist in her recovery. The wounds are healing. She is able to stand with the support of her husband, and sit in a wheel chair. Please pray for her recovery. Her daughter has been substituting for her in the classroom. Medical expenses thus far are close to Tk 100,000.

Dip Bala has had a tumor growing on the top of his head for the past couple of years. His parents, having lost one son after taking him to see the doctor, are fearful of losing Dip as well. For this reason, the parents have been taking him to an herbal doctor hoping to heal their son. We have been financially assisting this family as they seek to find a solution for their son's illness. Dip is currently a 2nd grader at our Ramshil Village School.

These are just a few of the experiences that we have had in being the hands and feet of Jesus. It is only through your generous donations that these experiences are possible. You are helping to change the world! It is true...God's people are the most generous on earth, and because of that they will be the HAPPIEST!

New Wheels for Sunity

Robyn Griffin

God has blessed abundantly this summer...here's one of the blessings!

Sunity will turn fourteen this coming October 15. With age comes growth, which meant that Sunity was outgrowing her wheelchair. Because of Love Offerings that you have given, Sunity is now sporting a new set of wheels!

Check out this priceless grin!



Emergency Poor Fund a Real Blessing

Robyn Griffin

The response from the last newsletter article "The Emergency Poor Fund" was overwhelming! Thousands of dollars have been donated to bless the needs of people with whom we come in contact. THANK YOU SOOOO MUCH! I am amazed at how generous God's

Our Village Schools in Need of Help

Robyn Griffin

Part One: A Joyful Alternative

Sathy Madhu was six years old when her father died. It was difficult to survive prior to his death, but now the unthinkable had occurred. Sathy's mother began working as a day laborer to help provide care for Sathy and her two sisters, Sorna and Sonali, but the money she earned was not enough to care for her family.

Finally, Sathy's mom decided to give Sathy to another family to be used as a maidservant which would allow Sathy to earn a little money. There seemed to be no other solution to their financial crisis. Sathy's mom had never read: "Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service of God supreme will find perplexities vanish and a plain path before their feet." *Lift Him Up 219*. However, their lives were about to change!

As Sathy's mom was making the final arrangements for Sathy's departure, the school teacher from our Dharabashail Bangla Hope School arrived at Sathy's house. He described our school to her mom and convinced her to send the girls to our school. Instead of Sathy moving in with another family she began attending Dharabashail Bangla Hope School.

Upon arrival the girls received notebooks, pen, pencil, eraser, school uniforms, one free meal daily and a full free Adventist education! Somebody ought to shout, "Hallelujah!" God's impeccable timing is once again displayed!

Sathy is currently enrolled in fifth grade which means she will graduate from Dharabashail in November provided she passes her government exams. Her two sisters are in first grade. The girls are getting a fine Christian education and are now getting better nourishment for which the family is most grateful.

If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to see that Sathy has the opportunity to continue with an Adventist education at one of our Adventist boarding schools, please contact our office in Kennewick and we will see if this is a possibility beginning in January.

Part Two: Our Current Needs

Dharabashail is one of eleven village schools that Bangla Hope is currently operating. Most of these schools are simple tin buildings scattered throughout southern Bangladesh. Most of them started thirteen years ago and are badly in need of repair. It has been the studied effort of the Executive Committee in Bangladesh to focus our attention on each school individually in order to bring life back into the buildings.

Dharabashail Bangla Hope Village School currently has an enrollment of forty-one students. Mrs. Lotika Baroi has been teaching there for the last four years and is presently the head teacher. She is assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Dev Shorma who have just recently joined us.



Dharabashail's biggest need revolves around the area in which the school is located. Floods during the summer months have washed part of the school's flooring away leav-

ing large holes big enough for a child to fall through! The soil in this locality consists mostly of sand which means mud must be transported from other parts of the country.



The needs are as follows:

~Mud filling behind the school

Approx. \$4000

~Repair of toilets

Approx. \$600

~Kitchen Repair

Approx. \$450

Total Cost Approx. \$5050

We would eventually like to replace these tin buildings with those made of concrete, but we would be looking at more than \$50,000.

If you wish to help us with this project, you can mark your donations **Dharabashail**.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of these children.

Blessings from Heaven

Robyn Griffin

If we would but open our eyes to the good things that are happening all around us, it would thoroughly convince us that miracles happen every moment!

Here are some of the blessings that we are currently experiencing in Bangla Hope.

1. Gohara Bangla Hope School before and after renovations.



2. Progress on the wall (more than half way completed). About \$35,000 needed to complete.



3. Ramshil Village School Improvements
Ramshil has desperately needed a well, but there was no room to drill one. So, we build a retaining wall to provide space to drill a well & make a playground.

Before and After pictures of Ramshil.



Praise God for His boundless love towards us! Thank you for your prayers and support! You are changing the world!

A Quiet Goodbye

Debi Axford

Technology is everywhere, and it is essential to modern-day life. Life at Bangla Hope is no different. Technology is crucial to the smooth functioning of our ministry. If you doubt that fact, all that needs to happen is for our computers to stop working, and it quickly becomes crystal clear the important role they play. Technology doesn't merely happen. It takes skilled and patient people to keep things working like clockwork.

Since the year 2000, that person has been Len Burns for Bangla Hope. Len is a quiet and unassuming man who would never boast of his contribution to the ministry, but whose efforts and commitment have been invaluable. While Len continues to serve on our board, and to provide consultation on technological issues from time to time, he quietly retired from regular employment with the ministry this past spring. The Bangla Hope board and staff members did not want this transition to go unnoticed. It was important to us to express our sincere appreciation for his dedication and faithful service over the past seventeen years. While he is greatly missed in the Bangla Hope office, we wish him God's richest blessings in what life holds for him in the future.



Not Too Young to Learn a Trade

Robyn Griffin

"Robyn, Sir, did you hire the girls to make tea towels?!"

It was David, all out of breath, running up the apartment steps to catch me. You have to understand David. He has got entrepreneur blood surging through his veins! He is always looking for a job. He will skip any activity if he can find a job and make some cash.

"Yes, I did! If the girls do a great job there is no reason why we can't sell their handicrafts, and no reason why they can't get paid a little for a job well done."

"When can I start??" David inquired.

"Just as soon as you can show us how well you can do," I replied.



It had all started with the 7th grade girls. They had gotten so good at embroidery that the towels looked professional. Looked? They were profession-

all!!

This summer the tea towels went like hot cakes at three different camp meetings!

The only complaint..."why don't you have a picture of the girl who did the work included with the towel?"

We are taking that great idea and implementing it as



the next batch is completed. In addition, the girls are stitching their names at the bottom of each towel they complete.

Now other students are joining in the handicraft business, as the 5th graders are also trying their hand at making a little money.

David, I'll be looking to see if you have practiced while I was gone and are ready to join the group.

Tea anyone?

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- ~Breeze Thies for Cloth diapers, plastic pants and other baby items
- ~Sue and John Rogers for children's dresses and hair accessories
- ~James & Jane Adkins for 342 new hand-knitted children's hats. Also socks, hats, gloves & scarves

In Honor Of

Dr. Shelem Flemons

Delmer Wiggins

Elder M.J. Perry (For faithful service to the church)

By Al Wiggins

Kakoli Bala

By Donna McCann

In Loving Memory of

Paul Zabalotney

By Ms. Arla Zabolotney

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George Chappell

By Bev Holland

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Harold Thomas

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Chris Chappell

By Ruth Squier

Arlene Wiggins (wife)

Elmer & Ruth

Wiggins (parents)

Elder E.E. Bietz

Elder M.J. Perry

By Al Wiggins

Muriel Fischer

By Dr. David & Kathy Fischer

Financial Update

Through **Aug. 5, 2017**, we have received funds for the following projects in the amounts shown:

Multipurpose building (Church)	\$92,896.50 of \$130,000
Ed. complex/Girls' Hostel	\$160,200 of \$350,000
Security wall	\$60,906.21 of \$80,500
New Generator	\$5,622 of \$25,000

