



Bangla Hope

CHANGING LIVES... ONE CHILD AT A TIME

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Great Homecoming!

By Robyn Griffin

It was late January and the entire campus was astir with activity. Men were painting, ladies were cleaning, Litton and Suchitra could be seen bending over computers until the wee hours of the morning.

Why all of the stir? Mommy and Daddy were finally coming home after two long years. One hundred people were to be invited to a Welcome Home party scheduled for late February.

People traveled many hours to arrive on campus and see once again the two people who had had a powerful influence on their lives. The reunion was a small taste of what heaven will be like with loved ones meeting again after years of separation.



Beverly receiving flowers of appreciation



Dave & Beverly Waid on center stage with staff and dear friends

Dave, now eighty-nine, took the trip in stride and Beverly beamed as she was once again reunited with her children. It wasn't long before they were right back into caring for the children who now looked older and stood much taller.

The month visit passed too quickly for them, but they look forward to returning just before Christmas. Please pray that the way will be clear so they can spend this Christmas season with their kids.

Golden Opportunity Update

By Robyn Griffin

In the last issue of our newsletter we shared about the "Golden Opportunity" that God has blessed us with to purchase three acres of land adjoining our property. Opportunities like this do not come along very often in Bangladesh since property is at a premium there. When we do purchase land, it usually comes in small parcels of less than an acre in size.

This past December our organization was asked if we would be interested in purchasing three acres of rich farm land. The total cost for the property, including taxes and fees is \$72,000.

We made an arrangement with the owner to lease the land and freeze the asking price for two years while we tried to raise the funds.



Children helping with the rice harvest

Since January God has blessed us remarkably. We have received our first harvest of rice from our leased land that, Lord willing, will belong to Bangla Hope in the future.

At this time, we have received \$27,023 toward our \$72,000 goal.

Thank you for your generous response and keep us in your prayers that the remaining funds will soon be received. Thank you for making a difference in our mission work!

Sponsorship Opportunities

Melanie Modhu...Future Physician

If you blink twice kids are grown and heading out on their own.

The same is true all over the world and is no different at Bangla Hope. Wasn't it just yesterday that Beverly was receiving little Melanie and baby sister?

Mini Modhu lived with her husband in a southern Bangladeshi village. Their first daughter Melanie was born and brought great joy to Mini and her husband. After a few years Mini gave birth to a second daughter Savanna. About the same time her husband came down with jaundice and died soon afterwards. Mini was suddenly left with two small children and no means of support. Her search for work was fruitless. Besides, how was she to work and care for the two girls at the same time?

Finally, she had to return to her father's house in the village of Ramshil where Bangla Hope operates a small village school. When Mini heard about Bangla Hope's Orphanage she began seeking a way to get her children into it. She feared that her girls would starve if she didn't quickly find a place to care for them.

After making inquiry it wasn't long before Dave and Beverly made their way south to pick up the two girls. Melanie became the 46th child and Savanna number 47.

The years have rolled by and Melanie has grown with a spirit of Jesus in her heart. She just turned 16 years old this last January. She is currently in her last year of academy and feverishly preparing, along with her 10th grade classmates, for their upcoming final examinations which are quickly coming in February 2019.

Melanie has been aspiring to be a physician, a dream that continues to build with each passing day.

It sounds like there is plenty of time, but for the students the pressure is on. We were fortunate to find a science and math tutor for Melanie who studied with her eight hours a day during Christmas vacation. The same tutor will be working with her during the summer break which is the month of June.

This all leads to an important question: where do we send her to college next year...provided she passes her exams in February.

If her dreams are to be realized it seems that the only answer is either India or the Philippines. If she attends India the cost will be \$250 per month rather than \$140 that is currently providing for her tuition and needs.

We are actively seeking a few sponsors to make up the \$110 difference that she will need.

If the Lord speaks to your heart, consider being a sponsor to aid Melanie to be a physician for Jesus. You won't be disappointed...she is a princess of the King!



If you would like to see more children who are in need of sponsorship, please visit us on the web at www.Banglahope.org

Village School Students

Thousands of villages dot the flat landscape of Bangladesh filled with many children who would not otherwise have access to primary education. Bangla Hope sponsors many village schools and teachers throughout the country of Bangladesh.

Currently we are educating approximately 500 children. Students live at home with their families and benefit from a quality of education that many Bengali children only dream of.



About 200 Village school students are currently in need of sponsors.

The children in our village schools are also being introduced to Jesus Christ which gives eternal benefits.

You can change a life by sponsoring one or more village school students! Below we have featured two village school students who are in need of sponsors.

If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please give us a call at (509) 586-4259 or visit our website: www.banglahope.org

Name: Sorna Roy

Aid No: DBVS-004

Gender: Male

Grade: Kindergarten

School: Dharabashil Village School in Southern Bangladesh



The tuition rate for all village school students is

\$20/month or

\$220/year.

Name: Sejuti Bala

Aid No: DBVS-005

Gender: Female

Grade: Kindergarten

School: Dharabashil Village School in Southern Bangladesh



God's Hearts of Love

This year we have been blessed with four student missionaries who have been a huge blessing to our children. They have taught classes, helped to teach music, told bedtime stories, had early morning worships, and loved, hugged and played with the kids. They have made a big difference in the lives of our children. I will let two of them tell their own stories...

Rain

By Abby Rogers—Elementary Education student at Walla Walla University

Growing up in Oregon has caused rain to become a normal part of life for me. I love it and I don't mind getting wet to enjoy it. Here at Bangla Hope, many of the kids are scared of the rain, thunder and lightning. Rain also means that they can't go outside and play. So, most of the kids don't like it when it rains. I love it because it reminds me of home and I get to spend quality time with the kids.

One day there was a huge storm and it was raining so hard after we ate breakfast that Catherine and I couldn't go back to our room. So, we stayed and sat with the kids, just watching the rain.

I had a little boy named Joel on my lap and he was enjoying watching the rain fall. Then it started to hail, and all the kids got excited. They started grabbing the hail off the ground. Some of them were eating it and some of them were throwing it at each other. They were just having a lot of fun.

Another time it was raining, and the older kids were in class. I came to eat my breakfast, but I was early, so I was playing with three little boys. They were cold, so we went in the cafeteria. One of them hid behind a door and that started a game of hide and seek. I would cover my eyes and they would

hide. They always hid in the same spots. When I found them, their faces would light up and they would laugh. This filled my heart with joy and I could tell that they were having so much fun.

I love the rain because it reminds me of home, but I also love the rain because of all the fun experiences it has led me to have.



Abby Rogers & Catherine Harwood

Following God's Calling

By Catherine Harwood—Social Work student at Walla Walla University

Bangla Hope is such a wonderful, beautiful place and I am lucky to be here. Four or five years ago I decided that I wanted to be a student missionary in college, but I had no idea where that would be. Many things happened along the way to get me here. Starting even when I was a little girl in Sabbath school!

I grew up in the Tri-Cities, so I heard about Bangla Hope occasionally for mission offerings or children's story. As I got older I forgot about it until I joined the travelling choir in high school. Our choir director, Mr. Griffin, had found out that an orphanage in Bangladesh needed a tractor so we began taking a special offering at churches to raise money for it. Thus, Bangla Hope re-entered my life. However, that didn't mean I saw myself coming here as a missionary.

When I got to Walla Walla University and started applying to be a student missionary, God opened doors to show me that he wanted me to go to Bangla Hope. I am so happy that I followed God's calling for me. Every day follows a similar schedule, but it holds so many new and special moments. The kids are so full of love. I get and give many hugs every day. Play time is filled with so many new and old games. The kids especially love cops and robbers, or thief and police as they like to call it. New songs and games are always in demand and luckily those are my favorite things to teach!

Here at Bangla Hope, I teach Bible to grade 7 and English and Health to grade 4. I didn't come with any teaching experience, so it can really be a trial for me at times, but I don't regret it one bit. Bible class is my favorite. I teach about Old Testament stories from a big green book. It's fun to think up new ways to get my students involved in the lesson. They like things like word searches but are much less interested in tests and assignments. Weird, right?

In fourth grade they especially love when I prepare them for spelling tests. We play small games and they can occasionally earn stickers for being good. They love stickers. Refreshing their cursive skills is a good chunk of class right now and they all want me to check their cursive and give them check marks or write "good" on their papers.

On the way to any event, whether it be a meal, school, playtime, etc., I can always expect to be flocked by kids wanting to grab onto my hands or side or any part of me that is free.

They wait for me when I go off to do something else and always want to make sure that I am on time to come out to play. Running games are their favorite and will often be chosen over games that involve staying in one place. If they aren't running you might find them playing card games such as Phase Ten and Uno.

The kids here at Bangla Hope are some of the most giving people I've met. They don't have a lot but what they do have they want to share. I often find new foods being shoved into my mouth, some tastier than others. I've tried on an endless variety of hair accessories. Kids love to give notes filled with their creativity. Sometimes they are painted. Sometimes they are heart shaped. Other times they fold open in many different ways. Still other times they are heartfelt notes.

I'm so glad to be spending time with all the beautiful children of Bangla Hope. Although I came hoping to give a blessing, I think I have received a far greater one. I brought my love to share with them and received a heaping portion of their love in return. May God continue to bless Bangla Hope, and may the children grow into even more loving and wonderful adults fully attentive to God's plans in their lives.

If you or anybody you know is interested in being a Student Missionary, we'd love to talk to you. Call our office today.

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Post Office: Mazina (Uchai)
Upozila: Panchbibi, District: Jopurhat
Bangladesh

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Special People Helping Children

Thank you

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Elmer & Ruth Wiggins (Parents)

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By Al Wiggins

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By Wendy Woodard Stumph

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By Ruth Squier

9 pounds of new and used children's clothing and toys

By A & M Bolduc

3 pounds of children's clothing

By Wendy Woodard Stumph

In Honor Of

Thank You

Eureka, MT Hilltop SDA Church

By Al Wiggins

POCKET MONEY DEADLINE

August 15, 2018 is the cut-off date for sending in (or charging) pocket money for your student for the next school year.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through May 2018, we have received funds for the following projects in the amounts shown:

Multi-purpose Building/Church:	\$110,173.50 of \$130,000
Property Purchase:	\$27,023 of \$72,000
Girls Dorm:	\$215,091.89 of \$350,000
Security Wall:	\$46,453.96 of \$80,500
New Generator:	\$7,784.50 of \$25,000

SUMMER 2018 TRAVEL & EVENT SCHEDULE

The executive director of Bangla Hope, Robyn Griffin, will be traveling to churches and events to raise awareness about the work that Bangla Hope is doing.

May 27—June 2	Lake Junaluska, NC Camp Meeting
June 10	Liberty Baptist Church
	Trenton, GA 11:00 am Church Service
June 15—22	Cedar Lake, MI Camp Meeting
June 25-30	Southern New England Camp Meeting
August 1-4	ASI 2018 Convention Orlando, Florida

Stop by and say hello if you are in the area!

Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.

Isaiah 1:17