

## NEWS

### PROJECT FUNDS UPDATE

As of October 31, 2020

#### GIRLS' DORM

\$376,203 received of \$432,426

#### MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

\$162,193 received of \$270,819

#### 16 PASSENGER VAN

\$13,200 received of \$52,000

#### VILLAGE SCHOOL COMPUTERS

\$1,190 received of \$8,800

#### NEEDY FAMILIES

\$22,610 received to date

#### HOMES FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

\$1,200 received to date

#### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

#### MR. & MRS. GEORGE CHAPPELL

By BEV HOLLAND

PAUL ZABOLOTNEY

By ARLA ZABOLOTNEY

#### IN HONOR OF

#### 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE FOR JAMES & EILEEN SWEGLES

By EILEEN SWEGLES

#### SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN

TENA BAEHM: DRESSES, BOOKS AND  
TOYS

JEAN PARCHMENT: DRESSES, SOCKS  
AND GLOVES

THANK YOU!

### Playing Soccer on a Postage stamp By Robyn Griffin

As we deal with current challenges, it is easy to forget the many ways in which we have been blessed over the past decade. Ten years ago, Bangla Hope (BH) was just moving out of Dhaka to the new campus in Hazrapur, our current location. The single-story Children's Home (orphanage) had just been completed and housed eighty children. Our oldest child had just turned ten years old and our campus covered four acres, offering our children many opportunities for exploration and adventure.



Bangla Hope Staff Housing

Fast forward to 2020. The children's Home has doubled in size, the campus includes a four-storied apartment complex for staff and a three-storied medical clinic. There is a new generator that provides all of the necessary electricity for the entire campus during the regular power outages, and it is housed in a new building that doubles as a maintenance shop. The campus has a deep well that provides all of the necessary water, and there is a security wall that encompasses most of the campus (the back portion has not yet been completed as we are waiting for the finalization of the purchase of land that is adjacent to our back campus). The first floor of the new Girls' Dormitory is nearing completion, and our Multi-purpose Building, which will be used for a variety of purposes, including worships and meetings, is also under construction.

We are raising 162 children and youth. Our older youth are having a difficult time finding adequate space



Bangla Hope Children's Home Assembly in which to enjoy outdoor recreational activities. With each new structure built, the available space for outdoor activities has dwindled. As the children have grown, it has felt to them as though the campus has shrunk.

About one and one half years ago, a local family offered to sell BH a parcel of property that is immediately outside our back gate. This land is ideal for a soccer field. Unfortunately, this transaction required approval by the District Commissioner (DC). The process of gaining the approval of the DC was drawn out due to frequent transitions from one DC to another.

This past October, Suchitra Soren, our BH Administrator in Bangladesh, received word that they were to have a visit by the new DC. During the visit, the DC learned of our application to buy land, and the extended time awaiting approval. He left our campus with a promise to issue to necessary permit, which we received in early November.

We praise God for this blessing. The parcel of land will need to be filled in with mud to prevent flooding during irrigation. The complete purchase price together with the cost of filling the field will be \$20,000. If you wish to help with this project, please mark your donation "New Play-ground".

Despite the many hurdles that have been presented to us in 2020, progress is once again being made on our two much-needed buildings, the Girls' Dormitory and the Multi-purpose Building. During the COVID-19 lockdown, construction had to come to a complete halt as we could no longer allow construction workers to come onto the campus.

Now that the lockdown has been lifted, the local workers have returned and we are seeing great progress on both structures. Once the roof was completed on the Girls' Dorm, the walls went up quickly. Currently, tile is being installed. If things continue at this pace, it is possible for the girls to begin moving into their new quarters by spring!



Girls' Dormitory under construction

The veranda roof for the Multi-purpose Building was completed in early November and preparations are being made for the metal beams and roof to be put into place in the near future. Our Non-governmental Organization oversight body has imposed a deadline for both buildings to be completed by the end of June 2021. We are praying

for an extension to that deadline due to the delay brought about by the mandated lockdown.



Construction workers

As of the end of October, funds raised for both buildings combined fell \$164,847 short of the amount needed. God has and will continue to provide for our needs, and we rest in His care. If you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to partner with us in finishing these buildings, please respond by marking your gifts "Building Fund". Thank you so much for your support.



Pouring the concrete roof for the Multi-purpose Building

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES —Village School Students

Village school students receive tuition, books, supplies and a uniform. You will receive a photo, name, grade level and perhaps a bit of personal information as available.

The tuition rate is \$20/month or \$220/year.



**Barnad Sikder**  
Male—4th Grade  
Ramshil Village School



**Megha Talukder**  
Female—3rd Grade  
Ramshil Village School

**M**ost of you reading this newsletter have a computer that probably gets used, and perhaps abused, a good deal. Imagine, if you will, that your computer was daily used by a different roomful of students of all ages every hour of each schoolday. If you can imagine this, then you are just beginning to grasp the reality of our three pitiful student computers. By the way, our teachers provide instruction in computer science to as many as twenty-two students at a time with merely these three computers.

Last spring, as we were confined to working from home due to a “stay at home” order, we prayerfully explored how to make this time of isolation productive. It seemed a perfect time to submit a grant application to Adventist-laymen’s Services Northwest (ASI NW). It was decided that one area of need that would fit the parameters of the grant application was to purchase computers for our students.

The monies that fund the success-

ful grant applications, come from the offering collected during the annual conference. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual conference would instead be virtual. It was completely unknown how this factor might impact the amount of the offering collected. I quickly tucked thoughts of the grant application away and moved on to other tasks and quite forgot about it altogether.

Out of the blue, I received a phone call from a former fellow Upper Columbia Academy alumnus who now serves as the ASI NW President. He informed me that our grant application had been accepted.

Just as the rainy season was coming to an end in Bangladesh this fall, blessings were raining down on us at the US BH office when we received \$7,560 from ASI NW to help us realize our dream of a computer lab for our students. Classroom space will soon become available for this lab once our female students move into their new



BH students working at our three computers

dorm, which could be as soon as next spring, Lord willing. When that space freed up, our computer lab will soon be up and running. This will prove a wonderful blessing to not only our students, but also to our teachers. This will allow them to be much better equipped to provide computer instruction.

We praise God for His faithful care and support, and we thank ASI NW for the work they do to hasten the coming of our Lord.

## Transformation Needed By Robyn Griffin

**W**e have often mentioned the blessings that have come to us. Some of those blessings have resulted in expansion on our campus along with growing pains. A case in point is the construction of two new buildings. The electric company has made it abundantly clear to us that we cannot proceed to hook up these buildings without installing a larger transformer.

There are currently many transformers in place that cover the surfaces of the electric poles on campus. However, we are being informed that one large transformer will not only be more practical and more

efficient, it will also be mandatory for the new buildings.

The total cost for a new, large transformer will be \$17,800. If you are moved by the Holy Spirit to help with this project, please mark your donation “Transformer”. Thank you so much.

**My prayer is that God will use an even bigger transformer on my life.**

**If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please give us a call or visit our website for more information.**

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**I am reminded that God is also in the business of transforming... He is transforming lives!**

**“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:2**

***“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3 - 4 NKJV***

By Robyn Griffin

Every year our children and youth look forward with anticipation to the arrival of new Student Missionaries (SMS) who come to serve for a time on our campus. There is always a great deal of competition for their time and attention when they arrive.

This year we are blessed to have two SMS from Southern Adventist University joining our team. Christine Magnuson, a senior Professional Writing major and Bailey Krall, a junior Music major will be working on our campus.

Our kids have many unmet emotional needs. One of the best ways to make a difference is through time. Our SMS have recognized this and have given of themselves to make lifelong connections with our kids.

School Closures Still a Factor By Robyn Griffin

Schools around the entire country of Bangladesh have been closed since March 20, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are being told that schools will not reopen until January, which is when their new school year typically begins. The closure of schools has not greatly affected our children and youth through the tenth grade as they attend school on our campus.

Our 11th and 12th graders who were attending Seventh-day Adventist Maranatha Seminary however, have been greatly affected. For our readers who are sponsoring a student in the 12th grade, you may be aware that they were scheduled to take their High School Certificate Exam this year. This can be a terrifying time since the students know full well that if they fail in just one subject, they must repeat the 12th grade. However,



Christine Magnuson



Bailey Krall

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School in session at Bangla Hope

**Please continue to pray for our students.**

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