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OUR VILLAGE SCHOOLS



We are on our way to one of our village schools in this noka! Some of the areas in the south still have a lot of water from the rainy season so we have to go by boat. The water is full of the most beautiful flowering plants! Lavender water hyacinths, vibrant, deep, pink lotus, one flower is similar to a large morning glory that is pinkish white. Dragonflies flutter around us and their colors are breath-taking. Some all red and others with wings almost like yellow butter-flies! The noka man sometimes paddles when the water is deep and other times pushes us with a bamboo pole! It's nice to be shaded from the hot sun. The trips by noka take an hour or more to get to the schools. We are so

thrilled with what we are seeing in the village schools since we have started our total sponsorship program! Most of the students are in class everyday and the teachers have been providing good meals for them with rice, dahl and a vegetable curry! We are very impressed! We have been giving out educational charts to each school and the teacher and children are very happy to have them! This is a picture of one of the village schools we visited. The



children are holding the educational charts we were able to obtain here in Bangladesh!

For those of you who would like to help with one of these schools it is only \$10 a month or \$100 a year for one student!

We have been able to see what a difference it can make in a child's life!

If some of you want to sponsor a whole school we will send the school's name and picture to you! Just let us know! We have many schools across Bangladesh that need our sponsorship and feeding program.

OUR BOARDING SCHOOLS

The children attend village school through class three and then the children come to our boarding schools. Some of the children are as young as eight years old when they leave their parents and come to school. The parents want their children to have a better life and they know education is the only way for this to happen. Two special Hindu girls are in our boarding schools. The photo shows Anne Sengupto on the left and Meena Soydher on the right.

Meena is from a family of Hindus and is



the only one in her family in our church schools. She has been in our schools since she was in fourth grade and has accepted Jesus as her Saviour. She is going to be baptized in the near future. We know she is a real witness to her family and relatives.

Anne came to school because she wanted a better education. When she went home during a vacation break her family had an arranged marriage all set up for her. She was to marry a Hindu. She told her family she could not do it for she had learned to love Jesus and wanted to finish her education and work for Him. Her family told her if she left home she could never come back. She came back to school and was baptized and even though she can no longer return to her village her heart is full of courage. She stays at school when other students can go home to their families.

This is why we have our [boarding school sponsorship program](#). We want to help young people like these two girls get acquainted with Jesus and become His ambassadors! For only \$25 a month you can help a young person in one of our boarding schools. This will pay for their room and board, tuition, textbooks and uniforms. They have to work each day along with this sponsorship program. You will be able to have a picture and case history of your student and you can write to your student. **Make a check mark** by a boarding school student on the back page and send it in today! You will be making a difference in the life of one special student.

[MAJOR MEDICAL NEEDS!](#)

Because of **YOU**, David Bayen can have surgery for his hip! He is getting second opinions from different doctors before he goes ahead with any surgery. Thank-you to those of you who make this possible for David!

Sumi was having a very difficult time with deep depression. She couldn't understand

why until she went to see Mrs. Dennis at the clinic at the college. Mrs. Dennis had her thyroid tested and it was found that Sumi has a chronic thyroid problem. There are no hospitals or doctors in Bangladesh who can help Sumi. She was sent to India for treatment and they need to see her every three months for three years! There is no way Sumi can afford this expense. BCSS in Bangladesh helped with the first trip to India but they can not continue. Would you send some money for Sumi? She wants to finish college and she is in her third year of accounting. It would be such a shame if she had to quit now. We have so many students with major medical needs. We are going to set up an account for this and you will be able to help these students. I will tell you each story as we are able to help them.

A special Thank-you to all of you for your love and concern for the children in Bangladesh! You are changing their lives for eternity!

.....because of you we are putting some tube wells in needed areas. One is in a slum area where the people have been begging the home owners for drinking water!

.....because of you we are putting a water tank at a school where they only have had salt water!

.....because of you we have been purchasing desks, tables, and pots and pans for cooking the noon meal at the village schools!

.....because of you we have been giving educational charts to village school teachers!

SPONSORSHIP!

We were planning to have a total of 50 totally sponsored village schools this coming school year! Because of this program our schools are growing 50 - 100 percent and we are thrilled with this! It means we will have more students in each school and possibly 45 schools totally sponsored. We are expanding as rapidly as possible and we will add more schools to our total village school sponsorship as the funds come in! We knew you would be as happy as we are at the success of this program!

* New Website! *

We have a new website and we would like to have you visit it. **It is:**

< www.banglacss.org >

We will try to have new pictures and information there as often as possible. We are sending pictures as soon as we come back from village schools or our three orphanages. We really appreciate Joy and Peter Flowers for their willingness to take on this special work for Bangladesh! Please tell your friends, neighbors and relatives to find out about us there!

We are keeping busy and working hard here in Bangladesh! We ask for your prayers and continual help for God's children here.

GROWTH IN TOTAL VILLAGE