

Bangla Hope

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KMMS Boarding School



Nirmal Mollick was a student at our KMMS Boarding School. He was Hindu, but interested in our Christian religion. When he was in ninth grade his mother died and with much emotional pain he went to stay with his father.

The Hindus came to Nirmal and told him the reason his mother had died was because he had gone to a Christian school. Nirmal had a hard time dealing with his mother's death and suffered emotionally because of it. Again the Hindus came and told him that he was sick because they had put a curse on him for coming to a Christian school.

By that time Nirmal was afraid and decided to stay with his father. A few months later the family's house burned down and they lost everything they had.

God had not forgotten Nirmal and God sent one of our Christian young men to talk to Nirmal. This Christian man persuaded Nirmal to come back to KMMS, for Nirmal was convinced that the God of heaven loved

him and would help him. So Nirmal came back to KMMS; however, the administration told him they could not accept any more students, as the school was full. However, Nirmal's friend knew that I was on campus so he brought Nirmal to me. When I heard the story I felt impressed to talk to the administration. I told them that God wanted Nirmal, his father, and the Hindu people from the village, to know that God was more powerful than the Hindu gods that Nirmal feared. They agreed and Nirmal is back in school. He needs a sponsor to help him finish and encourage him to put all his trust in God. He is waiting for someone like you to write to him. Other students are waiting for sponsors, also. Just send us a note at the address indicated in this newsletter or call us at the office and we will send a student's picture and case history to you as soon as we can.

Total Village School Sponsorship

One morning Dave and I, with our driver, LuLu started out to our SDA village school called Talpukuria. We went many miles in the truck and finally came to a dirt path. That did not stop LuLu! We drove down the path, which had been raised above the rice paddy fields on both sides.

There were pretty white flowers with burgundy centers lining the path on both sides. They looked like hollyhocks to me. When we came to the end of the path there was a river and at the edge of the river was a rowboat waiting for us. We rode in the boat for awhile but we saw a path along the river and asked if we could walk along for the exercise. We had to jump over many little gullies and we were

able to go over some treacherous bamboo bridges but it was fun. One gully was quite steep and I had a hard time making it across! The village people noticed my dilemma and on our way back there was a freshly cut banana tree as a bridge across the gully. The men in the village even helped me across! Such thoughtful people!

When we arrived at the school the children were all lined up and they were holding little flags of welcome. They gave us beautiful leis made from marigolds. Dave is wearing one of them in the picture below. Some sponsors sent pocket money so we were able to distribute these funds to the children, in addition we were able to help the families of the remaining children with 300 takas each. That is close to a week's wages for some of the families! However, many families do not even earn 300 takas per week, (about \$6.00 U.S.)

The families were at the school crowded into the schoolroom and at every window.

This school needs sponsorship.

These children do not get fed and they also need textbooks and tuition fees so they can



get good educations. There are almost 60 students at this school now. If you would like to sponsor or help sponsor this school you can! You can totally sponsor each child for \$10 a month or \$100 a year. If you can take one or more children we know you will be blessed! We have so many village

schools in Bangladesh and so many wonderful children to help get an education! If you decide to sponsor a village school we will send you a picture of your school and school updates.

Medical Alert!



Last week Dave and LuLu went to another one of our village schools. When Dave was passing out the pocket money one of the girls whose sponsor had sent her quite a bit of money was not in attendance. He asked where she was and the teacher said she was sick at home. Dave found that it was not far to her home so he went to see her. What he found made his heart sick! A very delicate little girl lay in the doorway of her family's hut. She had large, haunting, black eyes. She had recently had surgery for abdominal cancer and was lying there waiting to die. Her father and mother were told to send her to Dhaka to the cancer hospital but they had no more money!

Dave gave the family the little girl's pocket money and enough money to take her by boat to Dhaka, also Dave was able to find a big paddle-wheel steam ship with a cabin for the family.

The little girl's name is Swpna Roy and she is sponsored by one of you! She is in the cancer hospital right now and we know we are going to need medical funds for her. The picture shows her lying in front of her hut. We are praying God will heal this special child. We hope you will want to help her with the medical costs at the hospital.

All across Bangladesh we find children and adults needing medical attention. Our hearts overflow with compassion for the dear people in this country. The needs are so great and we can do such a little bit. God sends certain ones in our path and those are the ones we are trying to help!

Clothes Fund

One young man at KMMS had been sick for more than a year. He had a hemoglobin count of only 5.8. We are checking into the cause of this so we can help him. We found out he is an orphan in the boys hostel. He had no shoes to keep him warm or warm shirts and pants. We were able to use money from the clothes fund to get them for him. He is so appreciative and can't believe that someone cares enough to help him. Thank-you for remembering the clothing fund. It really makes a difference for the poor students who never have enough clothes to wear.

If you have questions or comments for us we want you to get in touch with us! You can reach our secretary at our office by phone or mail! The best time to call is Monday through Thursday from 8 - 4 (Pacific Standard Time)

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Global Mission in April

We will be back filming for Global Mission on 3ABN in April. We hope you will be able to see our updates on our work in Bangladesh! We will also be doing an interview on 3ABN radio; however, we do not know the dates it will air.

Hilltracts Boarding School

This school started before Dave and I were involved with it. They really did not have sufficient funding for it and now the children are suffering. They have a power drill digging for water and we think they will have water before too long. There is no money for piping the water to the different buildings. They have stopped work on the administration building because of lack of funds. There are 100 orphans living in the girl's hostel, as the orphanage is not completed. This school needs our prayers and our funding. We hate to see the children suffer so we have chosen to help this school get established. If you would like to make donations for this school you will know you have helped many children to have not only an education but most importantly the opportunity to come to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for all you do! You are contributing so much in helping to change the lives of these children. God bless you.

Dave and Beverly Waid

