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KMMS Orphanage and Boarding School



This is Moni and Santo from our orphanage at KMMS. I enjoyed these two little ones during our stay at this school for the six months we were in Bangladesh. Moni has a very special story! A lady was working out in the paddy fields and had to go to the squat (toilet) not far away. While she was there she heard a tiny baby's cry and wondered where it was coming from. She walked around to the side of the squat and there she found a newborn, baby girl abandoned and crying. Her heart went out to the little girl and she took her home to ask her husband if they could keep her. He said they could and for two years everything went well for little Moni. Then sickness came to the husband and he could no longer work

and the dear lady had to stay home and take care of him. Before long there was no extra food to take care of little Moni and the husband told his wife she must take Moni to an orphanage. With a broken heart the lady brought Moni to our orphanage at KMMS. Moni has great big, expressive eyes and she saves her smiles for only special occasions but she is adjusting well and gets lots of attention from the older children who like to carry her around.

Santo's Mommy came to me with her three children while I was teaching at our elementary school. She begged me to help get her children into the orphanage. She had been married to a Muslim man but he had left her and she had no way of feeding and clothing her children. Her mother was sick in Dhaka and she felt she must go work in a garment factory and take care of her. Santo and his sister and brother are some of the most beautiful children I have seen in Bangladesh. They are very sweet and fun to be around. The Mommy left the children but came back the next day in tears. She did not know it would be so hard to leave her children. She had only the one ragged sari she was wearing so I gave her one of mine and she went on her way. We have never heard from her since and she has never been back to see her children!

Moni, Santo and his brother and sister need sponsors! You can be the one to

make a difference in their lives! We have many orphans at this time so if they are taken there are others who are just as special as these! Send us a note, call or e-mail us and we will send one of these precious children right out to you!

Saved From an Arranged Marriage



We met Lovely when our daughter, Amber, came to Bangladesh with us last year - Amber our daughter is on the left. She became one of Amber's friends and one of our special girls. We were thrilled when she made the decision to become baptized after a week of prayer at our SAMS Boarding School. She was from a Hindu family but they were willing for her to be baptized. We went to visit SAMS during the time we were in Bangladesh this trip and we know we came just at the time the Lord knew Lovely would need us. She came to Dave one evening and said, "Daddy, I am in much trouble! My father can not help me with any of my school expenses and so he has arranged for my marriage to a Hindu man." (All the parents are asked to help their children with paper, pencils and needed items for school) "Daddy, what am I going to do?" Dave brought her into our house and both Dave and I

talked with her and Dave told her he would take the west mission president and go to her village and talk to her father. Dave let her father know that we would take care of all Lovely's needs and he would not have to pay anything if he would stop the arranged marriage. He said he would stop the marriage and Lovely could continue in school. Lovely was so grateful for she realizes that she was saved from being a servant in a mother-in-law's house. Lovely is just one of many students in our boarding schools in Bangladesh!

Many of them need a sponsor and are waiting for help from someone like you! If you would like to sponsor a boarding school student you will be changing a life forever!

Our college in Bangladesh

We know that God loves the young people in Bangladesh. We have seen Him answer our prayers for the college in just the last couple of months! Our college in Bangladesh has been in serious trouble for some time. Dave and I watched, worried and prayed as we saw what was happening. The men in charge of the college decided they wanted to make it a business college and open it to Muslim students who could pay a high tuition. Before long there were many more Muslim students than our own students. The Muslim students demanded special privileges and even asked for a Mosque to be built on campus. When all their demands were not met they resorted to strikes where groups formed and used loud chanting and even destroyed college property.

In January a new college president and a new union president were chosen. These men are men of real Christian principle. Right away the college president informed the Muslim students that their behavior was unacceptable.

Even with death threats he did not back down and finally peace is being restored to our campus. The Muslim students are departing to other colleges and the business department is closed for now.

All our Christian principles are back in force and our students can now go to school and get an education to help finish God's work. The school will be emphasizing theology for pastors and education for teachers. Praise God for such dedicated men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall!

If you would like to help a college student go to school you will probably find a special friend for life!

.....from Dave's desk!

What a wonderful job you have been doing for the children of Bangladesh! We are now approaching 3,000 children in our sponsorship program! These children have a chance to rise above the poverty and degradation of the poor class with the opportunity to live a much better life. Most of all they have the chance to know Jesus and His desire of a heavenly home for them.

Unfortunately, as always happens when we or anyone is having success, Satan steps in and causes problems. For whatever reason our funds have dropped off so dramatically we are going to have to cut many of our sponsored schools by the end of July if we can not find a way of increasing our income!

I want to ask each of you to pass your newsletter on to friends and relatives and if you contact us we will send newsletters for your church family! We will have a professional video available before too long. It is being worked on right now. We will send copies to anyone who will show it at their church! We have been surprised at how much time, effort and money is involved in producing one of these!

We are thinking of every way possible to reach

new people. We need to expand our sponsorship and donor base. We need people who can take whole schools to sponsor. We need others to take as many students in a village school as they can. This can be done for only \$10 per child!

It thrills me when I can tell you that we are adding more village schools with feeding programs but it makes me sick to think about cutting schools out of our program. We will try to keep the schools open but we will have to cut back the supplies and feeding programs. Many children will go hungry and try to find education where they can have a meal also! I hate to see this happen!

We understand that many of our people are doing all they can for these children. This is why we need to find new ways to get the help for sponsoring schools and increasing sponsorship in our boarding schools, orphanages and college. We want every school in Bangladesh fully sponsored and every child getting at least one good meal each school day!

Please continue to pray for the work in Bangladesh. If you have any ideas to help us with our growth we would love to hear from you! We are grateful for so many caring people! I am sure God will bless our efforts together to help these wonderful children.

Medical News

We thought you would like to know that we asked for information about Swpna, our little girl with cancer. They have checked on her out at her village and she is recovering well at this time. Please keep praying for God's continual healing in her life.

Sumi, the girl with the thyroid problem and Jostna, with rheumatoid arthritis are both at Spicer College in India. They are receiving treatment at

our SDA clinic near by and both are having good success. We still need funding for our Medical Fund so we can continue to help these girls and others. We have three students who are having eye operations this month and many others who come for various health reasons. Thank-you for your support!

God Bless each one of you,
Dave and Beverly Waid

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