

# Bangla Hope



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## Hilltracts Boarding School and Children Center

While we were visiting the Eastern Hilltracts Boarding School and Children Center, one of the teachers brought Baby Mongloshaw to meet us. She looked around nine years old and I thought she had a lovely smile on her pretty, oriental face. The teacher told us her father



had been climbing a tree when he lost his balance and plunged to his death! What a tragedy for Baby and her mother! Before long one of the men wanted to marry Baby's mother, but he did not want Baby. I can't imagine how abandoned this young girl must have felt! No one wanted her. Where could she go?

Thankfully the SDA pastor in her village heard of Baby's plight and made arrangements for her to come to the Hilltracts Children Center. Her smile shows that she knows she has a home where she is loved and cared for. We thank God for wonderful people who help to make orphanages and schools available to children like Baby.

Although Baby already has a sponsor, there are many other children with equally sad histories available

to sponsor. Contact our office and we will send you a case history and picture.



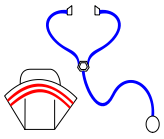
As Dave and I wandered around the campus, we marveled at how the school was progressing. We remembered when it was only a lovely hillside with no buildings. Now there is a girls' hostel and a boys' hostel, the children center—which has one floor completed, and an administration building. It has just the brick walls and ceiling, but the children are going to school in it. There is only a dirt floor with holes in the brick wall for windows and no doors or walls to separate the classes, but we know progress has been made. The cafeteria is a thatch hut for now, but we have visions of a nice cafeteria in the future; the faculty need homes to live in, but seem to manage for the



time in little tin huts. We know God will impress people to keep giving until all these buildings are completed and the campus is filled with lovely flowers, banana,

mango and papaya trees growing on lush lawns and with sidewalks going from one finished building to the next!

## PROJECT UPDATES



**MEDICAL FUND:** David Bayen: He is still wheelchair bound, is continuing to teach at the college and has married a lovely young lady who has gone through our school.

After his previous experience with surgery in Bangladesh, which nearly took his life, he has been hesitant to consider another until recently. Dave Waid has taken his x-rays to a doctor in India for a second opinion. David is seriously contemplating a hip-replacement surgery.

There are many other needs in the medical area: children who need eye surgeries, our little girl with cancer, a little boy with a hernia, teeth problems, and the list goes on and on.

Swapna still needs our prayers for her continuing cancer treatment. She is having a difficult time.

Polina: Dave found that Polina was back in the hospital with more physical problems and depression. We have had to pay out 11,000 more takas to help get her back on her feet. The conditions she lives under are very hard. The mother-in-law wants her to work as a servant while she tries to take care of her two children and it is wearing her out. Please pray for Polina. We don't know what will happen to this young woman.

We continually have needs for medical funds.

**EDUCATIONAL FUND:** A special thank you to all who sent stickers for Bev to take with her. Can you believe that we received 12 pounds of stickers!!! We were also able to purchase many educational charts and posters with your generous donations. God's blessings to each of you!!



**CLOTHING FUND:** A special thank you to E dith Hutson & Ginger Brockman for the hours spent sewing special outfits for the orphans.



**USE AS NEEDED FUND:** We have need of a presentation board for ASI meetings and church programs. This is a fund that is used for those unexpected emergencies that arise.



### **SPONSORSHIP FUND:**

We have an urgent need for sponsors for our boarding school students. Just \$25 a month can feed and educate a child.

**NEW DORMITORY FOR GIRLS:** The new dorm (hostel) for the girls still needs funding. By January they expect to have 200 students at our new Gopalganj Boarding School. They have one small room in one of the faculty homes that is being used for the girls' hostel! They desperately need a hostel to hold more girls for the upcoming school year starting Jan. 2002.

## CONDITIONS IN BANGLADESH

Dave left for Bangladesh on Oct. 9, and arrived safely. There was some concern about the reception Americans would receive in Bangladesh, but there was only sporadic anti-American demonstrations in Dhaka on Fridays. Towards the end of November, the marching and protesting stopped and the country is now more peaceful. Beverly and Bristi left on Monday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> to join Dave. The big event for Beverly will be in January when she starts holding 4 educational workshops for about 200 teachers—one in each district. Please pray that the teachers will be receptive to the new information and teaching methods presented. We also ask that you remember the Waid's in your prayers as they continue their ministry to the children.

# SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN



...young people in Four Paths

SDA Church in the West Indies

for saving their lunch money

to share with the children of Bangladesh.

...Mr. Clark for providing videos about Jesus for our three orphanages.

...grandpa and grandson from Dodge Center Church for riding in a bike-a-thon  
and raising \$540 for schools in Bangladesh.

...Mrs. Brockman's classroom for collecting an offering after watching our video.

...Lydia, who raises vegetables and sells them at Farmer's Market to help the children.

...the ladies from Highland Relief Society for the fifty wonderful bags filled with  
everything from school supplies to toys for the children.

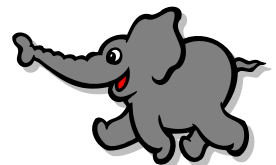
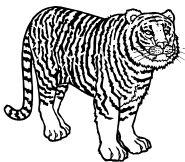
...those who are showing the video at their churches.

...our teenagers who are working part-time jobs to help children in Bangladesh.

... Dolly & Ed, newlyweds who specified that, in lieu of gifts, donations for  
Bangladesh Christian School Sponsorship would be appreciated,  
and to all those who generously gave.

...all of you who faithfully give.

## Fun facts



### ANIMALS & REPTILES OF BANGLADESH (unscramble the names)

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