

# Bangla Hope



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## WE WANT TO LEARN TOO



Dave and I were at 3 of our boarding schools during January registration. We were so thankful to hear that all of them were filled. Then the principal at each school told us they had to turn many children away. We asked how many? SAMS in the west turned away 450 students! KMMS in the south turned away more than 200! BASC turned away more than 200 students!

We were appalled to think of almost 1,000 children being turned away with no where to go but home. Most of these students are from the villages and are in class four through six.

## Boarding Schools Needed For Classes Four Through Six

We need a boarding school in each of the four mission areas to only take class 4 through 6 students.

We don't want to lose around 1000 children who want a Christian education. We have started one of these schools in the south at Gopalganj. This school is struggling to make it, but we feel God will bless our efforts to provide for this school. Dave found out there is a piece of church property in the west just large enough for a boarding school for classes four through class six. We can use this property for a school if we get funding for it. We are praying that you will put this school on your prayer list asking God for funding for this urgent need and for the needs of the new school at Gopalganj. We also need to start one of these schools in the north and east. We know God wants these young people to have the privilege to continue their education and become workers for Him. For \$25,000 per school we think we can start these little boarding schools. They will not be ideal schools for they will have to be sponsored schools; there is not enough land to make them into self-supporting schools. If we can find sponsors we can keep these children in school so they can get a Christian education.

## Water Problems in the South!

The southern part of Bangladesh is a very low-lying land, so there are many ponds and inlets. Because of this there is salt in the water in most

areas. Now they are finding more and more areas in the south where there is also arsenic at a dangerous level.

When Dave and I visited Gopalganj they showed us the students taking

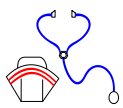


baths in the pond in the middle of the campus.

They told us the tube wells were all arsenic contaminated so the students had to drink the pond water as well

as bathe and wash their clothes in it. This is also happening at KMMS, our big boarding school with 800 students. Now they can only use three of their pumps to get water where there is no arsenic. The large well that was dug last year is full of salt water and cannot be used for food preparation or drinking. Dave has been checking out other schools and businesses and has found a good plan. Many of them are making containers to store the rain water during the rainy season. It seems to be working well for other places. This is something we will have to start planning for now. We do not know the cost at this time, but we want to start raising money for this project. It is a crucial need in order to run our boarding schools.

## PROJECT UPDATES



**MEDICAL FUND:** Our medical fund has taken quite a hit these past few months with so much illness among the

children. The medical fund is in the **RED!**

Swapna Roy seemed to thrive for awhile, but she is now back in the hospital.

They operated mid-February to remove a large cancerous mass in her abdomen. It is now apparent that she isn't



going to make it without Divine intervention. We had her anointed while we were in Dhaka. Please continue to lift Swapna up in your prayers for peace and an end to her suffering.

We are sending our younger students with crossed-eyes for surgery as soon as we learn about them. Beverly keeps finding them at the different schools and she can't bear to think of them going through life with that added burden.

Two girls at KMMS have lumps to have checked out. One has two lumps on the back of her neck the other a swelling below her neck..

**MOTORCYCLE FUND:** We would like to start a fund to buy 4 motorcycles for our field workers to use to travel out to the village schools to do their work in a more timely fashion. Cost for 4 cycles would be \$10,000.

### SPONSORSHIP FUND:

Would you like to sponsor and receive letters from a child, but cannot afford the \$25 or \$35 a month? Now you have the opportunity to co-sponsor a child together with Asian Aid in Australia. These children



are already sponsored by Asian Aid, but the Australian dollar has dropped down to half its value and they cannot keep up the sponsorship amount alone.

You can help sponsor one of these children for only \$15 a month. You will also be able to communicate with these children if you wish.

## MAILBOX CHANGES

Gene and Barbara Willard who were in charge of our check processing department are moving to Tennessee to be with family. We will miss them and their willingness to help with BCSS work. We feel this is a good time to change our post office box to Kennewick, Washington.

Our new address is:

**BCSS AMERICA**

**P.O. Box 6853**

**Kennewick, WA 99336**

# SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN



- ...Evergreen Senior Citizen Club for sponsoring a student.
- ...Volunteers who staple, fold, and stuff newsletters to mail.
- ...Sabbath School classes who work together to sponsor a student.
- ...Ina, 86 years old, who sent a "week of sacrifice" offering to help the children.
- ...Supporters who give their time to share the needs of the children in Bangladesh with their friends and churches.
- ...Ten-year-Old Philip whose family chose, in lieu of Christmas gifts, to donate to charity. Philip chose BCSS.
- ...Peter who donates his time to maintain our web site.
- ...Eudora, Ruby & Audrey who made beautiful quilts for the children (Ruby & Eudora are pictured finishing a quilt).



Plan ahead for pocket & gift money for your children. Mail by July.

## Fun facts

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T E A C H M E O F J E S U S  
 I B C E C I P A P A Y A N B  
 U I J L H I U R W X V F A I  
 R L V B A L M O K M N N Y T  
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Can you find these fruits of Bangladesh?

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| Bael fruit    | lime       |
| banana        | mango      |
| bilimbi       | musk melon |
| chaltha       | papaya     |
| custard apple | pineapple  |
| guava         | pummelo    |
| jackfruit     | watermelon |

If you would like to have Dave and Beverly come to your church and present a program for BCSS, please contact Hazel at our office at 509-586-4259.