

Bangla Hope



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While Dave and I were at our KMMS Boarding School and Orphanage, I could hardly wait to see the new section where the smallest orphans had been moved. When I stepped through the door, little ones clustered around me, each vying for a hug. I tried to call them each by name.



As I was enjoying the children's exuberant chatter and playful ways, I noticed one little girl gazing at our happy reunion from a distance. When I made eye contact with her, she ran away screaming. My heart ached for her. Later I learned this new little girl's name was Mikha. Her father had been in his boat pushing it through the water with a bamboo pole. The pole hit an electric wire and he received a severe shock. He died on the way to the hospital. Mikha's mother went to work as a day laborer so could no longer care for Mikha and her sister, Happy. As I looked around the bright and cheerful new room, I was grateful for people halfway around the world who make such havens possible for little ones like Mikha and her sister.

Our Utah post office box is now CLOSED.



Make certain your envelopes are addressed to:
BCSS
P.O. Box 6853
Kennewick, WA 99336-0601

A BEAUTIFUL GIFT

Joan Fair made this baby quilt to help raise funds for BCSS. We would love to give it to someone who sponsors 30 students in a village school. Thank you, Joan, for caring about the children of Bangladesh.



45" x 60"

Adorable

Cuddly

FLOODING

A recent newspaper article captured my attention: "Floods bury 200 villages in Bangladesh." How much can one small country survive? The article described the swollen Jamuna River breaking through an embankment, destroying mud-and-straw houses. The storms have displaced 23,000,000 Bengalis.

Open sewers contaminate the floodwaters, breeding diseases that prove fatal to thousands. Four years ago when similar flooding occurred, 70 percent of the land mass was under water. Residents of whole villages moved onto roadways which stood a few inches higher than the floodwaters. With every storm, property and lives are destroyed. The needs of the homeless and orphans increase.

Before BCSS schools and orphanages were built, additional soil was added so the structures are above recent flood levels. This precaution is more than wise financial stewardship. It also is a way of reaching out, providing a safe haven for community residents during severe flooding.



POCKET MONEY

Dave will be distributing pocket money beginning in October when they return to Bangladesh. Pocket money is used by the students for many vital things. In one school, enough money was given so that one of the girls was able to pay her entrance fees for boarding school. She, along with her teachers and classmates, were thrilled. Remember to keep your student's tuition current so we can credit pocket money to them.

GOPALGONJ DORMS

The boys are in their new dorm and the girls in their remodeled dorm. Neither dorm has beds. Everyone

sleeps on the floor, some without even a mat. The need for bunk beds is critical. For \$140 we can purchase bunks, mattresses, and bedding for two students.

COLLEGE STUDENTS NEED SPONSORSHIP

We have wonderful news about our college! It is open again and the combined college and prep enrollment has increased to 700 students. We know this is God's blessing for standing up for right principles during the recent Muslim uprisings in Bangladesh. We have many college students who need sponsorship! Some of those waiting for sponsors are:

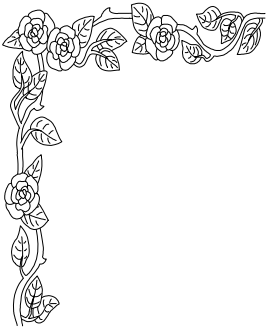
- ~ Polita, whose father died a few months ago.
- ~ Litton, who would like to work for God but his father's monthly income of \$14 cannot provide for a college education.
- ~ Timothy's mother died. His father is a day laborer earning \$14 monthly.
- ~ Somiron would like to be a teacher. His father is deceased. His family lives in a mud house and has virtually no income.

We're thankful so many young people have chosen to come to BASC for a Christian education. Would you like to help? We have a case history and picture waiting for each sponsor. Besides you're helping them, these students can correspond with you and truly enrich your life.

FUN PROJECTS

Stickers: They've been arriving in small and large envelopes. Thank you for helping teachers in Bangladesh have these treats for their students.

Leggings: In a country with 60% humidity, winter's cold is penetrating. When our little girls sit on mud or cement floors for school, their legs get very cold. For \$1 per pair, we can provide leggings to help keep their legs warm. This could be a fun project for a group of children or young people at your church.



SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN

Thank you

- ~ Chondra and her Nanny for selling vegetables from their garden.
Their donation helped with a problem with arsenic in a water supply.
- ~ Heddy, who works a part-time job, even though she is retired,
so she and her sister can sponsor a village school.
- ~ Meyer-Bandry Sabbath School class for their thank offering to help the children.
- ~ Caleb, a young person at the Redwood campmeeting, who shared the money he
had to help the children.
- ~ Ray and Norma for honoring Jennie's birthday by giving a generous donation.
- ~ Annabelle Owens and Stateline Community Services ladies
for all the sewing they're doing for the children.
- ~ to all who helped with the large mailing that we recently completed.
Many helped make it an easier project.

Fun facts

~ ~ WORD SEARCH ~ ~

Bengali Transportation

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 P L Z Q A S D J R R W
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Can you find these ten ways
to travel in Bangladesh?

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| BICYCLE | MOTORCYCLE |
| BOAT | OXEN |
| BUS | RICKSHAW |
| CAR | TAXI |
| FEET | TRAIN |