

Bangla Hope

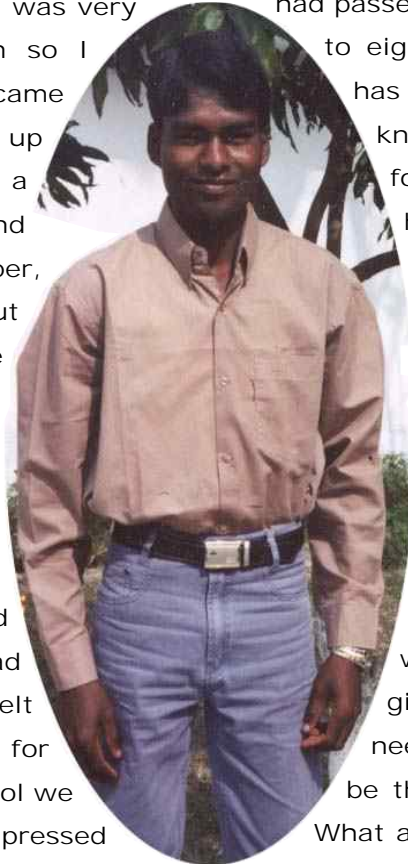


Bangladesh Christian School Sponsorship America Newsletter

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"There's a young man in the boy's hostel who is so sick they had to give him blood transfusions!" I was told when I arrived at our KMMS Boarding School and Orphanage. I was very concerned about this young man so I asked if I could see him. When I came into the room I saw bunk beds set up in military fashion crammed into a drab, dark room. I went over and with the aid of our special helper, Lina, I was able to find out about him. His name was Julian and he was around sixteen years old. His father died when he was a young child and his mother lived alone in a little mud hut. He was a very quiet young man who looked sad and forlorn. He was very weak and anemic and that's why they had given him blood transfusions. We felt we should take him into Dhaka for treatment so when we left the school we took him with us. I was very impressed with the doctor we took him to. He said that many times children from an orphanage never get close to anyone and have a hard time in life. Julian seemed to be one of them. We let Julian know how much we cared about him and we sent money for fruit and medicine. As time went on Julian started to get better. He was behind in school so we hired a tutor to help him.



This year when I visited KMMS he came over to see me right away. He looked so strong, healthy, and happy. He was so excited for he had passed seventh grade and was going on to eighth grade. The change in Julian has been wonderful. He needed to know that someone cared about him; for once he knew we really cared, he started to blossom. If you would like to sponsor Julian call our office today!

There are many boarding school boys and girls like Julian who need the special help of a sponsor who cares. They love to get letters from their sponsors and they love pictures of them. If you are already sponsoring a student, write a note to them today and give them the encouragement they need to continue in school. You may be the reason they will be in heaven. What a privilege that would be! The address to write to your sponsored student is:

BCSS
c/o Simson Biswas
Child's Name & Number
GPO Box 80
Dhaka 1000
Bangladesh

STICKERS! STICKERS! STICKERS!

We have now received from all our generous sponsors about 3.5 pounds of stickers to share with the children. Last year's total was 10 pounds. Ideas for collecting more:

- check with the children's divisions at your church to see if they might have some extras they don't need.

- school supply stores have many different varieties—sometimes even on closeout prices.

Stickers with obvious American symbols are not appropriate.

PROJECT UPDATES

KMMS WATER PROJECT

Knowing the desperate need for water at KMMS, we chose to go ahead and have the project finished so the children can have clean water to drink. July, August, and September are the rainy season in Bangladesh. Now the tank can be filled and water will be stored and used as needed. Money continues to come in for this project and we want to thank all who are taking an interest in this project!

GOPALGONJ

When I went with Dave to our new Gopalgonj Boarding School I was appalled at the living conditions the girls were in. Here is a snapshot of one of the rooms in the condemned building. There were around five rooms filled with mattresses on the floor like this picture. I am so thankful that we chose to go ahead with a new dormitory for these girls. It will be finished



around June 15. Thank you for sending your donations for this project. Your generous hearts are such a blessing to us and to these precious children.

HILL TRACTS

Slanted, oriental eyes with smiling faces greet us now as we visit the Hill Tracts Boarding School and Orphanage. These tribal children were shy and fearful but now they know us so they are friendly and excited when we come. More than 100



orphans are included in the enrollment of 500 students at this school. The orphanage has one floor complete enough for a room for the girl orphans and one for the boy orphans. The rest of the rooms plus the upper floor are waiting for funding. We have decided to try to finish the orphanage so there will be more room for the children to live comfortably.

POCKET MONEY

Now is the time to send pocket money for your sponsored student. All pocket money and Christmas gift money needs to be in our office by the end of July, so arrangements can be made for Dave & Beverly to distribute it when they arrive in Bangladesh this fall.

The students use this money for personal needs and also to help their families. They do not waste their money on nonessentials.

To eliminate the disappointment when some received no money, we now give half to your sponsored student and the other half is divided between others at the same school who would otherwise receive nothing.

When we gave pocket money to the Arachori Village School students, each unsponsored student benefited by receiving 700 takas (about \$14). With that amount, one unsponsored girl was able to register for the boarding school.

Many of you have made a difference in the lives of many children in Bangladesh you didn't even know you were helping.

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT NEEDED</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
KMMS—water storage	\$ 9,000	\$ 4,487
KMMS—school room and computer lab	\$ 9,000	—
KMMS—computer lab equipment	\$15,000	—
Gopalgonj—girl's dorm and beds	\$38,000	\$ 7,165
Gopalgonj—boy's squats and showers	\$ 4,000	—
Hill Tracts Orphanage Dormitory	\$20,000	\$ 1,125

WOULD YOU SPONSOR ME??



Anik Boidya
\$25 per month
Family is very poor, earning \$16/month

Chaina Baroi
\$25 per month
Family is very poor.
Has 4 sisters

Akash Roy
\$25 per month
Family lives in thatch hut.
Father pulls rickshaw

STOP & SAY HELLO!!

If you are close to one of these camp meetings or church services, please take the time to stop by and get acquainted with us. We'd love to visit with you.

Event

Idaho Camp Meeting
Washington Camp Meeting
Sandpoint, ID (Church Service)
Albuquerque, New Mexico (ASI)
St Joseph, MO (Church Service)
Clarksville, AR (Church Service)
Troy, Idaho (Church Service)

Dates

June 11-14
June 19-28
July 12
Aug. 6-9
Aug. 16
Aug. 23
Sept. 13

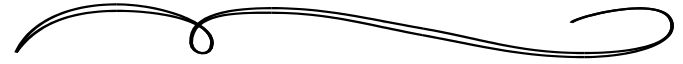
HOW MUCH OF MY DONATION REALLY REACHES THE CHILDREN?

One hundred percent of the following types of donations go directly to Bangladesh: tuition, feeding fund, education fund, medical fund, clothing fund, and pocket money.

You might ask how that is possible? Our U.S. office is in the home of our directors. We pay no rent, power, water or insurance. Our treasurer also works out of his home. Our directors and treasurer are volunteers who love the Bengali children. Funding for office supplies, mailings, wages for 2 part-time secretaries, and miscellaneous expenses are taken from donations designated for office expenses and supplemented with a portion of the "use as needed" donations.

Our directors, Dave and Beverly Waid, spend four to six months each year in Bangladesh checking on donor-funded projects to make certain things are being done as directed. Our treasurer also audits the books when he goes to Bangladesh.

BCSS, America is a member of ASI.



SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN

Thank you

~Northwest Chapter of Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) for funding desks and benches for 420 Village school students this year and the thousands who will sit on those same benches in the coming years.

~Gardner SDA Church small group ministry of Westminister, Maine for their generous contribution.



HOME-SCHOOLED

While visiting in the eastern part of Bangladesh, some of our leaders in that district strongly insisted that we must visit a home school in a nearby village. A former Hindu doctor and his wife have opened their home to these precious children until a school can be built for them.

Here is a photo of the children crowded into this small home. They are all so happy to have a place to come and learn about Jesus. They sang some lovely Christian songs for us and we went away praying that someone would be impressed to provide some property and build a church and school for these children and their parents.

