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Out in one of the Muslim villages lived a family with three children. When the children were young their mother died from one of the many diseases found in a third-world country. Their father remarried after a few years, but as new children came into the family, his wife began to resent his children and became cruel and demanding.

Michael is the oldest with a sister named Mukta and a brother named Mukal. As Michael was going to school, he learned about Christianity from some friends. He was interested and ended up going to a Christian Fellowship Church. As he studied, he was more and more sure the Christian way of life was the right way. Not long after this Michael met some Seventh-day Adventists who encouraged him to continue studying the Bible. As Michael and his friend studied together, he was convinced that Christianity was right.

While Michael studied, he enthusiastically shared what he was learning with his brother and sister. They too became interested. Michael was determined to get his brother and sister into one of our schools so they could grow up learning to follow Jesus. When their father heard what Michael was doing, he was angry. He told Michael if he took Mukta and Mukal to a Seventh-day Adventist Christian School, they could



never come home again. In spite of this ultimatum, all three chose to attend one of our schools knowing they could never return home.

These students have no family to help with their education or personal needs. Each of them needs a good sponsor to help them get through school. They need some pocket money to help

them buy necessary items such as soap, shampoo, paper and pencils. Michael will be in college (\$35 monthly). Mukta and Mukal are in boarding school (\$25 monthly). Call our office if you would like to sponsor one of these special students who gave up their family for a Christian education.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS:

Look for information in our next newsletter about a new receiving center for baby girls. Also a new orphanage with boarding school for these little ones as they grow.

Dave and Beverly returned safely on March 16. Conditions in Bangladesh are not easy and we are always thankful for God's protection. Waids' upcoming church programs are being arranged. Call if you would like them to come to your area.

WOULD YOU SPONSOR ME??



Mynsi

Boarding Stud. \$25
Family is very poor
with many kids in
school, earning
\$14/month

Ruma

Boarding Stud. \$25
Family struggles
daily, earning
\$20/month

Rakesh

Semi-Orphan \$35
Father died 1989
Mother earns
only \$8/month



Lota

Orphan Stud. \$35
Abandoned Child,
from SDA family.



Sheju

Co-sponsor \$15
Family struggles,
earning only
\$25/month



Lopa

Co-sponsor \$15
Family struggles,
earning only
\$25/month

WEEKS OF PRAYER: Dave's life-time friend, Dr. Charles Smith, joined Dave and Beverly in Bangladesh for five weeks. Being a retired orthopedic surgeon, he was able to do a few surgeries and see approximately one hundred patients at a Medical Center in Dhaka. Dr. Smith also spoke for Weeks of Prayer at two of our schools—KMMS and BASC College. Thirty students at KMMS made their commitment to Christ public in baptism along with twenty-four students at the college. Thank you, Dr. Smith, for sharing your talents and the love of Jesus with the Bengali students.

MEDICAL PROBLEMS: Many children come to us with medical problems! We were sorry to hear that one of our girls at Gopalganj died of TB. Her father had TB and she contracted it from him. TB is prevalent in Bangladesh because of the humidity and the low elevation. Julian (story in July-September 2003 newsletter) has been responding well to treatment for his TB and is doing much better. The medication for TB is expensive and must be taken for six months.

There are also many eye problems that need attention. Glasses for some and surgery for cross-eyes for others. Many of our students are being checked to see what can be done to help.

Children are constantly needing dental help. In Dhaka one of our former students is now practicing dentistry. We are thankful for her help with our students.

"I DON'T NEED ENVELOPES": Some have suggested that we cut expenses by leaving out the two envelopes included with each newsletter. Because we are a non-profit organization, the postage for our newsletter is 16.5 cents each. One of the regulations for us to be able to take advantage of this rate is that the content of each envelope is the same. If we removed the envelopes from your newsletter, we would then have to pay 37 cents for the postage. Considering the increased postage and the time involved to remove the two small envelopes, we believe it is the best use of funds to include them with each newsletter.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS: The gift that the children received for Christmas this last year was a bag with a sheet and mosquito netting. Your generous tuition donations help provide these gifts. Thank you!

SOMETHING FOR YOU... Many ladies have asked for sal wer kameez outfits like the Bengalis wear Beverly brought back several which are available for \$35 each. Call our office for colors and sizes if you are interested.

POLLYWOG CRAFT ITEMS: Often in Bangladesh many destitute young ladies have no way of earning a living. Pollywog is an industry started with five destitute ladies making cross-stitch items. Today there are approximately fifty ladies working and Beverly is eager to keep them working. She returned from Bangladesh with many cross-stitch items to sell. We have beautiful quilts, baby quilts, many different types of pictures, bookmarks, and cards. If you are interested, please contact our office and we'll give you more information about the items we have. The cost is so inexpensive compared to prices here in the states. This might be a good time to buy some special gifts for family members. It's never too early for Christmas shopping!

STICKERS: Beverly enjoys passing out stickers to all the teachers at our boarding schools and college. The teachers and children look forward to these stickers each year. Thank you for sending them. Many sponsors have already been mailing more for the next trip over this fall.

~ ~ PROJECT UPDATES ~ ~

KMMS PROJECTS: Our KMMS Orphanage and Boarding School is looking really rundown! It needs a new coat of paint inside and out. In this country where the humidity is consistently high, it is hard for paint to last long. It would look so much better with a new coat of paint, and we feel the Lord would like to have our campuses look as attractive as possible. If you would like to help with this project it would be greatly appreciated. Mark your checks "KMMS Painting".

THANK YOU for completely funding the water

SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN

Thank you

storage project at KMMS. Our students can now have arsenic-free drinking water.

The computer classroom over the water tank is finished. Ten new computers and computer desks have been purchased for the classes. Painting is nearly completed and the classroom will be in use beginning in April.

The second classroom above the water tank will be used for a sewing classroom. We will wait for funding to purchase ten sewing machines and an over-lock or serger machine. We hope to start this class in 2005.

TRANSPORTATION: As discussed in previous newsletters, a dependable vehicle was becoming an urgent need in Bangladesh. That need became even more urgent early one morning when Dave and Beverly were on their way to one of our schools. A driver in Bangladesh never knows what might be on the road—everything from people to large trucks, without lights, coming right at you. In the darkness, the Waids were suddenly confronted with a large pile of sand. Dave swerved, mostly avoiding the pile. After going between two trees, their vehicle came to rest in the middle of a large pond. Thankfully they were unhurt—very wet, but unhurt. After sitting on the roof of the truck for 30 minutes, they (minus Beverly's new shoes) made their way through the muck to the shore to dry out and wait for Lulu to come and get them.

They purchased the used Toyota Land Cruiser from ADRA and feel very blessed indeed. Thank you to all who have supported this fund.

EDUCATION FUND: This fund is used to help with the education of students in Bangladesh. Beverly enjoys buying and delivering teaching aids for the teachers. Most of these supplies would be impossible for the teachers to purchase. This fund is also used for printing books for the language arts curriculum.

Beverly went to the new Monasapara Boarding School and Orphanage in January. She was able to take reading textbooks, bulletin board materials and classroom decorations for classes Kindergarten through fifth grade. Our education fund has been depleted. When Beverly returns in the fall, she wants to take additional supplies to the Hill Tracts boarding school in the east.

~Bonnie for sharing all earnings from her extra night job.

~Naomi for sewing t-shirts for the boys.

~Sarah for donating her hurricane emergency money for the hunger fund.

~Judy for a Christmas gift donation in honor of her mother Irene.

~Jerry & Nancy for the funds they shared by selling their hand-made craft items.

~Annabelle for sewing 100 dresses in 2003.

~Viola for passing on funds given to her when her brother passed away.

~David & Maranda for donating their income tax rebate.

~Taylor & Morgan for selling honey to earn funds to share with children in Bangladesh.

~ASI Northwest Chapter for your generous gifts for benches and tables for the village schools.

~Ben and Michelle who caught up all their student's past tuition even though their student had dropped.

~Joy Stewart for involving Vacation Bible School children to send a suitcase full of supplies for children in Bangladesh.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Hazel Damazo
by husband, Pastor J.S. Damazo

Edith Henderson, my teacher and friend
by Hazel Burns

Hazel Lovitt
by Arvin & Helen Winkel

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT NEEDED</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
KMMS—water storage	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,598 Completed
KMMS—school room and computer lab	\$ 9,000	—
KMMS—computer lab equipment	\$15,000	—
Gopalganj—girl's dorm and beds	\$38,000	\$ 7,995
Gopalganj—boy's squats and showers	\$ 4,000	\$ 248
Hill Tracts Orphanage Dormitory	\$20,000	\$ 1,195
New (to us) Van in Bangladesh	\$15,000	\$ 5,750