

# Bangla Hope



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## GOD CARES

We are rejoicing in God's goodness and care for the children in Bangladesh! Since July we've been able to get funds to many of the students at KMMS (LKM and LOR) and Gopalganj (LGG) again. What seemed to us an impossibility was an opportunity for God to work in behalf of His children. If you have students at one of these schools, many of you can now continue that sponsorship! We have contacted many of you individually and continue to do so, but if you have questions regarding your student and you haven't heard from us yet, please contact us. We praise God for the way He works and pray that you will continue sponsorship of your individual students. Please rejoice with us as you send your sponsorship money this month.

## OVERFLOWING WITH BLESSINGS

The Receiving Center is overflowing with forty-seven babies/toddlers and there are three more who will soon join us. (Can you imagine the daily mound of diapers to wash, dry, and fold!) The children are healthy and happy and we want them to stay that way. The capital city, Dhaka, where the receiving center is located was meant to be only a temporary stop for these children. This large city is full of pollution, open sewers, mosquitoes and filth. The children need to be in the country where they can play outside in the sunshine and fresh air. We are grateful for the donations that have come in for our longed-for orphanage in the country (see page 3 for amount). We know there are others who would like the privilege of helping with this exciting project for the children. Mark your donation "orphanage."



Marcey

Life is difficult for the vast majority in Bangladesh. Generally both parents work—not so they can have a new ox or a bigger house, but so they can have something to eat that night. The Biswas family was no exception. Even though Mrs. Biswas was seven months pregnant, she went to the field to help her husband. This morning was different. She worked for a while, but then realized the pain she was feeling had to be labor pains. She

shouldn't be going into labor yet, but she headed for her little home.

The baby girl, Marcey, was tiny and weak when she was born later in the day. Mother also seemed unusually weak. After a few days, the doctor was consulted. Jaundice was the diagnosis—we call it hepatitis.

Marcey was just eighteen days old when her mommy died. Father couldn't work and care for Marcey who was still very tiny and weak. There was no one until an elderly grandma in the village said she would help temporarily.

A short time later Marcey developed a high fever which would not go away. The village doctor diagnosed it as typhoid. When Mr. Biswas heard about our receiving center he was desperate for a home for Marcey. Would we take her?

We have to be very careful about possible deaths at the receiving center, so we asked the father to take little Marcey to the hospital. We would pay the expenses so Marcey could get on the road to health. When she was discharged, we would bring her to the receiving center. Marcey spent a week in the hospital before she joined her large family at the receiving center.

Amy

"Queen in the home" does not apply to many young Bengali ladies who marry. Typically the newly-married couple lives with the husband's parents. Often the new bride becomes like a slave to her mother-in-law.



Mrs. Bayen shrunk from the hardships of her married life—oh, to be a carefree child again. But soon she had a child to care for herself. Mrs. Bayen now had little Amy to care for in addition to all the same work to do for her mother-in-law. Could she do it? Was it worth it? Apparently, as Mrs. Bayen weighed her circumstances and looked ahead to a hopeless future, she believed it wasn't. The poison she took robbed Amy of any family who loved her. She was left with family who didn't want her . . . until . . . she came to live at the receiving center.

Only two sad stories in a world of millions of desperate situations. We will never be able to help every child, but as long as God gives us strength and resources from our wonderful sponsors, we will continue to help as many of God's children in Bangladesh as we possibly can.

~Dave & Beverly Waid

### From Dave's Desk



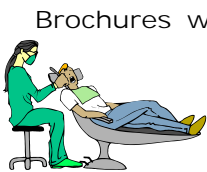
We have so much to be thankful for—we continue to watch God work for the children in Bangladesh. We see God supplying their needs through you, our wonderful sponsors.

The most urgent need remains an orphanage in the country for the children in the receiving center to move to. The receiving center is nearly full and we don't want to have to turn away children who are in a critical situation.

Several times we thought the right piece of land had been found. Each time a problem arose—the price raised to an extravagant amount, possible problems with ownership rights, distance from adequate roads and electricity, etc. We know God has His eye on the right place and we are depending on Him to continue closing doors on the land that is not right for His children and to lead us to the right spot.

Several pieces of property are being investigated now, and we hope to finalize within a few weeks. The plans for the building are drawn so progress can move ahead quickly.

### DENTAL CLINIC UPDATE



Brochures with information about the dental clinic are being distributed to people in Dhaka. Some wondered why they hadn't heard about this clinic before.

One young boy came with his uncle. The boy's face was swollen from the infection in his mouth. Treatment, including antibiotics, soon produced a healthier and happier boy. He was well enough to provide the best kind of advertising for the clinic—he brought all his little friends.

Some patients pay, some cannot. Dr. Lorna says she has been doing a lot of charity work because "when I see the need is so bad, I can't let them just go."

You're right, Dr. Lorna, we can't just let them go. Jesus didn't.

Check out more pictures of the dental clinic on the web site—[www.banglahope.org](http://www.banglahope.org).

A visiting dentist from North America would be a wonderful help to the people of Bangladesh and to the dental clinic. If there is a dentist who could do a short-term mission trip to Bangladesh, please contact our office at 509-586-4259.

### WAID'S DEPARTURE

Dave, Beverly, and Bristi plan to depart for Bangladesh the first week in October. They will begin distributing pocket money to students soon after they arrive. Please join the office staff in praying for their safety and strength as they continue helping the children.



### CROSS-STITCH

Cross-stitch cards and bookmarks are still available through the office. Where else could you buy a beautifully hand-stitched card for \$2.50 or bookmark for \$2.00? When you purchase these items, you are helping support a lady who may have no other way to support herself. Your friends and family will enjoy receiving these special items.

### PICTURES OF BANGLADESH AND BABIES AT RECEIVING CENTER

In the previous newsletter we wrote of our expectation to mail DVDs in July of photos showing life in Bangladesh and Bangla Hope Receiving Center babies. Several unexpected challenges left us scrambling to complete the project. The original has now been sent for duplication and we plan to have them mailed to you in October. We hope you will enjoy seeing the children in the receiving center and scenes from around Bangladesh. When you're done with it, share it with a friend or call the office to request more to share.

### NEW PAYMENT OPTION ON WEB

You may now donate on the web site using your credit card directly without having to go through PayPal. You may also continue donating through PayPal if you prefer.

### RECEIPTS

Some of you may begin thinking about donation receipts for tax purposes. Receipts are mailed each January for the previous calendar year. Many sponsors donate monthly. By sending receipts yearly, we are able to conserve more funds to help the children.

### COMPUTERS

Laptop computers in GOOD condition are needed for students in Bangladesh. If you have one with Windows 95 or newer, you can donate it and receive a tax receipt for your donation.

**GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE**

Some supporters of BCSS have chosen, in lieu of giving gifts at holiday times and birthdays, to give a donation to help the children in Bangladesh. We have Thank You cards and envelopes available for you to share with family and friends to let them know of your gift in their honor. You may contact our office and let us know how many you would like.

**SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN**



Thank You

- Kara and Kendra, college students who, when they learned they could feed a hungry child in Bangladesh for just 11 cents, saved their change to help
- George & Arlene Y. for their special "thank offering," above their regular monthly donations, to feed hungry children
- Agnes W. for working so hard to salvage aluminum cans—her recent check from her efforts was \$80
- College Place Village Community Services for the lovely quilts
- Richard & Geneva K. for praying for students in Bangladesh daily and for providing for their student's future education in their trust
- Justin B., 11 years old, who donated a wonderful wooden magnetic train set—lots of children will enjoy it for a long time

I'm often inspired by notes donors include with their checks. A recent one from John S. read, "Occasionally, I get a few dollars to help others. I cannot give every month but will when I can."

Once again, Joanie Fair, along with the help of her husband, Harold, have hand-stitched and donated two large quilts for us to use as thank you gifts. They also gave adorable baby quilts they've made. Those donating \$4,000 for the new orphanage will receive one of the large quilts, provided we still have one available. If you would like to donate \$250, we will send you one of the baby quilts. Feel free to call us if you have questions regarding colors, sizes, or if we have one left.



To say response to our request for clothing for the children in Bangladesh is inspiring is truly a HUGE understatement. I cannot even imagine how many hours of sewing and shopping went into each package which arrived here or was given to us on our recent trip. Following is a list of those who have been so generous:



- Linda H. for clothes
- Nadine B. for clothes
- Joanie F. for clothes
- Pauline W. who sewed sixty more dresses
- Ruby W. for shoes, clothes, blankets, and even funds to send an extra bag
- Lala T. for dresses
- Dona W. for clothes and blankets
- June Y. for clothes, hair clips, and barrettes
- Gene, Anita, and Cathy C. for clothes
- Arla Z. for clothes
- Effie E. for blankets, shoes, and socks
- Lova M. for sewing sundresses
- Irene and Ardith E. for the clothing and baby blankets. Ardith is 94 years young and the afghans she made are beautiful
- Brittyn O. for clothes
- Karyn N. for clothes
- Annebelle O. for sewing receiving blankets and more dresses—these additional dresses bring her total to 200!
- Karen C. for clothes
- Jackie L. for clothes
- Susan B. for sewing clothes

-Sue R. and her husband delivering clothes, hair brushes, and barrettes to our office in Kennewick



What you have purchased and sewn, please send, but we need you to know response was so generous, we will have to store some of the items and take them next year when we go. Thank you for your exceptional generosity—it's inspiring.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

Pastor Edwin Hutchinson, who awaits the return of Jesus in his lowly grave in Bangladesh.  
by Mr. & Mrs. George Livermore



Julie Miller  
by Eugene & Carol Miller  
by Lucy Miller

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT NEEDED</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
New (to us) Van in Bangladesh	\$ 15,000	\$ 6,320
English Reading Books	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,831
Bangla Hope Receiving Center/Orphanage	\$270,000	\$133,720