

# Bangla Hope



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## COLLEEN'S STORY

By Beverly Waid

Molina wished her home was happy. When she was young she thought about growing up and imagined her future with a husband and happy children. She wished it were true. Instead, she was alone and hungry much of the time. Her husband, Ashim, was with his other wife. Could it be Molina's pregnancy that kept Ashim away most of the time?

As the time of delivery neared, Molina went to her parent's home. Malnourished and weak, she exerted her last ounce of strength during labor. Soon after the baby's delivery, Molina died.

Molina's parents notified her husband, Ashim, of Molina's death and the birth of the baby. He apparently had no intention of accepting his role as a father because he never even came to see his newborn daughter. Grief stricken, Molina's parents did their best to care for the baby.

Tragedies often seem to come in waves. This was no exception. Within two months Molina's brother died from complications relating to high blood pressure.

In Bangladesh the majority of children are diligent to help their parents in old age. Now there was no one to help these parents, and how could they possibly feed and care for a growing baby? Realistically, they couldn't.

When they heard about the Bangla Hope Receiving Center, they chose to bring the baby to us. When I saw her, she looked so sick. Her weak, pitiful cry supported my observation, and an immediate doctor's visit confirmed it. Our new baby had pneumonia and a severe ear infection. Her hearing would probably be permanently affected.

The grandparents wept when they left their granddaughter with us. They had experienced so much loss in such a short period of time.

I named our newest Bangla Hope baby Colleen. I rocked her about four hours one night, giving her liquid and cooling baths to help bring down her fever. I looked into her sad eyes and hugged her close. I wished I could erase the sadness and pain from her past. I couldn't, but I knew all of us together could help give her a brighter future.

Colleen is on the road to recovery. Her eyes are brighter and an occasional smile plays with the corners of her mouth. Since Colleen is our newest addition, we need a sponsor for her.

## THE SPONSORING DIFFERENCE

One year ago in the newsletter we briefly mentioned the tiny five-day-old twins who were brought to the receiving center. Their mother also died when the babies were born. Their frantic father knew he couldn't care for them. They were so tiny and by the time they were brought to the receiving

center, desperately needed care.

Now, twelve months later, they are healthy and happy. Their bright smiles reflect contentment.

Colleen, Raquel, and Rashel are three of the 48 children in the receiving center, each with their own personality and each with their own individual needs. It's a privilege to care for and nurture each one.

Thank you for making this possible.



## CURRENT CONDITIONS IN BANGLADESH

The political process is in full swing in Bangladesh. Essentially that means the elections are coming. Many, in the western world, have little or no understanding of this process. It generally includes, but is not limited to, a caretaker government, hartals (restricted travel, including trucks carrying food), political parties vying for the upper hand to win the election, violence, and still an undetermined date for the hopefully honest elections.

Dave and Beverly are praying conditions do not deteriorate further, leading to civil war.

## DENTAL CLINIC UPDATE



Dr. Lorna has been added to the "approved dentist" list at the American Embassy. Personnel now have two dentists to choose from in Dhaka. Their other option is to go to another country.

If you're wanting to travel to another country for your dental work, some US supporters have traveled to Bangladesh to have their dental work done by Dr. Lorna. As a side benefit, they see the country, the BCSS work, and children in the receiving center and schools.

Many Bengali families benefit from the services of the pediatric hospital close to the receiving center. The hospital has approved a dental clinic poster being displayed and brochures made available. This additional exposure will acquaint more people with the services offered at the dental clinic.

In October a robbery attempt at the clinic was unsuccessful due to the screams of a worker, the quick reaction of a guard, Dr. Lorna's husband, and God's angels. Continue to pray for God's protection and His guidance.

## VILLAGE SCHOOL

Nine new village schools are in varying stages of completion—some finished, some nearly finished, and some meeting temporarily in tin sheds during construction. The dedicated teachers are making the best of challenging situations while continuing to teach their students. Generally each school will have a classroom along with a room where the teacher lives.



Frequent hartals (transportation strikes) make it difficult for Dave to get to all the schools, but he still plans to visit each and get pictures for sponsors.

## RECEIPTS

Your tax receipt for 2006 will be mailed in January. By sending receipts yearly, we are able to conserve more funds to help the children.

## LETTERS FROM STUDENTS

Many sponsors have contacted us saying they're receiving letters from their students—some for the very first time. This vital element in our sponsorship program has been and continues to be a challenge, but we are committed, with God's help, to conquer this challenge. Distance, traveling conditions, and hartals sometimes postpones travel to the schools. This delays getting students' Christmas greetings sent to you. We feel relatively certain you will understand and will be grateful to hear from your student, even if it is after Christmas.



Some of you may even hear from a student that you (and we) thought was no longer in school. Sometimes they return. If you are confused by communication you receive from Bangladesh or if you do not hear from your student by the end of January, contact our office. We have contacted many of you individually and continue to work our way through current student lists. As with any school, student lists are constantly changing, but we try to stay as current as possible.

## PROPERTY

Is it possible God has been saving one specific piece of property for Bangla Hope children for twenty-two years? As many of you know, the looking, negotiating, and looking some more has been a repetitive cycle for months. Recently, we have been in contact with a gentleman regarding acreage that looks very promising. It is partially fenced and even has some foundations in place. A road divides the property and we hope to purchase the total amount on one side. Negotiations are in process and we are eager to see how God works out all the necessary details.

Those who donate \$250 to \$4,000 for the property may request one of the special handmade quilts by Joanie Fair. Pictures of each quilt are on the web site, [www.banglahope.org](http://www.banglahope.org) and then go to "Urgent Projects".

## DVD

You should have received your DVD showing pictures of life in Bangladesh and children in the receiving center. The only children not shown are those who came after the DVD was completed in Bangladesh. If you haven't received yours and would like one, contact our office.

A few had trouble playing it because they thought it was a CD. In order to see and hear it, you need to play it in your DVD player connected to your television or in your computers' DVD player.

## NEW PAYMENT OPTION ON WEB

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

**CHRISTMAS GIFT OPTION**



Do you need a special gift for someone who doesn't really "need" anything? This year some supporters are giving a donation to BCSS and sharing a DVD with those they are honoring by their donation.

With one child out of every five in the world going to bed hungry, who wouldn't be thrilled to know they have helped a child?

Contact our office if you would like some DVDs to share. This one includes an introduction about the ministry and pictures from the receiving center and around the country.

Thank you for including BCSS/Bangla Hope in your Christmas!

**PROGRAM SCHEDULING**

Dave and Beverly Waid are planning to travel in June and July 2007. They will present a program including stories from Bangladesh and some of the exciting things that are happening in this small, overcrowded country. If you would like to schedule a program for your area, call our office.

**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-\$2.50? 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.

**REMINDERS**

Some of you have requested we remind you when it is time for your annual or semi-annual donation. Unfortunately, during the summer the mother board in the computer containing that information was fried. (Yes, it was plugged into a surge protector.)

Call our office if you want to be added to our new annual or semi-annual reminder list.

**" I DON'T NEED ENVELOPES "**

Some have suggested we cut expenses by leaving out the two small envelopes included with each newsletter. Because we are a non-profit organization, the postage for our newsletter is 17 cents each. One of the regulations for us to be able to take advantage of this rate is that the content of each envelope must be 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 from some, we believe it is the best use of funds to include them with each newsletter.

**SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN**

Thank You



- ~Mt. Pleasant SDA Church for clothes and children's books
- ~Rebecca P. and her high school friends for writing letters to orphans and for also sending along stickers
- ~Ginger B. for 36 sets of boys' shirts and shorts she sewed for orphans
- ~Crista B. for adorable clothing
- ~Ruth S. for underwear, socks, diapers, pins, books, and toys
- ~Dorothy B. for beautiful fabric and patterns
- ~Bob & Nancy W. for a thank you to God for the sale of their house at a difficult time
- ~One of our sponsors, Ray M., finds it necessary to sometimes work on Sabbath. He chooses to use all his wages from that day to help children in Bangladesh.
- ~Malinda E. for forty-one adorable beanie babies she donated to "help satisfy an emotional need" for orphans in Bangladesh.
- ~Steven R. says his income is either "feast or famine." He felt convicted he should sponsor a student in Bangladesh and decided he would if the Lord provided. God provided and Steven sponsored.
- ~Dr. Rebekah C. with the Gray Family Clinic for presenting for their community "An Evening of Music and Thanksgiving" and designating Bangla Hope as one of the charities for the offering.



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Adelaide Sampsel

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT NEEDED</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
New (to us) Van in Bangladesh	\$ 15,000	\$ 6,370
English Reading Books	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,831
Bangla Hope Receiving Center/Orphanage	\$270,000	\$148,994