



Bangla Hope

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FROM TEARS TO SMILES

By Beverly Waid

Our children in the Receiving Center are increasing in wisdom and stature. It seems like only a few days ago some of them were babies in our arms, and now the older ones will be turning five years old. When I see the progress they have made in the last few years, I am thrilled and encouraged. I watch Marissa as she pays special



Marisa & Sunity



Kokoli

attention to Sunity, our handicapped girl. Sunity's return smiles touch me to the core. Where would these two girls be if they weren't in our receiving center? The lonesome look is gone from Melanie and Konny's faces. They have plenty of food now, they get lots of love and hugs, and they've found a friend in each other. Joseph and Jenny, two of our quieter and more reserved children, are interacting more with their peers and caregivers. They are becoming more involved in activities. Danny has leadership skills even at his young age. His leadership is accompanied with a thoughtfulness that I've seldom seen in such a young



Melanie & Konny

child. Kokoli, our very first baby, is bubbly, vivacious, and exuberant. Where would she be if we hadn't paid for the surgery to correct her hare lip? Bristy is blossoming. The transition to the receiving center was difficult for Marjorie, but her shy smile and interaction with the other children continues to grow.



Marjorie



Danny & Bristy

These are the ten children who are ready to begin kindergarten in January when the school year begins in Bangladesh. These, along with the forty-seven other children at the Receiving Center in Dhaka need the new orphanage in the country, away from the crowded, polluted, and noisy city. This dream is becoming a reality. In October we will begin construction. Several projects will be in process simultaneously—the security wall, the orphanage building, and the sixplex for staff housing. We hope the funds you've given will be enough for the first floors of both buildings. We will build that far and see how God leads for the second floors.



Jenny & Joseph

I am inspired as I read the life story of

CHOOSE A ROOM

From now to December 2007, those donating \$1000 (a little at a time or all at once) for the new orphanage may designate the room they would like their donation to be used for.

You may mark your donation on page 4.

	K I T C H E N		L A U N D R Y	
Apartment		Cafeteria		Nursery
				
Boys' Room	Open Play Area			Girls' Room

Each room will have a plaque with the names of those donors.

1. Boys' room
2. Apartment
3. Kitchen/pantry
4. Cafeteria
5. Laundry
6. Nursery
7. Girls' room
8. Veranda
9. Open play area

George Mueller. As he opened and operated orphanages in England, he depended on God to supply every need for the orphans in his care. He watched as God impressed people to give at the exact time when food, money, and clothes were needed. God never disappointed Mr. Mueller.

We praise God for the privilege of helping each child in Bangladesh. You have made it possible. We thank the Lord for what you have done, and we continue to trust Him as we move forward to care for His children.

FROM DAVE'S DESK



God's blessings continue, and we praise Him. Many of the small sections of property for the orphanage are officially registered with all the proper authorities in Bangladesh. Bangla Hope is the owner of over ten acres of land. Other sections are in process and work continues on acquiring additional parcels. We are thankful that we own enough to proceed with building. Beverly and I flew out of Spokane early Tuesday morning, October 2nd. We hit the ground running in Dhaka. There is so much to do—look for a van, find a tractor in addition to beginning the first phase of the building project. Costs for some of the items we will need to purchase soon are:

Generator:	\$12,000
Van:	\$10,000
Tractor:	\$ 3,000

We are grateful for the funds contributed for the deep well. Though there will continue to be needs to complete the orphanage complex, we are eager to move the children to the country where there is room to run, play, and work. When we move to the country, we will no longer have the rental expense of the receiving center in Dhaka, which increases yearly.

We are eager to reach out to the village that is located adjacent to our property. So many villagers have desperate needs. One service we plan to provide is a village school for their children. While the parents recognize the value of an education for their children, they also appreciate the nutritious meal provided for their children each school day. It can be the difference between life and death. Cost of the property and construction of the school runs about \$7,000. Tuition cost for each student is \$13 monthly or \$140 yearly. The village school feeding program has tremendous potential for economically impacting hundreds of students and their families.

NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP. . .

Do you have a set of *Bedtime Stories* by Arthur Maxwell you no longer need? We would love to use these character-building stories to help teach our children. Contact our office if you can help.

FUNDS NEEDED FOR. . .

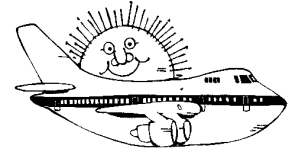
~A special walker for Sunity, our handicapped girl. Though unable to walk by herself, we want

to provide the equipment that may one day make it possible.

~Shipping costs for extra bags of clothing and school supplies. One 70-pound bag costs an additional \$150.

WAID'S DEPARTURE

Dave and Beverly departed for Bangladesh on October 2nd. They will begin distributing pocket money to students as soon as the floodwaters recede. Please join the office staff in praying for their safety and strength as they continue helping the children.



GIFT IDEA

Recently a family member celebrated her 80th birthday. I wanted to give her something, but what? As far as I knew, she didn't really need anything. I knew she didn't want more stuff to dust. Because she has a heart to help others, I played with some numbers—a meal for children in Bangladesh costs 16 cents (before flooding), a brick costs 5 cents, and a bag of cement costs about \$5. Finally, I came up with an amount that fit my budget and used the number eighty—one meal each school day for one week for 80 students. Your family member or friend might also be thrilled with the idea of helping children.

FLOODING UPDATE

Flood waters receded and then in mid September monsoon rains again battered the country. Late floods, which generally last longer, can be devastating to the rice crop which the people are dependent on for survival. One report states, "There is hardly any time for the farmers to transplant 'Aman' rice seedlings for the third time. Also, there aren't enough seedlings as most of the seed beds have been washed away. Even if there are seedlings farmers will not have money to buy them." One farmer said, "I will simply starve with my family if I don't receive enough relief for the next four months."

The stories are endless, the tragedies heart-wrenching—mud houses, which are common, collapsing, hundreds dying, mostly children, from drowning and many from snakebites.

Thank you for your response to the recent special edition newsletter. Over \$12,000 came to help in this emergency. Some will be used to provide food for students at the college. Their rations were cut to nothing but small portions of white rice for two meals and a third meal of white rice with some dahl or curry. The school administration feared they would have to send the students home a month early because increased food costs would deplete their resources. You have made a difference in the lives of these students along with hundreds of others. We will continue with this relief effort as long as funds continue to come.

Jesus said, "Whatever you've done to the least of these, you've done to me."

SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN

Thank You



~Joyce Johnson decided she wanted to share with her church. She showed a 20-minute DVD of Bangladesh. Her enthusiasm was contagious. Over \$5,000 has been contributed to help build the orphanage. Her willingness to share and God's blessing made a great combination. Call our office if you would like to receive the DVD to share with your church, civic group, or family.

~Mary Jane for donating inheritance money to help build the orphanage.

~Sylvia Bailey has been a faithful helper at her church overseeing donations her class gave to support a Bengali student. When Sylvia's sister moved to an assisted living facility, Sylvia "inherited" household items. She also received leftover items from her church's yard sale. Immediately she thought about another yard sale and orphan needs. Her days became busy organizing, gathering, and advertising for this "special" sale, but not without prayer. She remembered "You have not because you ask not," (James 4:2) so humbly she asked our Heavenly Father for a \$500 first day. With a prayer in her heart and a sure faith she thanked the Lord for hearing her request. At the end of the day she counted out \$503. The 2nd day she requested a \$300 desire to the Lord. In her prayer journal she added \$300 under the \$500, drew a line, and wrote a total of \$800. At the end of the exhausting 2nd day, Sylvia counted the money—\$803. We are so grateful for the faithful work of Sylvia in that the Lord can return His faithfulness to her. This answered prayer will never be forgotten. Thank you Lord.

~Jerry & Nancy G. for designating a portion of funds from the sale of property to help with flood relief.

~Ewalde & Heddy for donating yard sale earnings.

~To all who are sharing information about Bangladesh and Bangla Hope with their families, friends, churches and civic organizations.

~Signs Memorial Church Junior & Earliteen Division for collecting and selling recyclables to help orphans in Bangladesh.

~Family reunion who collected a mission offering—3,327 more bricks will be added to the orphanage walls.

~Ruth B. who decided her floor, which was scheduled for replacement, could last a little longer so she could use those funds to help hungry children in Bangladesh.

~Mirtes S. and others for passing on gifts of money they've received for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. to help children.

~Denise B. and all of you who pray for the people in Bangladesh.

~Umpire Arkansas Youth who keep busy with bike-a-thons and yard sales to help raise money. Tammy B's leadership is an inspiration.

~Church groups who are contributing and praying.

~Those who are helping sell and spread the word about the cross stitch cards, bookmarks, and pictures.

~Many contributed clothing, blankets, diapers, toys, stickers, games and books...

Effie E.	Sue R.	Mary Jane M.
Arla Z.	Joannie F.	John & Jane T.
Mary N.	Myrt C.	Lova M.
Grace F.	Lala T.	Marylynn B.
Naomi M.	Grace M.	Margaret S.
Eva W.	Kathy H.	Dianne Q.
Bev H.	Donna W.	Ruth S.
Nadine B.	Susan B.	Randy & Renee B.

"Dearest Ones,

We are distressed & saddened by the bad news from Bangladesh! Please accept our love offering of \$120. This money comes straight from the banks & hearts of Alexis age 11 and Stevie 9 years old. Praise, honor & glory, ALL go to God!!! We are praying for you!

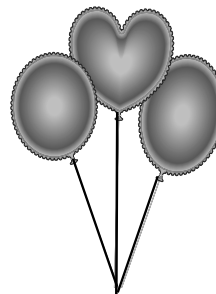
Love,

Steve, Deb, Alexis & Stevie"

TO HONOR

Ron Miller, Ken Miller, Dave Miller, Bobbilynn Miller, Tyson Engel, and Chelsea Meter's birthdays
By Roger & Wendy Anderson

Paul & Donna Lindstrom's birthdays
By Len & Hazel Burns



IN MEMORY OF

Edwin Hutchison
By Mr. & Mrs. George Livermore

Arabelle Johlman
By Bob Foss
Loma Linda School of Dentistry

Massey Lashier
By Joanne Wilson

Adelaide Sampsel
By Glenna Hockley



MATCHING FUNDS—We still have some matching funds available so you can double your money for the orphanage. Your donation of \$5 would generally buy 100 bricks, now it will provide 200. Your gift of \$50 would normally buy 1,000 bricks, now 2,000 can be added to the wall. A contribution of \$500 would generally pay for 106 bags of cement, now 212. It's a wonderful way to stretch your dollar!