



# Bangla Hope

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## VONNA

By Beverly Waid

I guessed the little girl was nearly one year old. She sat in her mother's lap, playing with the scarf that hung down around her mother's shoulders. The child giggled and occasionally looked around the room. She was obviously well adjusted. I wondered if she sensed any of the turmoil that was going on in her mother's heart.

The mother was an attractive lady with large, sad eyes. She lived in one of the slum areas close to our receiving center in Dhaka. Her husband mistreated her and then left her for another woman. She had no family in the area to turn to for help. Work in a sewing factory was her only hope of survival, but she couldn't spend twelve hours a day in a factory and care for her baby.

So here they sat in Jason's office. Should we accept this precious, happy little girl? I knew the adjustment would be hard for both mother and child. I hated to see the happiness disappear from the baby's face—it always does when the parents or guardians leave the children.

The mother agreed to do the necessary paperwork. She came to our offices three or four times with various documents. Her sadness must have grown with each trip thinking about leaving her child. Her determination to do what was best for her daughter must have grown also. Her brother-in-law joined her on the last trip to the office to testify of her mistreatment. She handed her child to me, turned, and was gone.

I named the baby Vonna. Her adjustment was slow, and I left Bangladesh before her smile returned. It wasn't long before e-mails from Bangladesh confirmed that the anticipated smiles were back on Vonna's face. She plays with the other children. She'll soon join in singing, "Jesus Loves Me" and many other songs the children learn.

Your sponsorship gives Vonna and her 67 "brothers and sisters" opportunities to live, learn, and thrive.

## SHONNA

Cyclone Sidr left a trail of devastation all through southern Bangladesh last November. Where homes and shops used to stand, now twisted metal and broken pieces of bamboo stand as a reminder of the way it was.

Many of you contributed to help with relief efforts after the storm. In some villages we gave money to help with higher food costs, others we gave blankets.

The families of our village school students were especially thrilled with the warm blankets. After each person accepted a blanket, they brought their hands together and bowed their heads slightly in a gesture of appreciation. Their faces were radiant. But their eyes, that's where I could see their true thankfulness.

At one of our village schools a lady came with her two daughters and her own sad story. She, her husband, and two little girls were in their home when the storm hit. Shrieking wind, driving rain, falling trees, and flying debris was enough to unnerve anyone. As they sat waiting and wishing the storm would subside,

there was a loud snap followed by the sound of a large object crashing through the tin roof. The tree hit the young husband and father, killing him. Again, a young woman is left homeless, without her husband to help, and with two young girls to care for. Her choices were few. She decided the best option, really her only option, was to find work, send the oldest girl to school during the day, and find a home for her baby.

Others in her village knew about Bangla Hope, so when we arrived she already had the paperwork done so her baby could come with us. The adjustment period passed and Shonna is full of smiles, secure in the good care she receives.

Shonna is one of the children who is waiting for a sponsor. Call our office if you would like to help with her care.



## FROM DAVE'S DESK

I am thrilled to introduce our new president for Bangla Hope, Dr. Ken Rose. Passion for missions is an integral part of his life. He was born in La Paz, Bolivia where his parents served as missionaries. They worked in several countries including Bolivia and Ecuador. Dr. Rose graduated from Loma Linda University. He and his wife



Lana, a registered nurse, also served in Guam, Malaysia, and Ethiopia. Though Dr. Rose, Lana, and their four girls make Michigan their home, mission service continues to be an ongoing part of their lives. Each year Dr. Rose interrupts his general and vascular surgery practice to serve on a medical mission launch on the Amazon. His and Lana's trip to Bangladesh in December 2007 peaked their interest and enthusiasm to help people in Bangladesh as well.

Dr. Rose has already made many contacts to help spread the mission of Bangla Hope. We are blessed to have him on board with us, and I am thankful he agreed to fill the role of President.

I am not quitting! The children in Bangladesh mean way too much to me for me to be able to just sit down and forget about them. Beverly, our daughter Bristi, and I will hit the road at the end of June to do programs in California during the month of July. In October Beverly and I will return to Bangladesh for about six months. The people there are part of our extended family and we love them. We are eager to help as many people as we possibly can.

None of this would be possible without the wonderful supporters we have. A big THANKS to each of you.

As you know from reading Bangla Hope newsletters and watching the news, food costs have increased dramatically in Bangladesh. We didn't anticipate such a rapid rise in costs of essentials. Challenges continue to grow here in North America as well. Costs of essentials are rising here. We recognize that many of our sponsors are on fixed incomes and are sacrificing to support a child. We don't want to put the costs of sponsoring out of reach. Our plan for now is to keep sponsorship rates at the current level as long as possible. If some sponsors are missing some months of tuition, we will need to try to double sponsor that student to ensure there are tuition funds so the student can stay in school.

Many of you donate to "As Needed." This fund is essential for operations. Funds from it can be used for whatever the most urgent need is. Thank you to all who contribute to this fund.

Another way to help is to share newsletters with friends, put newsletters in the lobby of your church, share about Bangladesh during a mission emphasis time, or share a children's story about children in Bangladesh. If you need additional newsletters, DVD, video, etc., we will be happy to send them to you.

As we prepare this newsletter for mailing, office personnel, caregivers, and all employees in Bangladesh are preparing for the move to the new orphanage. The scheduled date is June 23. One bus

will provide transportation for the children and many of the adults—one adult and two children per seat. Fifteen trucks will be transporting furniture, supplies, and everything else that needs to go—even to the light fixtures. In Bangladesh, when you rent a building, you provide all your own light fixtures. Workers will remove these fixtures and they will be added to the trucks to transport to the new orphanage. It would be great fun to see the looks on the children's faces when they see the space to run and play. Pictures won't do justice, but we hope to capture some of those looks. The cleaner air and surroundings will be a vast improvement and we hope it will also help improve the health of children and adults.

The ground floor of this new, larger orphanage will provide room for twenty or twenty-five additional children. In order to help more than 100 children, the second floor will become a necessity. Present costs for the second floor are \$100,000. As with everything else, increased costs of building materials will change that figure in the future.

## CHURCH PROGRAMS

Schedule:

Victorville SDA Church	July 5th
Sun City SDA Church	July 12th
W. Covina Hills SDA Ch.	July 19th
Acton SDA Church	July 26th

## FUEL EFFICIENT CAR NEEDED

Dave and Beverly need a car in good condition that gets good gas mileage. Fuel expense traveling to far destinations to present programs can be very expensive. If anyone is willing to donate a car for tax purposes, call our office. Dave may be able to purchase it himself if it is not too expensive.

## THANK YOU SO MUCH!

We loved the response to Elizabeth's letter! We know you love the children of Bangladesh! We are praying the response will continue so Elizabeth and her friends will have a security wall, a new church and school classrooms.



Anyone sending a large donation for the orphanage may choose one of our beautiful hand-made quilts lovingly crafted by Joanie Fair. Double size is \$3,000; queen size is \$4,000. Photos of these quilts can be seen on our website: [Banglahope.org](http://Banglahope.org)

A heartfelt thanks to each one of you who are giving to make a difference in the lives of these children.

## SPONSORED CHILDREN NEW CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Bangla Hope  
 Student's name & number  
 Village: Hazrapur  
 Post Office: Mazina (Uchai)  
 Upozila: Panchbibi  
 District: Joypurhat  
 Bangladesh

**BANGLA HOPE HANDICRAFTS**

Bangla Hope Handicrafts is helping 70 village ladies add to their families' income by making beautiful cross-stitch cards, bookmarks and pictures. They use Anchor and DMC embroidery thread but many colors are not available in Bangladesh. If you would be willing to send some embroidery thread to Bangladesh for these ladies it would be very helpful. Send your package to:

Bangla Hope Dental  
Sector 6, Road 3, House 6  
Uttara, Dhaka  
Bangladesh 1230

Please add these words on the package:  
**"NO VALUE DONATION"**

so that we won't be charged for the value of the contents when we pick up the package at the post office. When you ship them, do not put a value on the package. The contents do have a value, but we do not need you to declare a value for shipping insurance purposes.



**Need a fundraiser?**  
Make extra money by selling cross stitch cards and bookmarks. Good for pathfinder groups, school groups, women's ministries, etc. Call our office for more information.

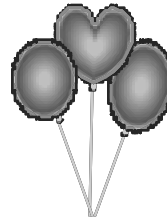
**POCKET MONEY**

Now is the time to send pocket money for your sponsored student. All pocket money and Christmas gift money needs to be mailed to our office by July 31st, so arrangements can be made for Dave & Beverly to distribute it when they arrive in Bangladesh this fall. Pocket money received after the cutoff date **WILL NOT** be delivered to your student until the fall of 2009.

The students use this money for personal needs, to help their families and to help pay testing fees and tutoring costs when they reach high school and college levels. They are encouraged not to waste their money on nonessentials.

**"SEARCHING" HELPS THE CHILDREN**

Click your computer mouse and help Bangla Hope. If you search the internet, make online purchases, or use calling cards you can help Bangla Hope financially by doing what you already do. Go to [banglahope.org/](http://banglahope.org/) fundraising for details.



**IN HONOR OF**

Cecyl & Marilyn Rentfro  
by Lolita Hirst

Byron & Audrey Wigen  
by LeRoy & Helen Heavirland

**SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN**

**Thank You**



~ A young girl's birthday project—showing pictures of the children in Bangladesh at her party and receiving donations

~ Ruth S. for donating proceeds from making and selling Barbie clothes

~ Brianna, 13 & Amy, 11 saw a presentation in their church and saved their money to give to the children. This is their letter to us: "To BCSS America, We hope this money helps lots of children in Bangladesh."

~ Jennifer Duffield for selling handicrafts at garden shows.

~ Mildred G for donating warm sleepers and bottles

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Dear friend, Valerie Outhwaite  
by Glenna Hockley

Niece, Brenda Chappell  
by Naomi Matteson

Dear friend, Pat Green  
by Naomi Matteson

Niece, Brenda Chappell  
by Ruth Squier

Friend, Pauline Woodard  
by Cal & Ellen Ferguson  
by Len & Hazel Burns  
by JoyAnn Little  
by Olav & Inger Hoyven

Cousin, Pauline Woodard  
by Edna Hewit



**Pauline Woodard** had a soft spot in her heart for orphans. She not only supported them financially, but also spent many hours at a sewing machine making dresses for little girls. Just this week we were beginning to pack bags to take to Bangladesh. "Look, these are some of the dresses Pauline made," I told my coworkers. The use Pauline made of her talents will continue to bless children for a long time. We will miss her.

