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Coco's Story

By Beverly Waid

Shapeli was happy—how could she be any happier? Her husband, Budhi, was good to her. He worked as a fisherman—he did a good job so they had enough money to buy the things they really needed. They even had a little house by the river. Each evening Budhi walked down to his boat at the water's edge. He'd be gone all night since fishing was always better then.

Budhi and Shapeli were even happier when their family increased to three members—a baby girl was born to them. Shapeli's days were busy. She washed the family's clothes in the river, walked to market to purchase things she needed, cooked their food over the baked, clay stove outside the house, and swept the hard-packed mud floor in and around the house. She sang to her baby as she worked.

One day after the evening meal, Budhi prepared to go to work. Around sundown, he said goodbye to Shapeli and walked down to his boat where his brother was waiting for the night's work. Shapeli watched the two pull away from shore and paddle the boat down the river to a spot where there was good fishing. Then she got the baby ready for bed. After laying the baby on the mat, Shapeli prepared for bed and laid down on a mat close to her baby.

That night the brothers got a very good catch, and by early morning they arrived at the fish market. As they took the fish from their boat, a number of robbers ran up and tried to steal their catch. The brothers tried to fight them off, but one of the robbers attacked Budhi with a knife. Budhi's brother got away, but Budhi was hurt so badly that he died from the wounds.

The next morning Budhi didn't come home at the usual time. Shapeli was worried and then the brother came to tell her the sad news of Budhi's death. Things can change so quickly. Her once happy home was now filled with loss, mourning, and worry. How would she eat? How would she live? Then things got worse! After the funeral for her husband, his brothers came and told Shapeli she would have to leave her home for she was no longer a part of the family. Where would she go? What would she do? She finally found a family she could stay with and they told her about Bangla Hope. They called our office and asked us if we would take her baby for she would have to go to work to support



herself and could not take care of her baby.

Coco is now with us and is adjusting to all the children at Bangla Hope Orphanage. She is getting good care, good food and best of all she is learning about Jesus. When she is older, maybe she will find her mother and tell her about Jesus and His love for both of them.

From Dave's Desk . . .



It looks like it's time to write to you again and let you know what is taking place at the orphanage, village schools, and handicraft program providing work for indigent women.

The projected August occupation of the 2nd floor didn't happen. It seems projected dates in Bangladesh have some similarities to those in North America. The wing for the children's rooms should be completed when we arrive in Bangladesh the first week of October. We'll have moving day again. It will be a lot easier this time than the time traveling by bus from Dhaka for 6½ hours to the present orphanage site. The long bus ride was enough to make many of the children and caregivers motion sick. This time, once new beds are in place, the older girls will just need to move their bedding and a couple of outfits of clothing—lots easier! Then there will be some further juggling on the first floor to get every child situated again.

The new projected date for completion of the remainder of the 2nd floor is November. We'll get the offices moved from the staff housing as soon as possible. We may wait to use the new classrooms until the new school year begins in January. That will be exciting.

The rice/potato storage shed is complete. The apartment above it for our farm manager and his wife, one of our teachers, is nearly completed. (We told her story, "Saved . . . Twice" in the last newsletter.)



Bob and Kerri Finkbner, volunteers who will be helping with the education program and the medical clinic, are busy collecting educational and medical supplies. I think the final test may be, "How many books and/or bottles of medicine can you get in one 50-pound bag?" They will be flying out with us October 3. We are so grateful they are willing to volunteer 9 months of their lives to help the people in Bangladesh.

This year three young ladies, who attend Walla Walla University, will also be volunteering. Lauren and Chantel will be helping with teaching and many other miscellaneous jobs. Heather's goal is to be a nurse, so she will spend the majority of her time assisting in the medical clinic.

Another person who is helping us in a variety of capacities is Byron Bol. He retired from his administrative duties at a private school for high school aged students in Canada. His many years of experience combined with his understanding of the culture, since he is Bengali, is a resource that we'll tap into quite often. He will be going to Bangladesh soon to help us and to also work with other humanitarian projects.

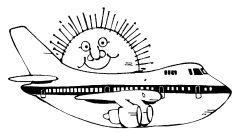
The handicraft project continues to supply much-needed work and income for ladies in Bangladesh. It would be helpful if there were more offices here in the United States willing to devote a few square inches of countertop to display some of the beautiful cross stitch cards and bookmarks for sale.

Once again, thank you for your support—you are the reason we are able to keep the projects going.

PROJECT IN PLANNING STAGE

When the monsoon rains pour down for days in a row, we are finding we need an additional septic tank to prevent flooding on the ground floor of the orphanage. Though we don't have problems frequently, we want to put in place the systems needed to prevent any backup that could cause health problems for the children.

WAID'S DEPARTURE



Dave and Beverly will depart for Bangladesh October 3. They're eager to see the children in the orphanage and hug'em all. Between the hugs, they need to distribute pocket money and visit all the vil-

lage schools. Please join the office staff in praying for their safety and strength as they continue helping children.

STUDENT MISSIONARIES

By Beverly Waid

Once again we are delighted to have three student missionaries from Walla Walla University joining us in Bangladesh. Chantel Mote, Lauren Resler and Heather Witzel will be traveling with us when we depart on Oc-

tober 3rd. We are grateful for all volunteers who have a passion to serve.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

When we built the 1st floor of the orphanage, those who donated at least \$1,000 for the orphanage could have their name, or the name of someone as a memorial, engraved on a plaque hung in the room of their choice. We have chosen to do the same for the 2nd floor. The rooms you may choose from are: 1. older girls' room; 2. classrooms; 3. library; 4. offices. If you choose to contribute to this project, let us know which room you would like to help sponsor when you send your donation.

PROJECTS YOU CAN HELP WITH

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?

Some supporters of Bangla Hope 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 loved ones to let them know of your gift in their honor. Contact our office and let us know how many cards you would like.

Some specific projects that you might consider are:

Boarding School Student Needs:

Scientific calculators: \$30/each

Orphanage Needs:

Cribs: \$90/each

Bunk beds: \$150/each

Mattress & Bedding (per bed): \$50

Village School Needs:

Bulletin boards: \$30/each

Village Needs:

Coats: \$4/each

So many people in Bangladesh are without adequate clothing or housing. During the damp, cool months, life can be miserable for these people.

Blankets: \$6/each

We have given out many, but we'll give out as many more as we have money for.



BANGLA HOPE HANDICRAFTS

We all need cards or bookmarks for special occasions now and then. Destitute ladies in Bangladesh make beautiful cross-stitch items for all occasions. When you purchase these items, you are helping support a lady who may have no other way to support herself and her family. Call our office to order and we'll send them right away.



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The cost is \$3.00, plus shipping. Plan ahead for your special Christmas cards. We have a limited number of *Christmas cards which we are closing out for \$2.00 each.*

You can go to www.Banglahope.org/handicrafts to view a selection of cross-stitch items we have for sale.

It would also be helpful if there were more offices here in the United States willing to devote a few square inches of countertop to display some of the beautiful cross stitch cards and bookmarks for sale.

PAYMENT OPTION ON OUR WEBSITE

In case you didn't know—you can donate on our website using your debit/credit cards directly or through your Paypal account if you like.

The Bangla Hope website is secure using Paypal once you get to the page asking for your debit/credit card information.

When using the **Internet Explorer** (version 7 or 8) web browser, you will see the small lock symbol in the address bar telling you it is now secure. In version 6, the lock symbol appears on the bottom of the page.

On the **Firefox** web browser, you will see a green PayPal logo in the address bar. If you click on that logo it will give you a drop down information window letting you know the website is now a secure site for giving your financial information.

CAN I SEND PACKAGES?



Dolly and her older sister excited about the package they received

For years we've discouraged sponsors from sending packages to their sponsored children/students. Actual delivery was so uncertain. Many of you took your chances and mailed something anyway. We gladly admit that the packages are getting through better. Many have arrived to the excitement of the recipient. We still can't guarantee a package will get through, but the chances certainly seem to be improving.

HELP NEPAL?

We recently talked with Helen Eager from Asian Aid. She is currently helping a small group in Nepal who is rescuing girls, ages 12 to 16, who are being trafficked across the borders into India and then all over Asia. Some of the villages have no girls in that age group—they have all been sold.

When we talked with Helen in August, thirty girls had been rescued. After the rescue, though, they need education and work so they aren't driven back to prostitution. Education is provided, but some of the girls struggle in this area. Helen asked if we could come and bring one of our workers to train the girls to do handicraft work. We are exploring the possibility and costs of taking Ellen, who is in charge of our handicraft, to Nepal to

teach these girls embroidery. They are located near Kathmandu in Nepal. This tourist area would be a good place to sell the products made by these young ladies.

If you would like to help with airfare so we can train these young ladies, mark your donation, "Nepal Airfare."

SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN

Thank You!



~Haley Manasco and Nicole Baylon for organizing a garage sale for our orphanage. These special girls, along with their siblings, Stephanie Baylon and Tanner Baylon, and their moms Joy Baylon and Anissa Manasco worked hard in the intense heat of Arkansas (110 degrees) to raise over \$200 for our kids. The amount raised by the kids was then matched by a thoughtful donor, making the total \$427.54. The giving spirit and concern for others that these young people possess is an inspiration to us all!



Front row: Joy & Stephanie Baylon, Haley Manasco and Nicole Baylon. Back row: Tanner & Anissa Manasco.

~Nadine B. and Kristi R.

for all the lovely children's clothing.

~Dorothy B., Naomi M., Ruth S. & Friends for the lovely handmade children's clothing.

~Carol K. for the cute handmade winter hats.

~Sarah E. for the handmade fleece blankets.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Brenda Chappell

By Bev Holland

Verlyn & Bonnie Cole

By Al Wiggins

Don & Edna Loomer

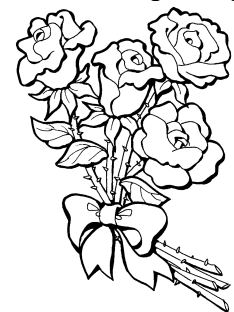
By Al Wiggins

Gary Holland

By Bev Holland

Gordon Harris

By Nan Harris



Arlene Wiggins

By Al Wiggins

We apologize for the misprint in the previous newsletter.

IN HONOR OF:

Rebecca Kelln's graduation with a Master's Degree as a Physician's Assistant

By Arla Zabolotney

