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Amauri Rose

By Beverly Waid

Shukobala felt blessed! She was married to Romoni and together they had a little boy named Anando. When she found out she was pregnant again she was very happy. She and Romoni lived in a rural part of northwestern Bangladesh, far from stores or medical facilities. The distance and difficulty of travel prevented her from receiving medical care during her pregnancy. When it was close to the time for her delivery she asked Romoni if they could go to her parent's home for the delivery. She felt safer and more comfortable there. Her husband agreed with her so they packed some clothes for the family and traveled the short distance to Shukobala's home.

Shukobala enjoyed the time with her family and was thankful for the midwife who came for the delivery. However, her delivery did not go well. Complications set in, and the midwife told the family the situation was serious and that there was no more she could do. Shukobala urgently needed a doctor's care if her life was to be saved. Romoni had no way to get Shukobala to a doctor and no money to pay a doctor. He was beside himself with worry. He watched with agonizing fear as his beloved wife died leaving him with his little son and a two pound baby daughter!

Romoni and the whole family were grief stricken. It was such a shock for all of them. The happy occasion turned into a scene of mourning! Romoni knew he could not care for his tiny daughter and his family members all had families of their own they could barely care for. One of the villagers stepped up and told them about Bangla Hope orphanage and what wonderful care they provided. That same day I got a call asking me if we would take this tiny two pound baby.

I knew how fragile a two pound baby can be, so I said we would be there in the morning. Cassie and Elise, our student missionaries from Walla Walla University, went with me. We traveled north for an hour and then turned toward the Indian border. After a few miles we turned south and traveled for another hour. Then we followed a path to Shukobala's village. As we rounded a corner near Shukobala's house our tires fell into a deep rut in the path. The village

men didn't seem to know what to do to help, so Cassie and Elise got out and pushed the car out of the rut.

We stopped close to a home with an enclosed courtyard. We entered the enclosure and were met by many family members. We heard the sound of ladies crying in the background. The girls and I hugged the different family members to let them know we cared about them in their sorrow. After a few minutes a man appeared with a small boy at his side and a tiny bundle in his arms. It was Romoni, his little son Anando, and the new baby. He held the baby out to me, and I took her in my arms.



Tears came to my eyes. The girls and the family were crying. It was a very sad moment.

I saw how weak and listless the baby was, and asked what they had been feeding her. They said, "cow's milk." I suspected that they had not been feeding her often enough,



and that we would have to improve her nutrition quickly. I prayed this little one would live for she was so small.

We completed the legal paperwork required for transferring the baby to the Bangla Hope orphanage. Then the family walked with



us to our van. They were crying all along the way. The girls named the baby Amauri Rose and fed her baby formula on the way home. She was so weak she had a hard time suckling the bottle. We took special care of Amauri, but despite our best efforts, she soon caught a cold. She was taken to the hospital and given intravenous medicine and nutrition. She responded well to the medications and intravenous feedings. We were thankful to be able to bring her home to a safe and clean environment after only two days of hospital care. We put her in the sick room of our medical clinic where she is doing well. One caregiver is feeding her every two hours. We all love precious Amauri, and hope that one of you will want to sponsor her to help pay for her care.

From Dave's Desk



I write to you today with some apprehension concerning the political and social conditions in Bangladesh. The political climate in Bangladesh is uncertain, and it is getting dangerous to travel about the country. Conditions are rapidly changing. We pray that conditions will improve and that there will be little bloodshed surrounding the upcoming elections. Because of the rapidly changing conditions it is impossible to know precisely what our future needs will be, but I will do my best in conveying our current needs as I see them today.

First of all, a word of thanks. We are so grateful for the donations that have made it possible for us to go forward with a deep well. You may recall that we had a urgent need for a deep well to provide good quality drinking water for the orphans and staff. Our goal for donations for that project has been met. Other important needs remain.

We have need for the purchase of a little land that lies between our campus and our farm land. This will allow better access to our farm without having to cross property belonging to others.

We also need additional employee housing for both single as well as married couples with children. The cost of building even a small apartment is now quite high. Please remember this need in your giving.

There are a number of additional items that we need to

keep our work progressing and running smoothly. These include:

- 8 bunk beds for children who have outgrown their cribs—cost is about \$250 each.
- Desks and school supplies for the 6th grade which starts in January, 2014—cost about \$100 each.
- Furniture for apartments for the dean and older boys. The apartments will be on the third floor above the medical clinic.
- Materials to finish our village school at Kalampur. The first floor is nearly finished, but we plan to eventually have 3 stories, and that will cost an estimated \$50,000 to \$60,000 more.

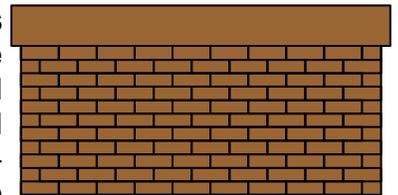
I wish to thank all of our donors and sponsors whose generous support has kept our orphanage and schools moving forward. I pray for God's continued blessing on all of you. Please keep up the good work.

Maranatha, Dave.

Fencing

About five years ago we first shared in the newsletter about the need to fence our property for security purposes. Fencing serves the additional purposes of keeping the neighborhood dogs, pigs and chickens out and our children in. The first fence we built was brick and chain link. The brick was used only at the entrance to the campus and chain link was used everywhere else. Fencing the entire perimeter was difficult because of little pockets of villager owned property mixed in among the property owned by Bangla Hope.

Fast forward five plus years—the chain link fence is rapidly deteriorating, and much of the villager-owned property has been purchased by Bangla Hope so portions of the fence no longer define our boundary. Security is still important for Bangla Hope and we must replace the deteriorated, useless stretches of fencing with a longer-lasting wall. Our leadership team in Bangladesh has proposed a plan and have obtained bids on 2300 feet of steel reinforced brick wall. The brick wall will be 8'-10" high with barb arms and an additional five strands of barbed wire (or possibly razor wire) along the top to eliminate the problem of intruders.



The bid for construction (materials and labor) is \$50,000, with materials being the major part of the cost. Most of us probably don't have an extra \$50,000 lying around, but there are many who could do a little. The cost for one linear foot is about \$22. A gift of one or more linear feet would be a rewarding family or youth group project. Let's work together and raise the wall for children in Bangladesh.

A Special Request!

We have a special 6 year old girl who needs to be rescued from a brothel-type situation. Her mother does not want her to grow up and live like she is having to live. The mother's story is very sad. She fell in love with a man close to her village. She believed his promises of marriage. Before long she was pregnant and when she told this man he disappeared and she never saw him again. Her parents told her she could not remain with them for this sin was great. She moved to Dhaka and became a housemaid. When the wife goes away the husband brings in truckers to use and abuse her. She hates this kind of life, but does not know how to get out of it. They watch her very closely. She is begging us to take her daughter. We told her we would be able to put her in our KMMS Orphanage if we can get a sponsor for her. We are asking someone to call our office and tell us you will sponsor her. The sponsorship is \$50 a month. If you or someone you know would sponsor her please call our office (509) 586-4259 right away so we can rescue this little girl.

Our Older Students

By Beverly Waid

Dave and I have been very concerned about the future of our older students. Our present campus can accommodate them only through class six. After class six, they will have to leave here and go to school elsewhere. Dave and I would like to keep them at this campus until they are more mature. For this to happen, additional facilities must be built. We are in need of \$1,000,000 to make a new office complex and two dormitories. This would allow us to use rooms on the second floor of the orphanage as classrooms for the older students. We will have students finishing class six and ready for further education by 2015. We know you, our sponsors, are contributing generously, and we appreciate your dedication to your Bangla Hope children. We are hoping that the Lord will touch the heart of someone who could help with this project. Each \$10, \$100, \$1,000 or \$10,000 will help fund this project. Please pray for this to become a reality for our children. God has countless ways of providing the money if we work and pray together!

TAX RECEIPTS

All receipts for this year's donations will be mailed in January 2014.

Great Need for Tractor

Our tractor with a flat bed trailer that is used to carry all of our groceries from town has broken down. We use it almost everyday to carry people to town and transport groceries from the produce market. Dave says a new one will cost around \$3,500. It has been repaired many times but is now beyond repair. We would love to get some donations for a new one and we are praying some of you can help with this.

SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING CHILDREN

Thank You!



- ~ Arlene J. for the beautiful hand-made scarves
- ~ Baker Seed Company for donating seeds for our gardens In Bangladesh
- ~ Jim & Susan B. for new set of children's storybooks
- ~ Irene E. for new children's clothing
- ~ Santa Clara Church for the beautiful quilts and hats to keep our kids warm

IN HONOR OF

Linnea Torkelsen for faithful service to Upper Col. Academy
By Al Wiggins

Doug & Jeanne Suttén's 40th wedding anniversary
By Hazel Burns

In Loving Memory of

Kelly Stolz
By Kay Sorensen

Tressie Newbury
By Al Wiggins

Fred Cross, Jr.
By Ruth Cross

Pauline Woodard
By her husband,
Warren Woodard

Bonnie & Verlyn Cole
By Al Wiggins

Cecyl Rentfro
By Imogene Sheffield

Mark Swett
By Kim Swett

Ronald West
By Carol Steiner
& Craig Roggow

PAPRI'S RECOVERY

Papri, our beloved Principal, continues to improve after her surgery and will soon be back to work. We are very thankful to all those who have contributed to help her with medical expenses!! Your generous donations have covered about 70% of her medical expenses. God bless you all!