



Bangla Hope

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Thomas

By Beverly Waid

Arpa was not able to finish her schooling so she needed to find a job to help with her expenses. Not far from her home was a jute factory and mill. The jute was used for making different types of ropes and rugs which were sold in Dhaka and other places. Arpa was happy when she was given a job there. A co-worker, a young man, kept telling her he could find a high paying job for her in Dhaka. As time went by he continued telling her to come with him and get more money working in a nicer place. Finally, one day she told him she would go with him. They left the mill immediately and she followed him to a bus stop. She did not know where they were going, but trusted her friend. It was a long journey and it was not to the city but way out in the country where her friend had a house. When he took her into the house he abused her and locked her in. Each day he would abuse her and then lock her in again. One day he came with a paper for her to sign showing she was legally his wife. Three years passed and one day Arpa knew she was pregnant. She told her husband she was going to have a baby, but the news did not make him happy. Now he was no longer interested in her.

When their baby boy was born, the father came to Arpa and told her she must go to his father's house. He said he had to work from place to place and could not come home often. He took Arpa and their little baby to his father's home where she became a slave for the family. She knew she must get away from there for the work was hard and long and she still had to take care of her baby. Her husband never came to visit. She learned he had married someone else.

After six months, she was able to escape from the home and run away. She ran as far as the little money she had could take her. She had no place to go so stayed on the streets with her young son. Somehow she learned about Bangla Hope and asked if her little boy could come to our home. She came to our place and stayed for a few days. She felt this was a wonderful place for her little one to stay. She could not tell

us where she would go for she was afraid that her husband's family would find her and hurt her or the boy. She finally got papers showing she was divorced.

We named this little boy Thomas. He is adjusting very well. If you would like to sponsor Thomas, please call our office today at 509-586-4259.

From Dave's Desk

By David Waid

It is again time to let you know a little about what is happening in Bangladesh. Things are happening so fast here that it is hard to keep you current. I hardly know what tomorrow will bring, but I can report to you what is happening right now.

We are in the process of finishing the third floor of the medical clinic. This will give us a place for our older boys and a living place for the boys' dean and his wife.

We have run out of housing space for our newly hired workers, for our classes, storage and offices. We are praying that money will come in to take care of our needs. We have been blessed by the generosity of our wonderful sponsors and donors, but it seems our needs outpace the donations.

We are now able to work more effectively and in relative safety as the political situation is good for the time being. We are doing our best to take advantage of the peace and really work hard to get as much done as possible while we can.

Here are some of the projects that are works in progress:

Kalampur School: The following are still needed.

Boundary wall - about \$15,000 USD

Fill Mud - about \$10,000 USD

Electricity - about \$2,000 USD

Donors who have a special burden to help complete this school are greatly appreciated.

Children needing sponsors: We have some orphans, boarding school students, students from neighboring villages, and some of our worker's children who still need sponsors.

Other needs: We are continuing to raise funds for the tractor and the security fence.

Our main need at this time, as always, is your prayers. It is now getting easier to work in Bangladesh since the political turmoil has subsided. Please keep this in mind as you prepare your giving budget for 2014.



The Gift of Hearing

By Beverly Waid

Most of us take hearing for granted. So did Elizabeth, but then something happened to change that.

Elizabeth has been one of our special caregivers tending to our children's needs for three years. She joined us when her studies at the Seventh-day Adventist Maranatha Seminary (SAMS) were interrupted by a tragic event. About four years ago she came down with a high fever and was quite ill for a number of days. As she began to recover, she noticed that she had trouble hearing, and shortly thereafter, she lost all hearing.

She had been a good student, enjoying school and the companionship of other Christian students and staff. Now she



was deaf and couldn't continue her studies at SAMS. Her family asked if we could employ her as a caregiver. We agreed to give her a try. To our delight, she has become very good in caring for our smallest children, and we love her patient quiet ways.

Elizabeth yearns to once again have the gift of hearing. Doctors have examined her and tested her hearing three

times and say there is a chance of her regaining partial hearing—that an operation will possibly restore hearing in one ear. She is hopeful for that chance, but the operation will cost more than she or her family can afford. The cost of the surgery will be about \$700 USD.

If you would like to help Elizabeth have this operation, please send a donation for her to our office and mark it "Hearing for Elizabeth." Join us in praying that God will restore her hearing so that she can finish school and become an even more effective worker for the Lord

Volunteer Needed

Volunteer supervisor for student work program needed. If you love kids, enjoy organizing a whole bunch of them with age-appropriate jobs, and would like the excitement of watching and encouraging responsibility in children, Bangla Hope could use you. Oh yes, I'm sure you'll need a whole lot of patience too!

It's imperative that the children learn to work and be responsible. They need to know their work will be checked and they will get to redo it if not done to the best of their ability. Scholastics is valuable but if they don't learn to work, they will be at a disadvantage the rest of their lives. There's another reason our children need to work. Charles Spurgeon sums it up quite well—"Some temptations come to the industrious, but all temptations attack the idle." If you're interested in learning more, give our office a call, 509-586-4259.

A Dilemma

By Beverly Waid

Our family is growing and the orphans we had from the beginning are getting older. The older ones have reached class (grade) 6. At the end of class 5, our older students took their class 5 government exams with a 100% pass rate. They all passed and had good grades. Praise God. It is a credit to our dedicated teachers and the good learning environment provided by the orphanage school.

As the students boarded our van to travel to the site of the government exam, it brought tears to our eyes because we

were reminded of how little time these older children have left with us. We do not know what God has in store for them. We would love to have



them continue their education right here on the Bangla Hope campus, but we do not have housing, staff or classrooms to accommodate them. We have received insufficient funds to develop a program to continue their education here on this campus. Perhaps God is telling us that they would be better served by one of our SDA boarding schools. It would be hard to have these students leave here to continue school elsewhere because they are part of our family. But we know that God cares for these children and what happens to them. We must trust Him to guide the future of these precious souls. Please pray for our older students as they prepare for another stage in their lives.

Providential Break in Hartal

By Gary Fisher

Dave and Beverly began their service in Bangladesh for year 2014 on January 10. By God's grace, they were spared serious discomfort, inconvenience and harm.

One political party called for a nationwide strike (hartal) effective January 2 and continuing for 22 days. It is dangerous to travel during a hartal. Demonstrators block roads, derail trains, bomb buses and kill people by throwing gasoline bombs. These hartals had been going on since early October. Now it appeared that one would be in full swing when Dave and Beverly arrived in Dhaka, and that they would not be able to travel to the orphanage located about 250 miles away. They needed a miracle and protection from their guardian angels. Dave and Beverly arrived in Dhaka on January 10, 2014. Earlier that morning, the hartal organizers called a two day halt in the hartal. That was sufficient for Dave and Beverly

to travel from Dhaka to the orphanage at Hazrapur. This answer to prayer gives evidence of God's protective hand and care for His children.

♥ Special People Helping Children ♥ Thank You

Milo Adventist Academy Choir for helping to sponsor our orphans and village school kids on their choir trips.

In Honor Of

Linnea Torkelson for her faithful service to Upper Columbia Academy

By Al Wiggins

Praise God for friends like Warren Woodard

By Donna Robinson

My daughter, Dale Jeanie Bettis

By Loraine Sweetland

Clara Jean Bowers for faithful service to others

By Al Wiggins

Rene Goodwin & Kaiza Kuiken for their women's jail ministry

By Al Wiggins

In Loving Memory of

Carolyn Roth
Leonard Squier
Gary Holland
Brenda Chappell
Bill Squier
Evelyn Honeysette
Lois Dickerson
Olev Hogven
Lloyd White

By Ruth Squier

Brenda Chappell
Gary Holland
Leonard Squier

By Beverly Holland

Paul Zabolotney

By Arla Zabolotney

Cecyl Rentfro

By Fred & Beverly Lorenz
Jerald & Delores Schilling
Jax Clay
Trena Lundstrom

Bill Kitterman

By Al Wiggins

Fred Cross, Jr.

By Ruth Cross

Marie Olson

By Don & Lynn Heller

Would You Sponsor Me?

Please contact our office at 509-586-4259 if you are able to help sponsor any of these precious kids.

Andrew's mommy died of jaundice when he was just a few months old. His father was unable to care for his other 5 children and a newborn too. He wanted a safe place for his baby boy. He was told about Bangla Hope Receiving Center. He brought Andrew to the center and with tears in his eyes he left Andrew in our care.



Vonna was born to a woman whose marriage ended in divorce. They were living in the slums and she could not care for Vonna and work at the same time. She wanted a better life for her baby. She did not want Vonna to grow up in the dirty slums.



Sara's mother (Shushila) was happily married. Her in-laws were very unhappy with her inability to have sons. While she was pregnant with Sara, they drugged her husband and took him to India to marry another woman and divorce Shushila. She then had no where to live. She was forced to give up Sara so she could find work and support her other 2 girls.



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

As Told To Beverly Waid

As I was leaving Bangla Hope Orphanage this past week, Papri came and talked to me. She asked if I would let all of you know how grateful and thankful she is for the financial help many of you gave to her following her surgery this past year. She is still not completely recovered, but is slowly improving each day. Papri continues to say "God gave me a second chance in life and God used Bangla Hope to make it possible!"

