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Zechariah, Elise and Jeremiah

By Beverly Waid

"Mom, I know we were going to travel south to get one little boy, but I just got news about a little girl and her baby brother who are in the same area. Their father left their mother and is living with another lady. When her baby boy was born she had a possible small stroke." Paniel informed us of this situation as we prepared for our trip to the South. I told Paniel that we would like to stop by to evaluate the situation.

I was excited about this trip for my sister, Nadine, and her grandson, Damien. They were visiting us for the first time, and I wanted them to see what it is like in the villages.

We traveled southeast over rough roads winding through rice growing country. Harvest season had begun and everywhere men and women were cutting down the ripe rice stalks, binding them into bundles and carrying them to their homes. It looked like hard and tiring work.

After two and a half hours, we turned on a side road. The village homes were made of mud and plastered with cow dung. They looked smooth and clean, some were painted with decorative designs. In the doorway of one of the homes sat a young lady breast-feeding her infant boy (Zechariah).

Her little two year old daughter (Elise) was close by with a family member. This was the family Paniel had told me about. We talked to the mother for awhile and told her that in order for us to accept her children, she must first complete the required government paper work. Only then could she bring the two children to our home. She said she would, and a few days later she came to our campus with the children. She soon left to find work to support herself.

We continued on our journey, and in about an hour and a half reached a little Adventist village. In the village there was a church and a school. The pastor came out to greet us. He was the one who had phoned us. Soon the mother came from one of the homes carrying her young son (Jeremiah). She had

been married to a man much older than she. He died soon after the baby was born. Now she is all alone and has no way of adequately caring for her son.

Parting with one's child is hard to do. We asked her if she would travel back with us to see her son's new home and ease the pain of parting. She agreed and stayed a day before leaving to find work.

Now there are three new little ones at our children's home in need of sponsorship! Sponsorship information can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.



From Dave's Desk

I wish to thank all of you who have remembered us in prayer as we returned to Bangladesh. Rob Griffin, Beverly and I are safely at the Bangladesh Children's Home, and eagerly anticipate the challenges and victories that lie ahead. I look forward to bringing you a timely report in the next issue of our newsletter. God bless, Dave.

Helping Hands

By Robyn Griffin

Standing on the edge of eternity, we realize that God has given us certain requirements to be His representatives... those who have clean hands and a pure heart. Clean hands are the result of a pure heart...but training from Godly sources is exceedingly necessary. What better way to learn these lessons than through Godly examples and learning-by-doing. The one question that Jesus asks when He returns is: "What have you done for Me in the person of the poor and the suffering?"

Bangla Hope Pathfinders—The Pathfinders (similar to scouts), directed by Litton Mowaliev, CFO for Bangla Hope, are learning to use their hands, feet, and resources to bless those less fortunate than they. Children at our home are blessed by sacrificial people from the US, Canada and other parts of the world including the dedicated staff located



at the Home itself. In turn they are learning to use what they have to help complete that great circuit of benevolence instituted by the King of kings and Lord of lords.

The club began in August of 2014. Up until that time there had not been an Investiture honoring the students who had completed their requirements for their classwork for their honors. This school year the students studied Friday mornings from 8-9:15 AM to complete their specific classwork. The hard work paid off as 69 Adventurers and 22 Pathfinders were invested on October 17, 2015.



On October 4, 2015, classes 2,3,4, and 6 spent an unforgettable day at the Shopnopuri Zoo. (Our 5th graders were taking their Government Exams that day.) The zookeeper, upon learning the children were orphans, opened his heart

and the gates to allow the children to enter for free. Delights abounded as the children experienced a joy that was new for them. God bless the zookeeper for his gift!

Pathfinders were thrilled to go on a campout at Beldanga SDA Church October 9-11. West Bangladesh Mission's Youth Director, Amol Baroi, encouraged the members with the theme "God Is Light". Bangla Hope Pathfinders amazed the director with their special style of marching and drill. Activities on the campout included hikes, arts and crafts, marching and drill, honor classes, cultural lights, campfire, treasure hunt, temperance programs for the community, repairing the community road, training in personal hygiene and building new friends in the community. Now that's a packed campout schedule.



The Pathfinders also found other ways to be helping hands. In November 2015, the Pathfinders actively collected funds on the Bangla Hope campus and distributed Tk. 668 to a man in Hazrapur who had very little food and clothing. *"If ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."*

Sabbath Activities—Early each Sabbath morning Bangla Hope's Chaplain, Panuel Baroi, his secretary, Motilal Roy, and 3-5 children hold health seminars/worship services under the trees in Hazrapur, a tribal Hindu community, just outside the gates of Bangla Hope. Panuel, often accompanied by his wife, Lichil, go from house to house greeting the people in the name of the Lord, inquiring on the needs of the

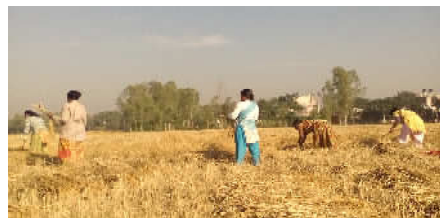
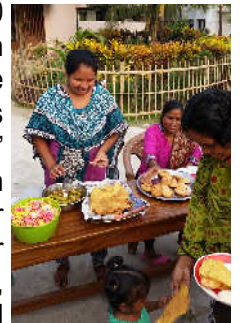
family, praying for the sick, and inviting the folk to the gathering place under the trees for worship. The children provide the special music. Following the meeting, food is distributed to those who attend. Between 25-30 children and adults usually attend these meetings. The good news is that other Hindu villages are earnestly requesting similar worship services and health seminars.

Sabbath afternoon finds our students heading to the nearby Gohara Bangla Hope Village School to hold a branch Sabbath School. Classes 1-6 take turns week after week leading song service and distributing pictures for the children to color depicting the Bible story told that day by an accompanying adult. The children enjoy the mile walk down the bricked road to the enthusiastic students at the Gohara Village School.

Dorcas Society/Community Services—On November 2, 2014, the Bangla Hope Church was recognized as an organized church by the West Bangladesh Mission. Suchitra Soren was elected as the Dorcas Society leader at that time. After her election she requested that all of the women employed by Bangla Hope become members of the Society. The women were moved as Suchitra shared with them the story of Dorcas from the Bible and how she helped the poor. The group discussed various ways they could raise money for the poor and needy people in the local area. They decided to:

1. Contribute personally five taka every month
2. Hold a bake sale
3. Work on Sundays planting or harvesting the rice fields
4. Mend clothing for those who are unable.

On November 15, 2015, the Dorcas ladies held their 2nd annual bake sale to raise money for the local poor. The children at our Children's Home were as excited as bumble bees knowing that this would be a time for them to purchase home-made goodies. Each child was given Tk. 20 to spend how they wished. At 4 PM the fun began...you would have thought they were at Disneyland! Children making decisions as to what they were going to do with "their" money...delighting in the joys that we often take for granted! I cannot count the number of times children offered to share their "treasures" with me. I repeatedly told them, "You eat it!" The fun was also experienced by some local villagers. There were eighteen different delights for customers to choose from. When it was all done most sellers were sold out. The bake sale was a smashing success with our children and netted Tk. 2,055 for the Dorcas fund.



A week later, the Dorcas ladies hit the rice paddies at 7 AM to harvest rice. In a few short hours they harvested 33 decimals of land to add another Tk. 1000 for their fund. They hope to purchase a sewing machine in order to sew clothing for the poor villagers.

Sabbath afternoon is an important time for the Dorcas ladies who meet and pray together or go into the village to pray for the sick.

Looking for ways to be the “hands and feet” of Jesus is our high calling and our greatest privilege. Perhaps you will be inspired by the earnest efforts of our Bangla Hope family and dedicate your hands for the King.

Now...go change the World!

Special People Helping Children -Thank You

~For the stickers you've sent for our village school students
~Carolyn W for embroidery floss and aida cloth to help with handicrafts

~To those who sew or crochet for the children—Jan H, Ginger B, Nicole P, Mirtes S, Jeannette S, Val R, Betty R, Debbie, Roberta, Beverly H, Marina, Ruth S, Naomi M, Sewing Group at Sandy, OR.

~To those who chose to help with purchasing clothing and other supplies for the over 140 children. Another group has donated to help pay for extra luggage to get the clothing, Christmas gifts, educational supplies and toys to Bangladesh.

~Andelyne R for money to buy lots of school supplies

~To those who pray for the ministry of Bangla Hope—that is very much appreciated.

In Honor Of

Nancy Godman for faithful Christian service.

By Al Wiggins

Don & Evelyn Byard 65th wedding anniversary

Jackson Bliss our new grandson By Carole Bliss

Rob Griffin for faithful Christian service By Al Wiggins

In Loving Memory of

Charles Jay

Arline McGuire

By: Jack & Avanel Stark

James Johnson

Lois Smith

By: Bryan & Konny Brandon

The Villanuevas and relatives

By: Mary Hudson

Mabel Colvin, my 4th grade teacher

Wayne Thompson

“Dad” & Mrs. ML Wisbey

Alta Sype

By: Al Wiggins

James Johnson

By: Lyle & Joyce Johnson

Leonard Squier

George Chappell

By: Ruth Squier

Art Lesser

By: Naomi Matteson

James Krueger

By: Kay Sorensen

Haakon & Dorothy James

By: Rolf & Judy James

Nadja— A few months ago we received information through our website from Silja who works for General Electric Capital Aviation Services in Dubai. Earlier in the year the boss' wife

lost her battle with cancer. She was born in Bangladesh, and the less privileged children were very close to her heart. Some who knew her chose to turn their climb of Mount Elbrus, the highest peak in Europe, into a way to honor Najda and to raise funds to help children in Bangladesh. Donations started coming in through the website from coworkers, friends and acquaintances. Because of their generosity, 240 feet of the security wall has been funded. Thank you to the climbers and to all those who donated so generously in Najda's memory:

John Ludden
Pat Bergin
Andrea Brantner
Bill Brennan
Laura Burke
David Campbell
Julian Cook
Joseph Esposito
Hazel Guerin
Declan Hartnett
Ernesto Corral Merino
Margaret Morrow
Liam Murphy
Mary Murphy
Mark Lynch
Joni Walser
Adam Law
Michael Deeny
Catherine Duffy
Mike Huang
Deirdre McGovern
Christopher Damianos
Pamela McDarby
Abdulla Qadan
Susan Cyboski
Cristina Richards
Silja Eatock
Kun Sik Lee
Mary Anne Huhtanen
Ryan Barrett
Ross McKeand
Alex Dimitrief
Neal McElvaney

Shane Murphy
Diane Simalchik
Julie Dickerson
Colin Joyce
Anton Tams
David Bartlett
Mayank Bhatnagar
Fiona Connolly
Susan Craughan
Leona Drennan
Todd Freeman
John Hayes
Gert-Jan Hellemons
Helen Ma
Denise Mangan-Fahy
Natasha Mann
Seamus O'donnell
Wilma Suen
Michael Tieman
Catherine Wixted
Deirdre Hartney
Siobhan Connolly
Moushumi Kirtania
Liam Creaven
Ruairi Concannon
Jonathan Nel
Jim Steckart
Michael Jones
Jack Egan
Margaret Hehir
Virginia Connolly
Michael O'Mahony
Connor Ludden

PROJECT UPDATES

Church—You've contributed \$34,807 towards a goal of \$115,000.

Cyclone Damage Repair—You've contributed \$2,382.70 towards repairs and tree replacement of \$4,035.

Security Wall/Fencing—Work has begun on the 2300 feet of steel reinforced brick wall (8-10 feet high). Cost is about \$35 per linear foot. Presently we have enough funds to fence almost 600 feet.

Campus Well—Donations received: \$25,623.