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Nine Years Later By Beverly Waid

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Cyclone Sidr hit the southern coast of Bangladesh at 11 pm with 140 mph winds. Results: houses gone, family members missing, crops destroyed, wells damaged, ponds filled with salt water, and communication and transportation severely curtailed.

In January 2008, we shared the following story of a family whose lives were forever changed that dreadful night.

Simson and Monita spread their mats on the dirt floor of their small hut. The wind was increasing, but their uneasy feeling didn't stop them from caring for their two little girls. Simson slept on the narrower mat, while Monita slept on the wider one with their eleven-month old and their eleven-day old baby girls. Monita nursed them often so it was easier this way. They were all still close together because their house was so small.

The howling wind and the nursing woke Monita often. *What about their crops? Would their house survive? Would they survive?* Then she'd drift off into a troubled sleep for a little longer only to be awakened again and again.

The loud thud catapulted Monita out of bed. The wind still shrieked, but now its blast seemed to be hitting her directly. As her eyes adjusted to the midnight darkness, she saw a tree stretched across her husband's mat. She braced herself as she tried to lift it from his body. Again and again she tried, but it wouldn't budge. Her desperate screams for help intermingled with the roar of the wind. The only response was the continued roar. *Was anyone even alive to hear her cries for help?*

After what seemed like an eternity, help came to lift the tree from the lifeless body of Simson. *Could he maybe have survived if he hadn't been pinned for three hours? What would she do now without a husband and with two small girls to care for?* She felt so alone. As Monita mourned and contemplated her options, her husband's family came. There were no condolences, only some curtly muttered instructions. "You must take your babies and leave. Go back to your people. Go now."

A few hours had changed so much. Monita took her babies with only the clothes they were wearing and walked to a nearby school. The man at the school knew about a place that gives hope—Bangla Hope. He helped make arrangements and do necessary legal documents so the girls could come to our receiving center/orphanage.

They arrived early December 22. A young woman whose life was in chaos and two babies whose lives had

been tragically changed in a few short hours. One of our U.S. board members was in Bangladesh at the time. He gave Monita enough money to build a little



hut by her step-brother's home. The step-brother is the only family she has. We gave her some clothes for herself. She

knelt in front of me with tears running down her cheeks. "Take good care of my babies. Please take good care of them?"

We will, Monita, we will.

Update

Has Bangla Hope kept their promise to the grieving young mother? Lana is now nine years old and Leanne is 8.

It's been a joy to love, nurture, and guide Lana and Leanne. We're hoping one day they'll be able to find their mother and share with her many things they've learned.

Yes, we did keep our promise to Monita.



POCKET MONEY

August 15, 2016 is the cut-off day for sending in pocket money for your student for this coming school year.

From Dave's Desk (via Hazel's desk) By Dave Waid and Hazel Burns

June 8, 2016—I joined Dave and Beverly in their living room. “We’re working on the next newsletter. Would you like to write the front article about a baby,” I asked Beverly. We discussed it briefly and then I turned to Dave. “Do you have anything you want to say in the newsletter?” His reply was immediate. “Let Rob do it.”

So I guess Rob will write and Dave will go back to watching his two favorite squirrels stuff their cheeks until you think they couldn’t possibly take one more bite. Thankfully Dave is close by so I can go ask questions about operations in Bangladesh.

If you’d like to talk to Dave, give him a call (509) 586-4259. I can’t guarantee he’ll always be available. He may be out mowing the back lawn or having a little nap. After you’ve spent your life working multiple jobs including forty years in the steel mill and then used your retirement years traveling most of the roads in Bangladesh, and walking many of the trails out to the village schools, I guess you should be able to take a nap anytime you want.

Financial update

Our projects are moving along well. We have received funds for the following projects in the amounts shown:

Multipurpose Building (Church)	\$37,959 of \$115,000
Security wall	\$36,508 of \$80,500
Cyclone damage repair	\$ 2,683 of \$ 4,035

Security Wall Update

We are very excited about the progress so far on the wall!



Matching Funds

A generous donor is offering a matching grant of \$5,000 for the church building. If you would like to double your donation for this project, mark it “Church matching.”

A College Campus Would be Envious

By Robyn Griffin

It all started last November, when at the last minute Damien Brockman heard the call to come to Bangla

Hope as a student missionary. Damien, who feels God’s call to be a teacher, was waiting for one final class in order to graduate. That class wasn’t offered fall quarter leaving him wondering just what to do. The opportunity to go to Bangla Hope unexpectedly arose and soon he was teaching math, English, and PE to our children. It didn’t take long for teacher and students to bond!

During his brief two-month stay at Bangla Hope, he saw a huge need for computers on Bangla Hope’s campus. The computer lab, at that time, boasted four computers of which only two worked. In January, just a week after Damien returned to the States, Norm and Bonnie Krause delivered **five brand new laptop computers** downloaded with various learning games for the students and Norm began teaching the children keyboarding. The students hungered to spend a class period with Norm, but five computers were getting a workout with our student body of over 100 students in classes three through six!

On February 5, 2016, I received an email from Damien stating that he and his dad, Rick, who works for Intel, were planning on coming to Bangla Hope to set up a computer network during Spring Break! What?..... That’s when things began flying!

Rick began acquiring laptops, downloading thousands of learning activities and videos, encyclopedias, dictionaries, Bible in Living Sound, Moody Bible Science films, as well as Khan Academy. Emails shot back and forth from the States to Bangladesh as Rick described the things that he was bringing and the items that needed to be purchased in Bangladesh.

By the first part of March the campus had been wired, computer chairs and desks built, and equipment purchased in expectation for Rick and Damien’s arrival.

Rick and Damien arrived March 13 and flew into action. No sooner had they arrived when they discovered that the electric wiring run to carry the load of fourteen computers per classroom was just a lamp cord! Maintenance personnel immediately began running appropriate wire. It slowed the networking process, but Thursday morning found the project completed and staff receiving a brief training prior to the Brockman’s departure early Friday morning.

The result? All office computers are now networked which allows for better communication. Twenty-eight networked laptop computers, which include the five computers donated by the Krauses, are divided between grades 3-6. The future goal is to have twenty-four computers in each classroom.

The real result? Students eager to learn and explore! There’s still much for teachers to learn in how to use the computers to the upmost advantage, but the students are constantly begging for an opportunity to explore the countless programs installed on the network.



After music class I would say, "Ok, kids, I've got twenty-five minutes before my next appointment...anybody want to use the computers??" You guessed it...each computer in that classroom had at least two and often three participating in learning activities!

A **HUGE** thank you to Rick and Damien Brockman for their love to the students at Bangla Hope and giving us a network of which some colleges would be envious.

Please pray that our teachers will learn how to best utilize this huge gift to accomplish great things in the classrooms.

Planning to Bring Them Home!

By Robyn Griffin

When Bangla Hope began caring for infants and toddlers about ten years ago, the plan was to eventually establish a school where our children could attend through the 10th grade. In addition to scholastics, we want to teach our young people a trade that will help them support themselves when the time comes. The years have passed and our children have been growing up. Currently we have only enough room to house and educate our children through the 6th grade.

Last school year our oldest children reached the magical age of moving into the 7th grade. It seemed our best option was to move the children to a boarding school thirty minutes



away from our campus. This led to a whole new set of challenges. Our children are only able to come home twice a year...once in the summer

and once at Christmas time. This may be a sufficient amount of time for those in their middle to late teens, but it is a serious challenge for a child between the age of eleven and twelve.

After arriving in Bangladesh, I visited our children (maybe I should say students but we think of them as our children regardless of their ages). It became clear they are not ready to brave the challenges of dorm life at such a young age. Most of our children feel rejected from birth or early in life leaving wounds that take time to heal. Some authorities call it the primal wound that can affect a child for the rest of their lives, particularly if they don't find their highest place at the feet of Jesus. After making adjustments into our larger, growing family, many of them feel suddenly torn from their family at the age of twelve and thrust into a family of more than 700. The move alone causes some of our children to sink into an emotional tailspin causing unsolicited havoc. Other problems arise as our children are mentored by older students in the dormitory. This influence results in undermining the principles that we had hoped to instill within our family. When the older children return to our campus they sometimes bring an influence that negatively affects our younger ones. The obvious solution is to quickly find a way to teach our children through the 10th grade on our campus.

With that in mind, the Bangla Hope board voted to move ahead with the original plan of building a children's home that would educate our children on the

Bangla Hope campus through 10th grade. There are two possible solutions to our present problem for which we are seeking prayer. #1 build a third floor onto the current receiving center (our current dormitory, cafeteria, classroom, and office complex), or #2 build a separate educational building.

The first option has advantages in that it would be cheaper and supply the needed classrooms for 7th thru 10th grade, but would not allow for more much needed dormitory space to allow our older children at boarding school to come home.

The second option would move all of the classrooms out of the dormitory into an educational complex, which would allow ample space to bring our children home until they are a little more prepared to meet life in the adult world.

The Bangla Hope Executive Committee in Bangladesh believes that the second option is the best and is estimated to cost between \$200,000-250,000. We thank you for your prayers and financial support in seeking God's will as we train His army of youth!

Phone Problems

If you tried to reach Bangla Hope by phone for 2 weeks in June and heard that the number was disconnected, we apologize for the inconvenience. We didn't know what happened, neither did the phone company! The number we have had for nearly sixteen years just quit working and disappeared. A new modem has finally corrected the problem and service is now restored. **Our phone number continues to be 509-586-4259.**

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