

Bangla Hope



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New Receiving Center & Orphanage

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Nobody's Children

"Nobody wants her?" I echoed Dr. Mondol's* words as I gazed at baby Kokoli in my arms. Her big sparkly eyes did not fit with her ugly harelip.

Kokoli's mother is a maidservant in a home in Bangladesh. The chauffer for this family took too much of an interest in her and before long the family realized she was pregnant. When the chauffer found out, he walked away from his job and disappeared. The family kept the mother as a servant, but took little Kokoli to Dr. Mondol's center for destitute women and abandoned her there.

Dr. Mondol is a doctor on her own mission: to help young, abandoned Bengali women. Many of these young ladies, ages 10 and up, have been raped and consequently, abandoned by their families. Some have been in prostitution or trafficking. Others are housemaids who have been raped by the man of the house or by one of the sons or helpers. If a baby is born to one of these girls while she is at home, the baby will be strangled and thrown out in the street. Dr. Mondol says this happens dozens of times.

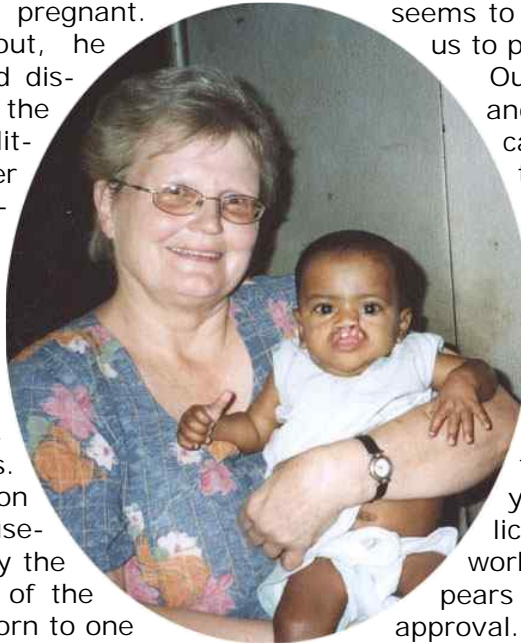
When a young lady at Dr. Mondol's center goes into labor, she takes her to the hospital for delivery. When the mother returns to the center with her baby, she starts a training program for sewing, cooking, stitchery, or paper-bag making. The girls usually let their babies be adopted to a Bengali family. Some babies will never be adopted because of a handicap or physical sickness, like asthma. Little Kokoli falls into this

category.

I've always longed to start a receiving center where we can care for unwanted babies and young children who need a home, where we can help them know they are wanted and precious. Earlier in our ministry, we began raising funds for a project like this, but five years ago we put those plans on hold. Other urgent needs took priority. Now, however, God seems to be opening doors and nudging us to proceed.

Our present orphanages are full and not equipped or staffed to care for babies. In order for us to legally operate such a facility in Bangladesh, we must qualify as a non-government organization (NGO). In the states this would be similar to a non-profit status. After the reams of paperwork are complete for qualifying, the Bengali government generally takes approximately three years to approve the necessary license. We began our paperwork this spring. Already, it appears we are very close to receiving approval. Praise God!

Some of the students you have been sponsoring are completing school. We have watched them develop principles of honesty, purity, and a good work ethic. We plan to hire some of these trustworthy young people to care for the babies. Our present plan is to open a receiving center and orphanage in Dhaka called Bangla Hope. As more babies and funds become available, we hope to build a modest campus away from the city with an orphanage, school, and staff housing. We are planning for nourishing food like brown rice



(instead of the common white rice) and lots of fruits and vegetables.

Kokoli needs a permanent home since no one in Bangladesh will ever adopt her. She needs surgery to correct her harelip. She needs food. She needs to learn about Jesus—who loves her

and has a special plan for her life.

Thank you for helping in the past with children in orphanages and schools. What could you do now and in the future to help Kokoli and other Bengali babies have a chance to live?

*pseudonym

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| Blankets (\$10) | \$ _____ | 8. Medical Needs | \$ _____ |
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