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Hello Everyone

We have been back now for three weeks, and it feels as though our feet have hardly touched the ground. Our later than planned return to Bangladesh has meant that we are juggling our diaries with old and new commitments and trying to fit in the meetings that were postponed until we returned. We were pleased to be invited to speak at some events during our first week back as it helped us feel reconnected with the folk here – and this letter gives us the chance to share some stories from people we are close to that give you a picture of how God is at work.

This story was shared by Nice Shemeon, our new colleague at BBCS, who went out to see what was happening in a new outreach area in a remote part of Bangladesh.

Divine Love for all People

The only way to get to the village is by river. It is an extremely remote and rocky place, making travel by boat or by foot extremely risky. There is no electricity, no network system, no hospital, no school, no toilet, no tube-well, no shop, no rain shelter, no mosque, no temple - but there is a fragile church house, built by the Christians, and it expresses divine love to all, Buddhist and Hindu alike.

This is the Baptist Church, in the Hill Tracts area not far from the Myanmar Border. Here the BBCS Pastors (Rev.Sanchin and Singchang Mro) work sacrificially for the love of God, not for money. Now there are eight Christian families and fifteen young men and women who follow Jesus. That is a total of about forty Christians.

The church organizes special prayer services to express God's blessing. The believers pray with tears in their hands over the Bible for their sick Buddhist and Hindu neighbours. God doesn't judge the poverty or simple life of these believers but hears their prayers and has healed many.

Several have come to believe in God, and He has given them a desire to serve their people and their area. One Christian young man provides educational facilities for all the children and adolescents as an expression of God's love.

In March 2022, thirteen unbelievers received the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and were baptized by Reverend Sanchin and Reverend Ashim.

The work in this church is a shining example of divine love for all people. Through these believers God is expressing His living love, and if we are listening, we can learn from them about His grace.



Shotodol's Story

We chat with Nandita most days that we are at CCTB. She is studying theology here and she has an amazingly calm presence, that encourages us to speak in Bangla. Yesterday, with eyes shining, she told us how proud she was of her mother. She painted a picture of how the gospel is being shared in the rural areas of Bangladesh.



This is the way my mother has been sharing the gospel for the last four years. I am very proud of my mother”



“My mother is 70 years-old and she has some health issues. Three or four years ago, she had some training on how to share Bible and Gospel stories with those from other religions.

Ever since that training, for three days every week, she goes to different villages in her area to tell the women who can't read or write, and who are either Hindu or Muslim, about Jesus. Sometimes she speaks with small groups of women and at other times, talks one to one with them. She tells them a story from the Bible and then asks them four questions. She has these conversations, whilst the women are working, so she doesn't disturb their routine. When she asks if she can have a chat, they generally say that they are too busy, but when she says she wants to tell a story, they become interested and want to hear a story.

She uses colourful pictures to help tell the stories and then builds a relationship by asking the women what they thought about the story and about Jesus and the other people in the story. After they have talked about the story, the women often ask to be prayed for.

My mother then goes back another time, to find out how the women are, and to hear how God has answered their prayers.

We would value your ongoing prayers for our safety. Covid has in effect ended in Bangladesh and the country is now fully open, and we have really seen the difference between how things were last year and this year. We have had a couple of minor instances whilst travelling, which has reminded us how busy and unpredictable the roads are. The papers are carrying stories of a Cholera outbreak in Dhaka, so again we have a heightened awareness of the need for vigilance and keeping really good hygiene and water habits.

Thank you for all of your prayers. Please continue to pray for the believers in Bangladesh who share the compassion, beauty and simplicity of the gospel with their neighbours.

With our love

Pete and Louise

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