

Bangladesh Ministry

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Our friends in Bangladesh are currently experiencing increased levels of violence from local rebel groups. They are asking for prayer for their protection as they continue to minister in these challenging times. Pastor *Samuel leads a team of four ministers supported by your faithful gifts. Each month they journey to various locations and share the gospel in remote villages in the Chittagong hilltribe area.



To reach the village of Riangtawn with the gospel it requires several hours of trekking through the jungle.



As the church increased in size they outgrew this home church space and decided to build a church building.



They are so proud of their new church building and thank God for the Global Outreach donor who provided the roof.

Earlier this year they were able to dedicate a new church in the village of Riangtawn, which is in the southern corner of the country. The 25 families in the village are very poor day laborers and were all Buddhists before coming to accept Christ as Savior. Pastor *Samuel and his team have worked in this village for over two years and now 20 of the families are serving Jesus. As more families came to Christ and the church outgrew the space in different homes they agreed to work hard and collect materials to build a church. They had no way to purchase the tin for the roof. They joined in prayer for God to provide and were thrilled to receive the news that a roof would be provided by a Global Outreach donor.

A church dedication ceremony was held and many people from other nearby villages came to celebrate with them. They had a wonderful time of prayer, music, teaching and celebrating the Lord's Supper. In Samuel's words: *"They gave you thanks a lot for providing a God house in their village! We were so blessed during the church opening ceremony. To God be the glory!!!"* Pastor Samuel reminds us every month that five other village churches are ready and praying for a roof.

Ministry in Bangladesh cont'd

In addition to the ministry to hilltribe villages, Global Outreach has recently funded the construction of Grace Children's Home, which opened January 2023. Pastor Samuel reports that all of the children are adjusting well and they would like to accept more children next year. To be able to add more children we will need to build two small homes for the staff who are currently living with the children in the main dormitory. Each home will cost \$10,000. The dormitory will have room for twenty girls and twenty boys when the staff homes are completed. Currently there are a total of seventeen children at Grace. Your donations for Grace Children's Home are greatly appreciated!



Grace children were excited to receive Bible story books.

Testimony from Bangladesh



My name is Hemlong. I have one son and one daughter. I work in Jhum (slash and burn) cul-

tivation every day. I am always busy with my work and family. My husband is always drunk and this is a big burden to me.

We have been animists since my grandparents. The last time the Pastor (Samuel) visited our village to share the gospel I decided to join the meeting. He shared about salvation and eternal life. His message was so powerful that without Jesus Christ there is no salvation and eternal life to enter in heaven. If you believe and accept Jesus Christ even if you died right now, you will have eternal life in heaven. After that I realized that Jesus' love is big, deep, and great! Since then I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and personal Savior. I attend every meeting in our village church. I am learning a lot about the Word of God. Please pray for my husband so he may leave his drinking and turn to Almighty God.

Urgent Need Just Received from Pastor *Samuel



Recent heavy rains and winds from cyclone Mocha and continuing bad weather has caused the collapse of the recently built retaining wall. As you can see in the picture to the left, it will need to be rebuilt to protect the Grace Children's Home buildings. To rebuild the wall with stronger beams to support and prevent a future collapse will cost \$3,000. Any amount you can donate to this or any of the other ministry projects in Bangladesh will reap lasting results. We are blessed to partner with Pastor *Samuel and his team.

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