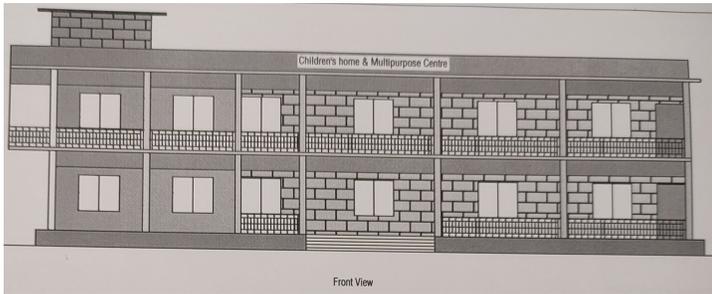


# Multipurpose Training Center

April 2021



We are excited to announce plans to build a Multipurpose Training Center (MTC) for our Children of Hope (COH) ministry partners in Bangladesh. We have been in discussion with Pastor \*Samuel and our Board of Directors over the past several months about this project and after prayerful consideration feel it is the appropriate time and conditions to begin construction. Pastor Samuel has been working with a local architect and provided us with the proposed plans for the first of two floors pictured above. The MTC will be built on land that is already owned by COH ministry.



February 2021: Leadership conference with 263 leaders and church members. Future conferences would be held in the new building rather than a tent.

The first floor of the MTS will accommodate administrative and counseling offices as well as meeting spaces for the Pastoral, Evangelism, Women, Youth and Children's ministry leadership. In addition, there will be a large multipurpose room which will be used for everything from church services and conferences to

housing ministry leaders who are attending training sessions and conferences from the outlying villages. Vocational, educational, and other skills training are also planned.



Leadership conference also included children's ministry.

The estimated cost for the first floor, foundation, septic tank, retaining walls and drainage system is \$78,000. This works out to approximately \$25 per square foot.

Our intent and prayers are that this facility will, by God's grace and blessing, enhance the overall fruitfulness and effectiveness of the COH ministry through equipping Christian men and women for leadership and for leading the unreached Bangladeshi people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Hopefully, you can see how this facility has so much potential for advancing the cause of Christ in Bangladesh, especially among the Chittagong Hill Tracts people. Every gift towards this project will help make this dream a reality for our friends in Bangladesh. We are deeply grateful for your prayers for this project and any support the Holy Spirit may lead you to provide.

*"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" Ephesians 4:11-12.*

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## New Church Building Dedicated



Dedication of new church building in village of \*Mawlte

Once again another village church has been completed and dedicated to spreading the gospel in one of the remote hill tribes of Bangladesh. Pastor \*Samuel shared the background story of the village and new church which takes him one and one-half days to reach. There are twenty-seven families in the village and all are day laborers who work in slash and burn cultivation. Before they came to Christ they were spirit and nature worshippers. Over a period of several years of visiting this village and sharing the gospel message with them, the families accepted Christ as Savior and Lord.

They met in houses to worship but they desired to build a church. On one visit Pastor \*Samuel helped them organize a committee to oversee the construction. He taught them how to

earn money and deposit with the designated treasurer. They took turns working two days per month and saving the funds. After four years they had saved enough for the building but were worried they would never be able to save enough for the roof. The villagers were overjoyed when Pastor Samuel shared the good news of receiving \$1,000 for the roof from a Global Outreach donor.



Serving communion at new church dedication service

Pastor Samuel sent his thanks and praises to God for this new roof and other provisions for ongoing ministry to the villages of Chittagong Hill Tribes. We are humbled to think about the sacrifice these new Christians have made to build a house of worship.

## Ministry Partners in Myanmar

As you have no doubt heard, the country of Myanmar is currently under the control of the military in a coup that started in February. We have had some limited communication with Pastor Cyrus at House of Refuge and Pastor Richard who oversees Agape Children's Home. The internet communication has been interrupted as well as the ability to send funds to help our friends. The banks are closed and only limited funds are available through atm withdrawal. Pastor Cyrus told us that hundreds of people line up for the atm and funds run out before everyone is served. Government offices are closed and they have not even been able to pay the electric bill. He also stated that innocent people are being killed every day and they are anticipating civil war may begin at any time. Many people are fleeing the city. He also said the military is detaining young people and using them for forced labor.



Children and staff of House of Refuge

Please keep these precious brothers and sisters in your prayers. We will be sending emergency funds to help them as we are able to do so safely.