

June 27, 2019

Dear BMW friend,

What do you call it when BMW invites the whole family for a fun time in the park, provides food and Bengali games, goats and a fashion show? You call it...

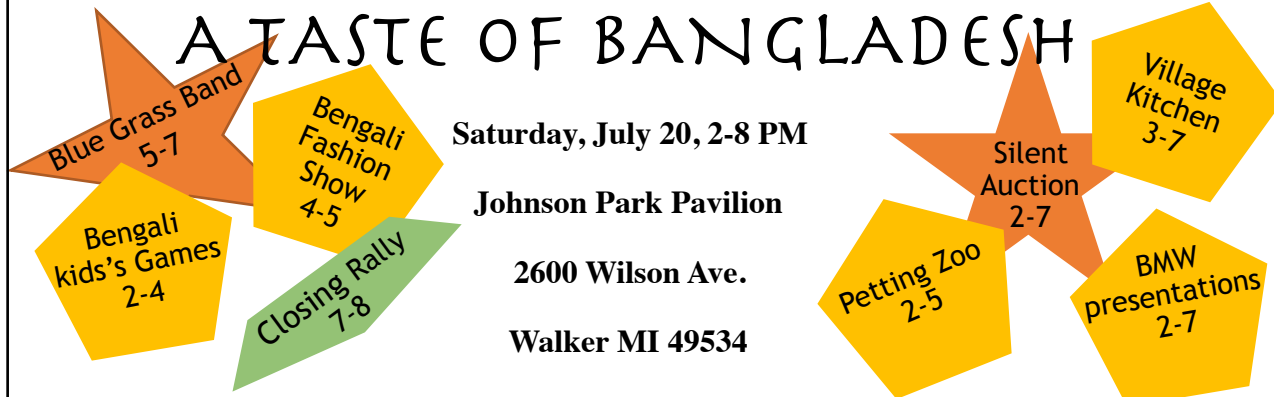
A TASTE OF BANGLADESH

Saturday, July 20, 2-8 PM

Johnson Park Pavilion

2600 Wilson Ave.

Walker MI 49534



More details are available on our website: banglaministries.org Many auction items can be viewed or even purchased there. Come for the whole day or any part of the day!

participate for a donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Children, \$30 Max per Family

Expect to be educated, entertained and inspired by this exposure to Bangladesh! Bring the whole family and invite friends! (Bring extra money to help raise funds!)

HARVEST TIME!

When you hold a camp to focus on salvation and you pray that 5 out of 30 will profess Christ as Savior and Lord, and God gives you 12 instead, it is time to rejoice! These 12 included 8 from Hindu families in the Sreemongol area where 90% of our students are Hindu. Could these 8 potentially be the nucleus of a church in their area?

After 7 years of Bible teaching and relationship building, God led us to conduct a "harvesting camp" and He gave us a harvest. It is our prayer that this phenomenon will be repeated in our ministry locations all over the country and lead to hundreds of new births in the next few years.

So, it is a time to rejoice! It is also time to back up and give thanks to God for the many steps He has arranged to get us to this point. God has been working on this project for a long time! Surely, what Jesus said in John 4:38 is true of us today, "Others have done the hard work." We ought to ponder and give sincere thanks for those who sowed long and hard for this harvest. Considering the preparation of only Thomas, Gita, Matthew and myself, we have to go back 65 years!



1. My Dad was saved in Newberry, Michigan in 1954 the summer after HS graduation.
2. A group of missionaries began work in the SE of East Pakistan in 1957-58. Gene Gurganus started a Bible Correspondence School as a basic outreach to unbelievers. BMW's methodology evolved from that.

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3. In 1960 Jay Walsh, another “Yooper,” arrived with his family. He would be instrumental in bringing Gita’s father to Christ.
4. About 1966, missionaries Lynn Silvernale and Jeannie Jockerbie took in Gita’s family and had devotions around the dinner table every day with them. Later that year Gita and her mom believed and were baptized.
5. After the deaths in separate illnesses of three members of the missionary family (’58, ’59, ’65), Dr. Vic Olsen was able to open Memorial Christian Hospital at Malumghat in the jungle in March of 1966.
6. The DeCook family arrived in East Pakistan in 1969 to serve at the hospital. I was six years old. We were there for the civil war that birthed the new nation of Bangladesh in 1971.
7. I rededicated my life to the Lord and was baptized in 1975. I began a regular quiet time and grew from God’s Word. I experienced the power of spiritual life retreats with others.
8. In 1976 Thomas Roy accepted Christ because of the preaching of an evangelist at Malumghat.
9. In 1978 I sensed a call to ministry and started Malumghat Quiet Time Club with Bangladeshi friends for peer encouragement and accountability.
10. God led Thomas and Gita to marry in 1978 and in 1984, their son Matthew was born. Through his battles with respiratory trouble during infancy, Gita dedicated him to God’s service if He would spare him.
11. Bob Adolph, who arrived in 1964 with his family, started Bengali AWANA in the early 80s and Dishari Camp in the middle 80s. Both of these ministries would powerfully shape Matthew.
12. I entered vocational ministry as a pastor in the USA in 1989.
13. In 2000 Thomas and Gita heard God’s call to leave High School administration for full-time ministry. He began ministry for BMW in New York City in 2002. He was ordained and organized a church there in 2008.
14. In 2010 Thomas and Gita started a Bible study ministry back in Bangladesh and Matthew took charge of it.
15. In 2011 I became the Director of BMW. In January 2012 I visited Bangladesh with BMW supporter Dwight Jacobsen to conduct graduations and see what Matthew was leading. We returned with a strong recommendation to support it and return for graduations.
16. In 2013 we held a National Leadership Camp at Dishari which started to shape a vision of a national ministry.
17. Great disappointment was my lot in 2014 when we couldn’t visit Bangladesh.
18. Great disappointment was my lot in 2015 when we visited, but couldn’t have camp (although God birthed the wonderful local mini camp concept for us).
19. Great joy was our lot in 2016 when BMW could again hold National Leadership Camp. I gave an invitation at the end and 35 people responded, 14 for salvation. It was very exciting, but we were left with a challenge. How to adequately follow-up these decisions? How to indigenize this process?
20. June 6-8, 2019, after 4 years of mini camps, Matthew conducted his first “harvesting camp” and received a bountiful harvest!

Pray for the people who recently made salvation decisions in our camps: for lasting fruit, for protection from Satan, for growth in the Word, for courage to testify, for connection to disciplers. Here are the names of those who took a clear-cut stand for Christ: **From Sreemongol:** 1. Tony Biswas 2. Uzzal Biswas 3. William Biswas 4. Emon Biswas 5. Shumona Tanti 6. Bina Tanti 7. Bishwajit Tanti 8. Shongita Dev 9. Akash Tanti 10. Ripon Tanti 11. Munni Rajgour 12. Mamoni Tanti. **From Barishal:** Stephen Baroi, Sagor Biswas, Sazal Kormoker, Pria Gain, Ekhin Hazra, Mithi Samadder.

Sincerely,
Dave DeCook

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Next Prayer Force Sortie



Get your prayers off the ground! Join one of these air power meetings because we are fighting the “prince of the power of the air.” Don’t be Missing In Action!

Grand Rapids BMW Prayer Force Wing South
Saturday, September 14, 10:30 AM
Home of Paul and Carol Veenstra
2549 Scarlet Oak Drive
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Grand Rapids BMW Prayer Force Wing North
Saturday, September 14, 10:30 AM
Home of Steve and Diane Morris
2353 Deer Trail Dr. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Holland BMW Prayer Force Wing
Thursday, August 22, 7:00 PM
Home of Bob and Kris Arent
1349 W. Springfield Circle
Zeeland, MI 49464