

August 22, 2019

Dear BMW friend,

The TWR360 John Project

On August 26-28 I will accompany two BMW volunteers to the TransWorld Radio Footsteps conference. Veteran Bangladesh missionary Larry Golin and Swopan Malakar, a recent immigrant from Bangladesh, handle this part of our ministry. We have been working on perfecting the recordings for the Gospel of John and facing delays and difficulties (sickness of recording team in Bangladesh, two cracked ribs this month in Larry Golin). We believe these recordings will be a powerful tool to reveal the truths of the Gospel to Muslims in Bangladesh. Pray for successful completion of John and uploading to the TWR site and marketing. We see about 14,000 clicks per month and 2,500 program listens.

Prayer Force 2.0

The Lord's Army advances on its knees. Here at BMW we call it the Prayer Force. As we launched this division of our ministry one year ago in September, I asked the Lord for 3 separate groups in 2019 in different geographic areas to make it easy for our Most Valuable Prayers to meet on a quarterly basis. God has answered that prayer and given us a Holland/Zeeland group, a South Grand Rapids Group and a North Grand Rapids group. The Holland group just met August 22. The two Grand Rapids groups will be meeting September 14, 10:30 AM at the following locations:

NORTH

Home of Steve and Diane Morris
2353 Deer Trail Dr. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505



SOUTH

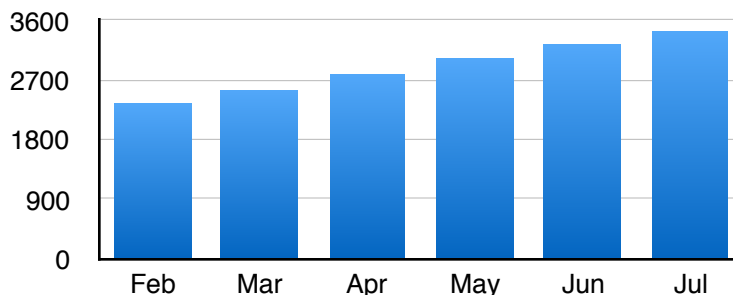
Home of Paul and Carol Veenstra
2549 Scarlet Oak Drive
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Through the Prayer Force, you can gain a better understanding of what is actually happening on the field and come to know the key people and what their needs are. You can be intimately involved through prayer and see answers. The tool kit includes a prayer folder with biographies and maps, weekly email, prayer page access on website and Facebook prayer room.

Blessed with Growth

The BMW staff in Bangladesh is still recruiting students in pursuit of the goal of 3,550 students. As we ended last year at 2,311, our current student count of 3,435 represents very strong growth. The Lord is continuing to give us many open doors.

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From Student to Staff

Read this testimony and see if you can find the reason for the growth of BMW:
My name is Richard Kot. I am 27 years old. BMW has changed my life. My dad worked as Christian evangelist and I grew up in a church boys' hostel. Even though we had devotions every day from the Bible, the teaching didn't really sink in. I was a college student in 2012 and working for a local Compassion ministry when I heard about the BMW Bible studies. I enjoyed the Bible discussions so much. Step by step the BMW courses opened up my understanding of the Scriptures. The Bible began to make sense to me. I finally understood salvation and I began to see God at work in my life. Then I began to get a desire to serve God. I saw that the BMW system worked. I loved to discuss the Bible with young people and that is the main method BMW uses! I volunteered for every opportunity to lead BMW Bible study groups in several villages in my area. Now I am a full-time teacher for BMW.



A Surge in Rajshahi

The district of Rajshahi held its first graduation this January, with half of the 130 students earning certificates. Since then, interest in the BMW ministry has surged to 370 students. Long-time BMW student and brand new staff member Milton is helping. So, too is another brand new staff member named Poritosh Debnath. Here is his recent prayer request:

Thanks, God, for this month that God kept me well and also thanks God because my family is doing well. Pray for my little baby who is suffering from sickness that God will help her.

I am very thankful to God because I got a new bicycle for my ministry work. Hope this will help me to reach more areas. Pray for my safety.

In Rajshahi, we are two teachers and more than 350 students. We continuously take classes and visit them. Pray for us all. We have taken the exam of the first-course study of the first year. They are doing well. Then we will go forward for the other four books.

The students of Babuldang team are inattentive and irregular in the courses and also towards words of God. Pray for the students calm and focused mind.

Financial Projects

The fantastic growth this year should be crowned with graduation ceremonies in January. \$36,000 is needed for that because 13 graduations will be required. \$8,500 of that is needed just for the Bibles and certificates for 2,000 students.

The ministry property in Bangladesh is mostly under water this time of year and needs \$6,250 to properly fill it and raise it above the annual floods. Then \$4,000 is needed to finish building the wall to make it safe.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts!

Sincerely,
Dave DeCook

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