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We were blessed for 23 years to have Sharon Johnson on the BMW mailing team. We were not the only Bangladesh mission she helped. For over 40 years she packed barrels for “Women’s Mite” which supplied Memorial Christian Hospital in Bangladesh (a ministry she visited three times). Joe and Joyce DeCook, who helped to found Women’s Mite, noted that she was a major organizing force and got a warehouse built for the purpose at her church, Good News Baptist Church. She was “easy to work with and very encouraging. She had an optimistic and sunny personality. She was very enthused about BMW.”

We were definitely the beneficiaries of her strong and practical commitment to missions. Whatever needed doing, she would do. And she often brought help with her, whether family, like her husband, Jay, or friends like Hildegard Krusch. How we rejoiced when she returned from her kidney transplant this spring! Once again the BMW office was filled with laughter as we tried to get the mailing done in record time! We were shocked to hear that on Saturday, September 14, she succumbed to infection in the ICU. She will be sorely missed!



Another person that we look forward to seeing in heaven, and who is already meeting Bengalis there that he helped share Christ with through BMW, is Paul Anderson. Paul, a member of the FLOCK class at Calvary Church of Grand Rapids, served on the BMW board from 2006 to 2013. Paul was a practical “doer” kind of guy, making sure that we had paper clips and stamps and that donations were properly receipted. For many years he basically WAS the BMW office. He went home to be with the Lord in December 2018.

If the Lord is prompting your heart to get more involved with BMW personally, like Sharon and Paul, let’s sit down and talk!

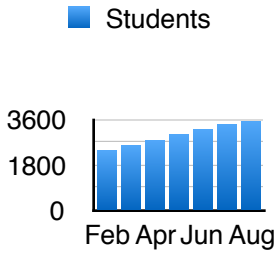


Nipol, Mohesh, Emon, Rosemerry, Rimi, Orvil, Shampa, Tithee, Matthew, Jennefer, Shyamoli, Tuhi, Happy, Mili, Milton

Annual Staff Retreat

15 of our 25 staff in Bangladesh braved the Indian Ocean for this group shot during the annual staff retreat, September 7-11. Imagine hosting 25 people in your home for 5 days! That is exactly what Matthew and Jennefer Roy did at their home-away-from-home in Chabagan. Some had to travel over 20 hours to get there. We constantly train our staff for specific skills and knowledge, but over all we are seeking to build a loving spiritual family that attracts and keeps people and can be duplicated all over the country. I see that clearly taking shape under the direction of Matthew and Jennefer.

From Matthew's prayer page on our website:
 I would like to give thanks to all for your prayer support for BD ministry. I also am so grateful and thankful to God for His blessings upon us (all staff members) in our staff retreat. We had wonderful spiritual fellowship among the staff. **We felt like a family gathering.** We had successful program according to our expectation. We were able to fulfill 100% of our goals. We had God's guidance as we were fully relying on God for all activities. Though there was too much rain, the rain couldn't stop any of the program according to our plan. Praise the Lord for all His blessings for us! Also, give thanks that we were able to reach our Goal for total number of Students in in our Bible class. Our actual goal was 3550 for Bible class student. **In this month we were able to involve 3565 students in our Bible class.** We are hoping for more students by the end of October.



I would like to request you to pray for our upcoming programs which are as follows,

- A. Harvesting Mini Camp at Dinajpur from Sept 19 – 21, 2019. Total participant will be 70. 30% students will be unbelievers from other religion among them. The goals for the Harvesting Mini Camp are
 - 10 students will receive Jesus Christ as their personal savior.
 - All attendees will receive the good news of salvation.
 - All attendees will receive a spiritual fellowship.
 - They will get to know each other
 - They will share their blessings through BMW with each other.
 - They will learn about and experience Christian love.
 - 5 of the new believers will share their testimonies.
- B. In September there will be picnic programs at Sylhet, Sreemongol, Komolgonj, Banshkhali. And there will be several Mini Camps at Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Khagrachori, Banshkhali, Bagerhat, Gopalganj, Barishal.

Bangladesh Visit Gets the Green Light!

The BMW board approved the visit to Bangladesh by four teams in January to put on 13 graduations. We need to raise at least \$11,000 more dollars to make this happen. In addition, we need \$2000 more this month to complete the brick wall around the property for our staff camp (\$2000 was recently pledged).

Thank you for your prayers and gifts!

Sincerely,
 Dave DeCook

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