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Libby Laing

It is with great sadness that we advise that Libby Laing passed away suddenly from a massive stroke in Dhaka at Easter time. Libby first went to work alongside Edric in 1998 and worked hard at training the paramedics and developing the Mother and Child Village Health Care service. Over the past decade Libby travelled every year at her own expense to Bangladesh and worked three months with the village paramedics. The love and skills that she imparted live on, but she is sadly missed.

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New Outpatient's Reception Centre

Kailakuri struggles to meet the insatiable demand for out patient services with 80 - 90 sick and desperately poor people presenting every day. Up until now, facilities have been limited to a small mud hut in which patient consultation can take place. Initial reception, recording of personal details, weighing and taking of blood pressure has been accomplished out side, (see photo on the Outpatient webpage). With financing from the Newmarket Rotary Club (NZ) plus some top up funding from the Halfmoon Bay Rotary Club (NZ), a new Outpatient Reception Centre has now been built. Our thanks go to both clubs for their generous support.

Mud Bricks being prepared and baked in the sun for building of the Rotary Outpatient Centre

Construction of the Rotary Outpatient Centre nearing completion.

Father Doug Venne

A few days after Christmas, we are sad to advise that Kailakuri lost a faithful supporter with the death of Maryknoll Father Doug Venne . Ordained in 1959, Father Doug spent fifty years living and working with the poor initially in the Philippines and since 1975 in Bangladesh. In the mid 1980's he was impressed with Dr. Edric Baker's pioneering work in establishing health services for the poor. From that time he provided moral, spiritual and physical help to Edric and the project. For many years, this servant of the poor wrote the Kailakuri Health Centre quarterly newsletters. Ever humble, 'your correspondent' he called himself. He also attracted funding support from for Kailakuri from friends and family in the USA.

For Father Doug's life story see:

<http://sites.google.com/site/kailakurihealth/Home/the-story-of-edric-baker-and-the-kailakuri-health-centre/tribute-to-fr-doug-venne>