

KAILAKURI HEALTH CARE PROJECT

(Project of Dr Baker's Organisation for Well-Being NGO)

Kailakuri Village, Madhupur Thana, Tangail District, Bangladesh



December 2021: Christmas and New Year

Greetings from Bangladesh

Recent news from Kailakuri

- A new internee doctor, Dr. Maisa Montaz, has joined Kailakuri for 2 months
- KHCP has received sufficient funds to fulfill its annual budget for 2021 (although they are aware that reserves in US and NZ are particularly low this year)
- Students have returned to classrooms in the past few months, and many have been sitting end of year exams. KHCP donors now sponsor 19 children. See a few of their drawings below.
- Japanese Overseas Christian Medical Cooperative Service (JOCS) funded 2 more scholars for the Diploma in Medical Assistant (DMA) course. Now we have a total of 6 DMA students.
- Every Sunday BNSB Eye hospital is doing a diabetics retinopathy camp at Kailakuri for diabetic patients. We have done eye cataract operations for about 200 patients this year.
- Our staff and others in the community are taking Covid vaccine as it becomes available



Funding

Please consider if you can increase your financial support for Kailakuri. Just as many countries are experiencing a rise in the cost of living, so inflation is increasing the operating costs for Kailakuri.

Financially, Kailakuri runs a 'tight ship.' The management and control systems at the health centre ensure that every dollar is used to maximum effect in helping poor families who otherwise would receive no health services.

Every dollar you give goes fully to the project. Few, if any, charities make the dollar work harder than Kailakuri.

See the last page of this newsletter for donation options. We can accept international donations from any country through the PayPal link on our website: www.kailakuri.com

Arnob's story

A child called Arnob has gained new life. His house is in Sribordi Upazila within Sherpur district, which is about 110 kilometres away from Kailakuri, near the India border. His father received financial support from Kailakuri for his kidney operation at Dhaka Medical Hospital about ten years ago. His father used to work in Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh, due to poverty in their family. Now they do day-labour work in the village to maintain their family. Wild elephants destroy crops and houses because of their proximity to the Indian border. Once their house was destroyed too.

Arnob was born 29th September 2021. At 12 days old, he got a fever, cough, breathlessness, and his skin had a blueish tint. He wasn't even able to suck milk. They went to a local doctor, and he advised them to take Arnob to Upazila health complex because of his worsening pneumonia. This complex is about 20 kilometres away from their house. As they didn't have any hand cash or savings, they had to borrow money to take him there. The acting doctor of the Upazila complex advised them to take him to the District Health Complex, 40 kilometres from their village. When they arrived at the district health complex, the baby's condition became worse – he had stopped moving. Everybody got upset.

The district health complex's doctor suggested they take him to the divisional health complex (in Mymensingh), about 80 kilometres away. They had run out of money after taking Arnob to different hospitals, and the baby's situation was extremely bad. They lost all their hope and relied on luck for his recovery. Suddenly, Arnob's father remembered that Kailakuri helped him for his kidney operation, and they always help poor patients. That is why he contacted Kailakuri.



Kailakuri suggested he take his son to Mymensingh as the doctor had referred. However, he requested a few times that his son be treated at Kailakuri. He added that he has been to a few hospitals and the treatment offered at Kailakuri is good. He borrowed some money again and brought his son to the Kailakuri Health Care centre. Arnob's weight was 2.3 kg when he got admitted. He fully recovered within two weeks with strict supervision and treatment, led by our medical officer Dr. Riazul Islam Rishad and a group of paramedics. His parents were very grateful to Kailakuri and its staff. They were very happy the day they got discharged with a fully recovered baby.

In Other News...

The Morgenson family. The family's time on furlough in the USA has drawn out longer than anticipated, partly because of covid and partly because of health issues. In November they were able to start traveling to visit families and churches supporting Kailakuri.

Covid in Bangladesh As recently as August, the country was experiencing over 16,000 new cases and some 300 deaths per day. This Has since plummeted down to around 250 new cases per day and 5 deaths per day. It remains to be seen what will happen when Omicron arrives.

Kailakuri is dependent on your support. Donations can be made by ...

- Internationally:
 - Paying online through our website via Paypal at www.kailakuri.com
 - Making a telegraphic transfer (TT) payment to our New Zealand Bank Account (ANZ, Whakatane, New Zealand). Account Name: Kailakuri Health Care Project - Link Group; Account Number: **01 0486 0185024 00, SWIFT code ANZ BNZ 22**. Please email Glenn Baker at treasurerkhcp@gmail.com with your donation and contact details.
 - Please get in touch with Pijon Nongmin at drbakersorganisation@gmail.com for options to donate within Bangladesh.
- If you live in the United States, you can write a cheque to "Asia Connection Inc". Please indicate on a separate note that the donation is for Kailakuri and send to Ted Rose, Treasurer, Asia Connection Inc, 1920 Ralston Ave, Richmond, CA 94805, and give your contact details for a receipt.

For any changes to your contact details or if you would like to receive your newsletter by email please contact Pijon Nongmin at drbakersorganisation@gmail.com (international) or Hilary Lynch at tui_eden@xtra.co.nz (NZ)

*Thank-you so much for your support.
Our greatest need is gifts towards on-going running costs.*

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