

KAILAKURI HEALTH CARE PROJECT

(In association with Indigenous Peoples Development Services)

Village Kailakuri, Madhupur Thana, Tangail District, Bangladesh

Nov 2019: Guests, Japanese Support & Patient Stories

Dear friends, warmest winter greetings on behalf of the Kailakuri family

On September 1st we celebrated the anniversary of Dr Bhai's passing with a beautiful service. October was a busy month at Kailakuri Health Care Project (KHCP) with quite a few visitors from near and far - Nadine and Ratan Bormon visited from Christchurch with Nadine's brother Isaac, along with Sara Gordon also from Christchurch. They were able to spend time helping with some overall project planning and Sara with English language classes.

There was a visit from a lively and engaged group of doctors and medical students from Gonoshashtya Kendra Medical College (GK), here to donate two oxygen tanks and other medical equipment. Dr Jorg from Germany arrived with Lenen, the Executive Director from Mati NGO, to deliver training to paramedics on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and alcoholism.

Also among our supporters is the Japan Overseas Christian Medical Cooperative Service (JOCS). To JOCS, along with friends associated with their programme, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for your on-going support. We would like to take this opportunity to mention some of the help received in more detail below.

Ayako-didi (JOCS) Physiotherapist

Ayako is a physiotherapist who has been working on a regular basis with our disabled children since 2008. She has given training to our paramedics in techniques which enable them to help disabled children and their families more effectively. The paramedics reported that the knowledge she has given them is "like a seed that has kept on growing". In addition to this, she has made another valuable contribution to our programme by introducing Dr Mariko Inui to the KHCP. Ayako, through these contributions you have become an integral part of our project and we are very grateful for that.



Ayako didi working with a disabled child

Dr Mariko Inui (JOCS)

Dr Mariko, working on behalf of JOCS, was coming and going to the project for nearly 5 years. During this time she worked with different cultural groups in the Kailakuri area. These communities are some of the poorest groups in the Madhupur Thana (sub-district). She has provided valuable treatment advice along with health prevention education to many local people over this time. Through working intensively with these communities she has built a strong enduring relationship with the paramedics who now refer to her as Dr Didi out of great respect for her contribution. They comment that her teaching has reinvigorated their desire for

learning and developing in their profession. Dr Baker also added a number of her medical procedures to the KHCP General Treatment Manual so her contributions continue in this way.



Dr Mariko with KHCP staff Sujit and Bijoy

In addition to her past support, Dr Mariko is still helping KHCP in a significant way with 74% financial support for the surgical transfer programme. (The other 24% is provided by World Child Future Foundation in Switzerland).

This support ensures that many of the helpless and poor are able to get the surgical interventions they need to restore them to full health. Many patients report that this help has given them a new life.

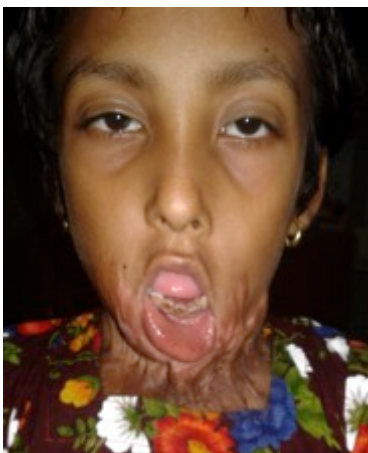
We would also like to mention the advice and guidance on medical matters given by Naomi-didi and Jyunko-didi, as well as the generous sponsorship from JOCS for paramedics to complete the Diploma for Medical Assistants

course. So far, two paramedics have been sponsored and this year another paramedic will also receive sponsorship. KHCP acknowledges your dedication and commitment to helping eradicate disease in this community and ensuring affordable and accessible health care facilities for the poor, and in this way, upholding the humanity of all people.

Patient Stories

Central to the Kailakuri is our mission to change people's lives for the better and the following extracts introduce the stories of two patients whose lives were transformed by the treatment they were able to access. In large part this was due to your generous contributions.

Laboni Katun - A child with burns



Laboni before surgery and 2 weeks after surgery (the purple colour is a topical antiseptic). Further treatment is required.

Laboni is a 9 year old girl who suffered debilitating burns five years ago from falling onto hot coals. This accident left her disfigured and with severe burn contractures from her upper chest to her chin, such that she was unable to extend her neck or close her mouth. This scarring inhibited her daily activities such as eating or turning her head. As her parents were very poor they couldn't arrange the money for proper treatment.

Also, they didn't understand what kind of treatment Laboni actually required as they had limited education. Luckily, the parents found out about KHCP through a neighbour in their village. The neighbour's child had also suffered a burn and was treated successfully with the help of Kailakuri. Once Laboni arrived at Kailakuri she was placed on the surgical transfer programme for plastic surgery and through the help of one of the Japanese sisters, Ayako-didi, she was able to get the appropriate treatment. Laboni has had some surgery already and will

need three more surgeries in the future to correct the problem. This intervention has transformed her life and allowed her to begin growing and living as a 9 year old girl should.

Monjila Begum -A diabetic Woman

Monjila is a poor diabetic patient who had suffered for many years without proper treatment and as a consequence developed a diabetic foot (soft tissue or bone infection). A number of doctors had previously advised her to have the lower limb amputated but she refused. Finally, she came to KHCP and was admitted for 6 months for regular dressings and on-going treatment involving skin grafts. This treatment saved her from an amputation and she also learned, through attendance at the daily Diabetic Inpatient training programme, how to control her diabetes -a routine she will be able to maintain for the rest of her life. She was recently discharged and she and her family were very happy.

Dr Jason Bhai and Dr Merindy and family



Dr Jason stitching up cut on patient's hand

The paramedics report that they are grateful for the guidance and support being given by Dr Jason and commend him on the gains he is making with the Bangla language. They are also impressed with his Bangla script, which they say is very nice.

The paramedics continue to learn from both Jason and Merindy and say they feel that the two doctors are very engaged and interested in them and their work. Jason and Merindy's four small children are now attending the local

mission primary school and have made friends with the other local children at the school. They are still learning Bangla and can say a few phrases and sing one or two songs.

In addition to Dr Jason and Merindy's medical work they are also supporting KHCP with different fundraising activities and contributions to newsletters for donor organisations in the USA. Kailakuri is very grateful for the commitment both doctors have to the needs of the poor and their work to uphold the mission and vision of Dr Baker Bhai.

Our Heart-felt thanks

Before Dr Bhai died he expressed his final wish; that the organisation he started would continue as he had started it. With your prayers and help this organisation has grown and developed through the support we have received from all of you. We continue to pray for your on-going commitment to the vital work we do here.

And finally, thanks to our volunteer Sara Gordon for guest-editing this Newsletter during your stay at Kailakuri, as well as your English teaching and admin contributions!

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

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