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Greetings. By the time you receive this newsletter Edric will be in New Zealand starting his speaking/fund-raising tour. Dr Mariko Inui returned to Kailakuri for six weeks in February and is now back in Japan until the 24th of April.

February and March saw an increase in the number of inpatients and because of national publicity an increase in the number of visitors to the project both of which created extra pressure on staff.

Since September 2011 the national media has been taking an interest in the work of the project and in particular the dedication and aim of Dr Baker to provide low cost health care for the poor. started with the Bangladeshi English Medium Newspaper "The Daily Star" in September, then "Ittyadi", a popular documentary television programme at the end of December and finally on 17th March "Prothom Alo", a very popular Bangladeshi national newspaper. We hope through this there will be a greater awareness of the many who miss out on medical help and awareness that medical intervention does not always need to be expensive and needs to be made available to the poor. Website references are www.thedailystar.net (19^{th}) Sept 2011 English) and www.bangladeshnews24.com/prothom-alo (17th March 2011 - Bengali).

Over the years Dr Baker has built up relationships with many organisations and Kailakuri Health Care Project is privileged to have partners in Bangladesh who support our aim of 'health for the poor by the poor'. The Institute of Integrated Rural Development (IIRD) is our parent NGO. They handle all of KHCP's legal work liaising with the government NGO Bureau, providing visas, paying the salary of our project manager, giving advice and so much We work in close cooperation with the Madhupur Government Health Care Complex, the National TB Programme (through Damien Foundation), BIRDEM Hospital, the Mymensingh BNSB Eye Hospital and the Medecins-Sans-Frontier/Government Mymensingh Kala Azar Programme.

We also receive regular support from the Lilly Company (syringes), from SAMSAL Bangladesh, a South Korean organization (surgical transfers) and Notre Dame College (patient accommodation). The Social Islami Bank, Dhaka British Women's Club, and Dhaka American Women's Club have also been generous towards our needs. If I have missed anyone out, please forgive me. Many local community members give their support in advice and also in one case just recently the provision of land for one of our diabetes sub-centres.

The 2011 Annual Report is complete and will be sent out the same week as this newsletter. For those of you who did not receive one please email me if you would like a copy. Here are some brief statistics.

The total expenses for 2011 were:

14,116,000 taka [USD 173,000] [NZD 222,000]

This paid for:



care for 1025 children under 4 years and 372 pregnant women in the Village Health Programme.



33,084 Outpatient Visits



➤ 21,000 to receive Health Education



> 1,100 Inpatient Admissions

and

> 88 staff salaries

Total Cost of Running Kailakuri for One Day: 38,674 taka [USD 474] [NZD 608]

Patient fees make up 5% of the income while many donors make up the balance.

We offer our sincere thanks to all of you who support us with donations, advice, in administration and other practical ways, and in prayer. Without you our work caring for the poor could not continue. Dr Edric Baker and the staff of Kailakuri Health Care Project

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL USA SUPPORTERS

Our recipient for USA donations has changed.

Please write out your check to: Asia Connection Inc

On a separate note: Please give your contact details and clearly state that the check is for

"Kailakuri Health Care Project"

Please post your donations to:
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To make a donation visit our websites or contact Bill Rose (USA), Glenn Baker (NZ) or Christine Steiner (BD)

One of our most important needs is help towards the on-going running costs of the project.