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Caleb Catchup



Construction at the new school project is now well advanced

## Announcing Our Exciting Project

Its time to share details of our exciting project which supports our mission in South Asia to enable self-sufficiency.

The good news is we have been gifted some land for the purpose of building a school in a developing area.

The school will provide high-quality education teaching the national curriculum for the local residents who currently have to send their children to schools in the city over an hour away.

The plan is for our new school to generate funding which will subsidise other schools in needy communities and also incorporate the running of our orphanage.

The schedule is for the school to open in January 2021 with 100 students in both kindergarten and first grade.

A new grade will be added each year until the school is a complete K - 10 facility.



The new school building will also be used for adult education classes and as a meeting place to bring the local community together.

The initial building design is for three floors which will expand to six floors in future years and incorporate a secure recreation area. We are exploring the potential to purchase adjoining properties for additional play areas.

Total funding for the project is *\$150,000AUD*. Half of this target has already been raised and enabled building to commence. We have stepped out in faith believing the remaining funds will be provided.

Please consider helping us bridge the funding gap. Your tax deductible donation can be made through our partner HADA or directly to us. See over for our bank details. 100% of funds received go direct to the project.

https://hada.org.au/project/bangladesh-orphanage-selfsufficiency-bgd-013/

## South Asia Update



Seasonal flooding causes enormous suffering

2020 has been a challenging year in South Asia. On 20 May, Cyclone Amphan struck the western and northern regions displacing 5 million people who were moved into cyclone shelters. It was the worst cyclone in two decades. Many were left homless after severe flooding. In July, unusually heavy monsoonal rains inundated a third of the country, resulting in houses being washed away, crops being flattened and cities flooded. Three of our schools were affected. Pastor "Baroi" and his family had to live on the road outside their house as this was the only dry land available.

As we know, South Asia was severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic with over half a million reported cases. New cases are running at over 2,000 per day. There have been over 6,000 deaths. We give thanks that to date none of our pastors have contracted Covid.-19.

All educational facilities have been closed since 17 March. The garment and construction industries, the main employers, were completely shut down for weeks meaning that many have gone without food.

Despite these calamities the Lord has worked mightily. The adversities of 2020 have led to many people being open to the opportunity of hearing about faith and hope with significant numbers accepting His Grace.

All those at our orphanage are safe and well with the boys studying at home since March. They sit for their exams in December.



For the opportunity to provide food relief and to reach out to our communities.

For financial provision throughout 2020.

For keeping all the children in our orphanage safe and well.

For the ongoing good health and safety of our Pastors and their families and communities.

For a halt to the spread of Covid-19 in South Asia.

For our new school project and the start of Term 1 in January and for donations to cover the remaining funding gap.



Our food hampers provide much needed aid

## **Emergency Aid**

For several months we have been responding to emergencies with food hampers in the rural communities we serve together with providing cooked meals in the city. This has been a wonderful help and has enabled our pastors to support people and demonstrate the real meaning of Love in action.



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Matt 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as testimony to all nations"