



# Key Khobor



“What’s the News?” In Bangla

The Newsletter of Jeff & Melissa Bos, CRWM Bangladesh

## We Are Beggars Too

We have started giving to beggars on the street. We are not sure if it is the right thing to do. But as Martin Luther has said, “we are all beggars” and dependant on God for everything. We are also interdependent on each other, and covet your help.

At four months into our financial year with CRWM, we have raised \$14,863.51. This is about \$3,000 less than

our first quarter budget.

Meanwhile the van sits in the mechanic’s shop for the third time this week.

We wonder how much

longer we will be able to depend on this vehicle.

Thank you for the extra funds toward a newer



**Jeff’s alternative transport to work: an over-crowded, hot bus**

van, but we now find ourselves in need for both funds.

See back side for donation information.

## Finding Peace

The Oxford Mission in Barisal Town, Bangladesh was founded in 1902 by members of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood of the Epiphany, an Anglican community in England. Religious tension and violence welcomed the

missionaries. One brother was even killed. But today there is peace. There is respect between those at the mission and neighboring Muslims and Hindus.

Foreigners no longer live at the mission. Six

Bangladeshi sisters and brothers oversee the boarding homes, schools, clinic, orphanage, and church. The community is part of the Church of Bangladesh, a uniting church that includes Anglicans, Lutherans,

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### *Praises:*

- Give thanks for the evangelists, housewives, school teachers, women’s committee leaders, and retirees in Barisal committed to learning more through CCTB’s Theological Education by Extension courses.
- Praise God for Christian peacemakers in Bangladesh.

### *Prayer Requests:*

- CCTB’s next council meeting is scheduled for November 19. Pray for the council as they discuss and make important decisions, including the contract for the principal-elect.
- Melissa’s parents will be in Bangladesh Nov. 23 to Jan. 4. They will volunteer at the CRWRC office in Dhaka and at the school Isaac and Sophia attend. Pray that their Bangladesh visa is secured, and for safe travel.

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**Clockwise, from left: Sophia swings with Mila, who lives at the Oxford Mission orphanage; Rev. Serkar, at left in photo, hands out assignments during a TEE class in Barisal; Alexis with a new friend.**

**For more photos from our recent trip to Barisal, and life in Bangladesh, go to [www.flickr.com/photos/bosinthedesh](http://www.flickr.com/photos/bosinthedesh)**

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Methodist, Presbyterian and Reformed churches from all over the country.

In mid October Jeff needed to visit a Theological Education by Extension (TEE) group in Barisal that the College of Christian Theology Bangladesh (CCTB) oversees. Our kids were on a week-long fall break. So we booked a room at the Oxford Mission guest house, and left Dhaka for 5 days.

The Anglican sisters were our hosts. They fed us well, snuck into our rooms to make our beds and refill our tea tray, and showed our kids where they

could play. They set a good example of devout Christian life by their practice of prayer and worship five times each day. We joined the sisters and brothers a few times for their 6:30am communion service, and were touched by the songs, prayers, and sense of God's presence. The sisters and brothers reminded us that life in Christ and our relationships with others take precedence.

We were reluctant to leave at the end of the week. But we were bringing back with us the peace that we had found at the Oxford Mission, the peace of Christ, which is found everywhere if we but look for it.

## **Helping Local Church**

Jeff's ordination in the Christian Reformed Church is recognized in the Church of Bangladesh (COB). He regularly preaches at the English service we attend in Dhaka, and occasionally preaches at a Bangla service.

This month Jeff will present at a seminar the COB will hold for the denomination's pastors. He will also lead an advent service to be held on November 25th at the Armenian Church in Dhaka, which is organized by our English congregation. The date is not a typo— since the Muslim holy day is Friday, and Sunday is a work day in Bangladesh, many Christians also meet for worship on Fridays.