

Church of the Nazarene Bangladesh
Report of Child Development Centers
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Introduction:

A new year has begun and the children around Bangladesh in Argabright-supported CDCs are very happy to have a new year to continue their studies in the CDC. Education is the best hope for these communities and the most effective means in the quest to achieve sustainable development. In this endeavor, through the help of the South Asia Partnership, another year has started with some new activities for the CDC children. We are very thankful to the South Asia Partnership and especially grateful to David Argabright for continuing his good work for the children of Bangladesh. Through this support, we are helping 13 underprivileged communities in Bangladesh. A total of 1,123 children are receiving support from these 13 centers.

Statistic from January–March, 2011

Area	Name Of CDC	Total
Narail	Paikpara CDC	93
	Aritpur CDC	144
	Dhapkhal CDC	93
	Ramnagarchor CDC	96
Total	4	426
Khulna	Joymoni CDC	80
	Holdibunia CDC	70
	Sirajshingha CDC	75
	Kumarkhali CDC	75
Total	4	300
Satkhira	Hatbash CDC	75
Total	1	75
Birjol	Vatpara CDC	121
Total	1	121
Birgonj	Baharpur CDC	76
	Bolaya CDC	75
	Total	2
Naogaon	Bishnupur	50
Total	1	50
Grand Total	13	1,123

Educational Development:

The educational year in Bangladesh is January to December. In January, the children are enrolled in a new class. Some older boys and girls finished their elementary school and have continued to secondary school. This quarter, the children received new books for their new classes. The children also received khata,

pencils, and other learning utensils. The teachers attended trainings at the end of last year and have already started to implement what they learned for the development of the children. As it is the beginning of the year, the children are learning some new discipline, rules and regulations. The teachers are introducing the new students with the new books.



Ramnagarchor CDC children with new books



This child is very happy to have a new school uniform

Spiritual Development:

The teachers are very concerned about the spiritual growth of the children. In the beginning of the new year, they made a plan for the whole year. They have scheduled children's camps, bible studies, quizzes, dramas, and many other programs. Already the CDC children have experienced the power of prayer. They know that their prayer brings change in their lives. The children started prayer for Brother David Argabright for his 3,000 mile cycle ride from March 12, 2011. The children have constantly been praying for David from March 12th until the end of the ride. For this event not only the Argabright-supported CDCs but also other CDC children are praying for him.



Praying for David Argabright's cycle ride



Valpara CDC children are praying for David Argabright

Physical Development:

At the beginning of the quarter the teachers measured the height and weight of the new children. During February 2 to 18, 2011, Dr. Han & Corry Tan checked the children's health of all Argabright CDCs. The health check-up records are in the children's files and our health workers are doing follow-up with that.

The children are doing regular physical exercise. Also they receive a nutritious lunch 4 days per week.



Children are doing physical exercise



Celebrating Independence Day



Observing International Mother Language Day



Observing Child Rights Day

Social Development:

Social development refers to the process by which children learn to interact with others around them. As they develop and perceive their own individuality within their community, they also gain skills to communicate with other people and process their actions. Some new children were enrolled in the CDC this year. So the teachers help them to cooperate with other children and help them to build their self-esteem. The teachers also give them different responsibilities.

This quarter the CDCs celebrated International Mother Language Day on February 21st and Independence Day on March 26th. On International Mother Language Day, the CDCs organized a rally and laid flowers at the monument to show their respect for the Language fighters. Also the teachers told them the story about how it became International Mother Language Day.

Self-Help Groups:

The children's mothers' groups are going well. They are doing different kinds of micro business. The women celebrated International Women's Day. They had a rally and a seminar about the significance of the day. By observing this day the women have become more aware about themselves and their rights. The CDCs encouraged the women to become more empowered in the community and family.

We would like to thank the South Asia Partnership for their support for all the CDCs.

Success Story:

Name: Nahid Hasan
CDC: Hatbash
Area: Satkhira

Hatbash is a small village in the Satkhira District. The village people are very poor. In 2000, a Nazarene church was established in Hatbash. The community people looked to the church with great expectations. But the church didn't have enough resources to do something big for the community.

In the village, there were lots of little children who couldn't go to school because the primary school is very far from the village. So the community people requested the church to start a school for the poor little children in the village. The pastor started praying and informed the District Superintendent about the need.

Our God is an awesome GOD. He heard the pastor's prayer and in 2010 he performed the miracle through David Argabright. David visited Hatbash village and talked with the children and parents to find out what their needs were. Then he returned to his country and within one month he started to support the Hatbash CDC. Praise the Lord for his love for the Hatbash community.

Nahid Hasan is a child of Hatbash CDC. He is the second child of his parents. His father is a day laborer. His is the only earning member in the family. His income is not enough to bear the expenses of five family members. Due to poverty Nahid's father was not able to send his son and daughter to school. He wasn't even able to give them nutritious food.



When the CDC program in Hatbash started, the first thing Nahid's father did was that he went and registered Nahid in the center. That was the first time for Nahid to attend a school. He is very happy at the CDC. He is receiving an education and nutritious food each day. He is taking part in different programs like observing International Mother Language Day and Independence Day. The CDC has effected a great change in Nahid's life physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. Although he is from a Muslim family he likes to attend Sunday School.

Unfortunately, a month ago a rabid dog bit him in the leg and he became very sick. His father was unable to buy the vaccines and medicine and he felt very helpless. So he came to the Center and told the teacher and pastor about this situation. As soon as they heard about Nahid's situation, the teachers took him to the hospital and helped him to get better treatment. The CDC takes care of the expenses of his treatment. Now Nahid is well; his family is very thankful to the church and CDC and they also believe that God has helped them through the CDC.

Nahid says, "I enjoy coming to the center and my teachers are very good, they love me so much and I am learning many things in the CDC." Please pray for Nahid and his family, so that God can work on them and they will understand the love of God.

