

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

Through the help of the South Asia Partnership in 2010 the children of Bangladesh passed a wonderful year. 13 CDCs had different kinds of programs throughout the whole year. We are very glad for the South Asia Partnership program and especially grateful to David Argabright for his heart for the children of Bangladesh. Through their support we are helping 13 underprivileged communities in Bangladesh. A total of 1250 children are receiving support from these 13 centers.

Statistic from January–December, 2010. This final quarter we added one new CDC.

SI.No	Name of area	CDCs	Name of the Center	Number of children: directly benefited	Number of children: educational support
1.	Mongla area (Khulna)	3	Joymoni CDC	80	45
			Holdibunia CDC	70	30
			Kumarkhali	50	-
2.	Birol area	1	Vatpara CDC	121	11
3.	Jessore area (Narail)	5	Dapkhali CDC	93	39
			Paikpara CDC	93	27
			Arifpur CDC	129	15
			Ramnogor Chor CDC	96	-
			Shiraj Singa CDC	75	-
4.	Birgonj area	2	Baharpur CDC	76	-
			Boleya CDC	75	-
5.	Naogaon area	1	Bishnupur CDC	50	-
6.	Satkhira	1	Hatbas CDC	75	-
	Total	13		1083	167



Children in Sunday School



Holdibunia children with Bible Story Cloth

Educational Development:

This quarter the children wrote their final exam. For the development of handwriting skills the CDC teachers encouraged the children of KG and Nursery to continue practicing their handwriting. This helped the children to improve the strength and coordination of the muscles in the hand that are important in handwriting skills. Besides regular classes, the children learned to play with clay, paint on an easel and draw with chalk.

Spiritual Development:

The CDCs always concentrate on the spiritual formation of the children. This quarter the CDCs also had their regular spiritual classes. Besides that they had some extra activities and the children learned about moral issues from Bible stories. The teachers had Bible quizzes in the centers; through this the children were encouraged to read the Bible more.

A major event this quarter was David Argabright's visit. He visited all the CDCs in the South and shared his personal testimony with the children. This inspired the children very much and helped them to be stronger in faith. David also distributed Bible Story Cloths in different CDCs.



David with Joymoni CDC children



David is serving food to the children

Physical Development:

This quarter the CDCs organized sports days for the children. The children participated in different games like running, kicking a football, and high jump. All this improved the motor skills of children aged 5–12. The CDCs make sure the children regularly participate in sports, so that this can foster a lifelong habit of physical activity.

Social Development:

The CDCs always encourage the social development of children through opportunities to play and develop friendships with peers in the center. The CDCs also assist in their social development by encouraging the children to behave in a socially acceptable way through consistent and positive discipline. This quarter the CDCs celebrated Victory Day on December 16th and a pre-Christmas day in the center. On Victory Day, the

CDCs organized a cultural program for the children, where the children presented patriotic songs and poems. Through this the children understood the significance of Victory Day.



Arifpur children performing a dance in cultural program



Rally on International Children's Day

Awareness Trainings for Parents and Teachers:

This quarter the CDC arranged trainings for the children's mothers. The program officer and trainer organized trainings on winter vegetables gardening, on women's rights and on gender. Through the trainings the mothers learned how and what vegetables to cultivate in winter. They learned about women's rights and how they can receive help from different organization if their rights are violated. The women also learned about gender, gender violence and equality. These kinds of trainings help the community to be aware about social issues.

The teachers of the CDCs attended a teachers' training on November 22–25, 2010. There the teachers learned about the Code of Conduct for Child Development Workers, rules and correspondence, how to create a safe environment for the children, how to form SHGs, about health and nutrition, games and songs. These trainings helped build the capacity of the teachers and encouraged them to work effectively.



CDC program officer teaching a session



Teachers' training

Success Story:

Name: Chaity Roy

CDC: Paikpara

Area: Jessore

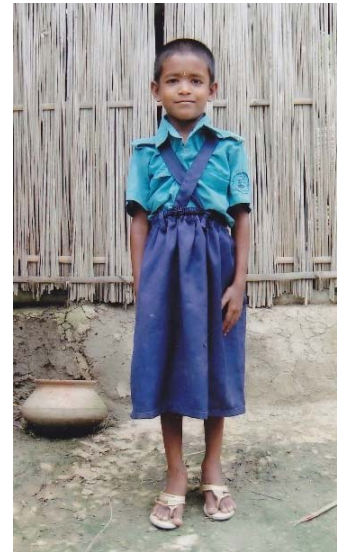
Chaity is the only daughter of her parents. She comes from a poor family. Her father is a day laborer and the only earning member of the family. Chaity has a little brother; his name is Pallob. The father's earning is not enough, but the mother cannot work because she has to care for the little boy. Chaity is a very smart and intelligent girl. One year ago Chaity would never have thought that she'd get the opportunity to go to school. She was already school aged, but her parents failed to enroll her in the school.

Sadly Chaity would watch the other girls walking to their school. But one day her mother heard about the Paikpara CDC from a Nazarene church member that lived close to them. That church member's child also studied there and told many good things about the CDC. Then Chaity's mother shared these news with her husband. But he said, "They will make us Christian. I don't want to send my daughter to that center." Chaity's mother was disappointed but she had no right to go against her husband. She shared her disappointment with the Nazarene neighbor.

Some days later the neighbor brought Rev. Roman, the pastor of Paikpara Church, to Chaity's house. Rev. Roman talked with the parents and convinced them to send Chaity to the center. So her father took her to the center and registered her there.

Chaity was very happy to be registered in the CDC, because this was her first time to go to school. Chaity is very happy for the opportunity to be educated. She comes to the center regularly and concentrates on her studies. Now she is studying in kindergarten. She is an excellent student. She participates in all the activities of the CDC. She has learned about hygiene and nutrition. She likes drawing, playing and singing songs. She attends Sunday School regularly.

The pastor has visited their house often and invited them to attend the Sunday service. Chaity's parents have started to come to church. They like the church and the words of God. Please pray for this family so that they can accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.



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