

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE BANGLADESH DISTRICT
Report of Child Development Centers
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Introduction:

Children in Bangladesh are engaged in an endless struggle to survive. They are victims of injustice and poverty. Children suffer as child laborers or prostitutes, they are drafted as young teenagers into organized criminal forces, forced as young boys and girls into a lonely life as domestic workers, deprived of an education in order to work on the family farm, or denied adequate nutrition and health care. These children need help and protection.

The Church of the Nazarene in Bangladesh has established churches in underprivileged communities. Those communities are deprived in many ways, and the government is not able to serve them. The communities requested some support for their children. Bangladesh Nazarene Mission has taken the initiative to offer long-term help to these underprivileged children.

To accomplish this ministry, the South Asia Partnership extended their helping hands to us. Through their support we are helping 12 underprivileged communities in Bangladesh. A total of 1175 children are receiving support from these 12 centers.

Statistic from January –September, 2010

Sl.No	Name of area	CDC Centers	Name of the Center	Number of children directly benefited	Getting educational support
1.	Mongla area (Khulna)	3	Joymoni CDC	80	45
			Holdibunia CDC	70	30
			Kumarkhali	50	-
2.	Birjol 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	96	-
			Shiraj Singa	75	-
4.	Birgonj area	2	Baharpur CDC	76	-
			Boleya	75	-
5.	Naogaon area	1	Bishnupur	50	-
	Total	12		1008	167

Educational Development:

This quarter the children were getting ready for their 2nd term exam. In these CDCs the teachers give regular tests to the children to discover what extra support is needed by each child. The teachers make a plan for each weak child to help him or her in the studies. Besides the regular subjects the children of nursery and kindergarten learned rhymes, drawing, timetables and the Alphabet song. Those little children really enjoy coming to the centers.

The CDCs have been helping the children to learn through creative activities. Every Tuesday, the centers have a crafts class. The children have been making different things with mud and paper and display them in the center. They have lots of fun during the activities.



The children have made different things in crafts class.



Some of the things children made out of mud.

Spiritual Development:

These 12 CDCs concentrate on the spiritual development of the children. The teachers are using prayer and worship for the children to develop them spiritually. Every Sunday the teachers teach them action songs, memory verses and the Ten Commandments. The Vatpara CDC had a Sunday school camp in July. 200 CDC children attended the camp. The District Sunday School President Mr. Milon taught lessons from the Bible. The children also sang songs, performed dances and played a Biblical drama. The children enjoyed the time and had lots of fun.

Physical Development:

This quarter we started 3 new CDCs in three different areas. The new children are visibly weak and malnourished. We have measured their height and weight. The new centers ensure adequate nutrition for the children. This quarter we had a de-worming camp in different CDCs. The centers supplied de-worming tablets to the CDC children and their families. For older children tablets were given while little ones received liquid syrup.



Children are receiving de-worming medicine.



Children at the de-worming camp in Dhaphkali.

Social Development:

Social development refers to emotional communication and understanding, knowledge of self and other people, social skills, normal reading and behavior. This quarter the children did some social activities like visiting their classmates who were sick and cleaning their playground. Through these activities the children learned proper social behavior.



Children attending the Sunday School camp in Vatpara CDC.



Older children are helping to pour water for the little children.

Success Story:

Name: Priyanka Roy

CDC: Baharpur

Area: Dinajpur

Priyanka is the only daughter of her parents. She comes from a poor family. She is a quiet and modest girl.

Her father is a day laborer. He is the only earning member of their family. But his earning is not enough for their family. So sometimes her mother also works in other people's houses. Priyanka has a little brother. Though both of her parents work, it's not enough for their living expenses. Many times their family has only two meals in a day. In this situation Priyanka's father wasn't able to send her to school.



In 2009 a CDC was opened in Baharpur. Then Priyanka's father heard about the CDC from a church member of Baharpur Church of the Nazarene. He took her to the center and registered her there. Priyanka was very happy to be registered in the CDC, because this was her first time to go to school. Priyanka is very happy for the opportunity to get educated. She comes to the center regularly and concentrates on her studies. She has learned about hygiene and nutrition. She likes drawing, playing and singing songs. She has lots of friends in the center.



The good news is that Priyanka knows about Jesus and she attends Sunday School regularly. The pastor has visited their house often and invited them to attend the Sunday service. Her parents started to come to church. They like the church and the words of God. Now her family has also received Jesus Christ as their Saviors. They believe that God loves them – and it's through Priyanka that they heard about Jesus Christ. May God bless their family!

Conclusion:

The purpose of this program is to help develop a generation of children who are physically healthy and well-balanced and can thus develop their mental capacities. This will allow them to become an ideal generation in the time ahead. We would like to thank the South Asia Partnership for their support for all the CDCs.