

BANGLADESH - NEPAL MISSION REPORT DECEMBER 2023

Brenda and I visited Stamps and Lewisville Churches of Christ in southwestern Arkansas on Sunday, December 10. These congregations have been generous contributors to B-N Missions for at least 15 years and we always enjoy our visits with them.

While we were in that area, we traveled just a half hour south into Louisiana to visit one of my 2 remaining aunts who celebrated her 94th birthday the next day after our visit (Tuesday, December 12). It is always a treat to be able to enjoy some family while also promoting missions.

The following Sunday (12/17) we were in Hatton, Alabama reporting. That visit finished our reporting schedule for 2023, though we will spend all of January visiting other congregations before our spring campaign to South Asia which will begin in early February.

Our very busy travel schedule in 2023 was rewarding in several ways -- especially through the addition of four new contributing churches. Three of these are in Kentucky and one is in northwestern Arkansas. Other congregations have expressed interest in this work, and I am arranging for visits and further communication with them. It is always a great blessing when our base of support grows as that enables us to do even more work for the Kingdom.

Khulna Bible College is currently between semesters, with all students on their fall break at home. I expect to teach again in March-April during the second half of Spring semester.



Bangladesh will hold national elections in late December or early January. Those events are often marred by violent demonstrations and confrontations between competing parties. We pray that this year's elections will be more peaceful, and the country will be able to select qualified leaders who will rule for the common good.

To this point the war in Israel - Palestine has not seemed to have much effect in Bangladesh. Since it is a Muslim majority nation it is always possible for events in the middle east to cause violent reactions among the more fundamental elements of the Bangla population. We will continue to be alert to that possibility and, if necessary, will adjust our travel plans accordingly.

Needs for 2024 are many, and for the most part continue to be of the same nature as in previous years. Several congregations need better facilities in which to meet, as well as supplies such as Bibles and song books; new students are being admitted to KBC; recent graduates are taking on responsibilities with churches; and there is much need among the people giving us opportunity to "let our lights shine" so as to bring glory to God (Matthew 5:16).



Presenting Bibles and Song Books to a new congregation

I mentioned in previous reports that four of the staff families at KBC were expecting new arrivals (babies) in the last quarter of 2023. All of those have arrived and all mothers and babies are in good health. Brenda and I are looking forward to seeing and getting to know them. We praise God always for the blessing of children (Psalm 127).

Please continue to remember us in your prayers throughout 2024. As always, we are grateful for your financial support but even more for your love and encouragement. May God bless you all throughout the year.

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Memorial Gifts

Donations were made in December to the work of the Bangladesh/Nepal Missions in memory of Daniel Counts.