

Postcard from Bangladesh



From David & Sarah Hall

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This week, we again had 'mishti' (sweetmeats) at work to celebrate a new baby, and then someone's first pay check. We went to a prayer meeting in a friend's house, giving thanks to God for their baby son. The priest spoke about gratitude and how so often we take so much for granted, we forget to say thank you. This is something we had been thinking about earlier in the week, when David shared in office prayers, the account of the healing of the lepers from Luke 17. Ten were healed but only one showed gratitude. We have again been challenged by what we see here, often people with so little sharing and giving thanks to God.

PRAISE

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever." Ps 107:1

- The two day training Sarah led in conjunction with another NGO was enjoyed by the teachers and it was great to see teachers from different places sharing together. Please pray that this partnership with this NGO will continue to develop.
- CBSDP held another week long workshop for senior staff - this time to discuss policies. David again led a session on values. Praise God for these fruitful discussions and for the donations that allow this to happen. Please pray that all the managers would build on this and work together.
- For the safe delivery and good health of baby Ricardo.

PRAY

- A team from CBSDP, including David, will travel out of Dhaka to evaluate two different projects this month. Please pray for wisdom and that this will be helpful to local staff.
- A number of current CBSDP projects are coming to an end this year. Pray for the various staff as we seek to find new funding to continue work in these areas.
- A further 'Spoken English' course for the young people has been requested. Please pray for the plans and preparations for this.
- We have both felt very busy at work recently - pray that we can manage our time wisely.
- We have seen an increasing number of poor and needy people in Dhaka - especially over the Eid holidays. Please pray we would not be overwhelmed and be able to continue showing Christ's love as we respond to all those in need whom we meet daily.