Light and Life - Bangladesh

When you think of light and life the nation of Bangladesh is generally not the first one that comes to mind. It is one of the most densely populated countries in the world. It has deep and widespread poverty that fosters a sense of darkness and desperation. There is a spiritual battle going on for the soul of the nation. Outside forces are funding extremism. Christians are living with threats and persecution. Some are being killed. As it appears today, light and life are not the best description... but today is not the end of the story.

We recently had the joy of visiting Bangladesh. Pastor Tom Kelby joined me and we were able to hold a pastor's and leaders seminar in the north and teach at a Bible school in central Bangladesh. One of the leaders there said the persecution is "like stepping on fire...it makes the gospel spread in every direction." It built our faith to hear the pastors' testimonies of how opposition is strengthening their resolve to spread the light. One of the ways we are able to bring light and hope is by building schools and digging wells in impoverished areas. Right now, a school and 5 wells are in process in villages in the north. Another way we were able to help bring and spread light was in the form of portable solar lights. Imagine the challenge of home Bible studies and evangelizing when most people work all day, return home after dark and have no electricity. Just this last year, one of the pastors in the fellowship we partner with, was killed when he was bitten by a cobra as he was walking at night without a light. God led us to a company here in the US that manufactures inflatable, waterproof, portable, solar lights that are a wonderful solution to the challenges of traveling and sharing the Gospel in places with little or no electricity. We were able to distribute these lights to leaders of over 100 different churches, and they are shining from the far north, to the far south of this nation.

LUCI LIGHTS

Inflatable

Waterproof

Solar-powered

Vessels of Mercy Ministries **September 2016**

When the aged Simeon laid eyes on baby Jesus in the temple he said that Jesus would "give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Lk 1:79). This prophecy continues being fulfilled every day, all around the world. Jesus is still the light of the world!

John 1:4-5 says, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." No matter what nation on earth we find ourselves in; the darkness STILL has not overcome the light! Since the very first morning of creation, and every 24 hours since, the sun has risen to remind us that light always overcomes darkness. Jesus Christ is Lord of the nations. Thank you for being a part of sharing this light in places like Bangladesh. Thank you for bringing hope and life to people sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. Thank you for partnering with us in bringing God's mercy to the nations!

God bless you,

Bob & Darlene McCoy

Students at the Bible Training Center

Five new wells are being dug to bless villages in need of natural and spiritual water

The walls are partially up for a new school in an area where many are responding to the Gospel!

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Prayer Requests:

Philippines

Wisdom and strength for leaders in the Philippines as churches are growing.

Viet Nam

For pastors who are expanding into unreached areas.

Bangladesh

For protection of believers as they face growing persecution.