

# Postcard from Bangladesh



From David & Sarah Hall

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The word *travelling* just about sums up the last month. We attended a CWM gathering in South Africa where we were delighted to meet the five Church of Bangladesh Mission Partners working with the United Church of Zambia. David then continued on to Geneva to attend an Action by Churches Together (ACT) meeting. On returning to Bangladesh, David had local travel to attend the funeral of Mother Sushila. Hopefully June will be a bit more settled..

## PRAISE

- Although small, the Church of Bangladesh has a far reaching impact through its Mission Partners in Zambia and in working with other Churches worldwide through forums such as ACT
- We had a lovely time of refreshment and sharing at the Council for World Mission (CWM) Mission Partner gathering in South Africa at the beginning of May.
- For the work of the Bangladeshi Mission partners in Zambia. One has recently received an award from the Government of Zambia in recognition of her work as matron.
- CBSDP has been elected as the local ACT chair in Bangladesh for the next year, which is encouraging.
- Praise God for the opportunities to travel and meet different people, and that travels were smooth and safe
- The colleagues who had to move out of their home last month have been given temporary residence in the church compound. Please continue to pray that they will find something more permanent soon.

## PRAY

- On 16 May Mother Sushila passed away. She came to Bangladesh in 1950 from Chennai, and founded the indigenous Sisterhood Christa Sevika Sangha, under the Church of Bangladesh. She was a remarkable lady who inspired many in and outside the Church. Pray for all the remaining sisters during this time of sadness and for the 40 day.
- Continue to pray for the short term spoken English course Sarah is working on, which has been postponed now until the autumn.
- We are hoping the revised constitution for CBSDP that David has been helping develop, will be formally approved in June.
- Continue to pray for the programme of reorganisation within CBSDP, especially the planning of a series of local staff workshops to discuss new vision-mission and values statements.