

Postcard from Bangladesh



October 2013 - Cows travelling into Dhaka for Eid

From David & Sarah Hall

MCC has a programme entitled **Global Family** through which we support education and last week Sarah had the privilege of visiting our partners in the north of the country, along with a visitor from the USA. A trip which reminded me again of the beauty of Bangladesh - the green paddy, stretches of water and blue skies; the generosity, resilience and determination of the people we meet. In one hostel I met a young girl who had had acid thrown on her face by her father because she was born as another girl and yet there she was dressed beautifully in a red sari and participating in a dance with 3 friends. There was the executive director of a small NGO we support who had worked hard for his indigenous community to reclaim their own language and promote it in preschools along with promoting the traditional basket weaving handicraft. Or the amazing welcome to a village where our feet were washed to welcome us into their homes. As I sat down outside a mud house, looked back at the hot, dusty path we had just walked through, and took off my sandals I was reminded again of Jesus washing his disciples feet and realising it would have probably have been in a very similar setting. Much of the time we focus on what we can do, our work is to try to give and yet we realise again and again how much we are served, we receive and how much we learn from our community here.

PRAISE

- For the generosity, resilience and determination of the people we meet - the young girl and the director - to name just a few.
- For good visits to partners and the great work they are undertaking.
- We had some lovely visits with friends and neighbours during the Eid holidays.

PRAY

- Please continue to pray for us as we begin our role as MCC Representatives in Bangladesh, a big learning curve.
- Please pray for our Landlord who had a minor stroke this week. We were so surprised when he came early one morning asking us to pray for him. Please pray for us that we would know how best to support him at this time.
- For deepening relationships in this week of holiday as we visit with friends and neighbours.