

# Postcard from Bangladesh



From David & Sarah Hall

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The end of August, everyone in Dhaka was on the move as thousands of people left the city to spend the Eid holidays with family in the rural areas. The Church of Bangladesh used this opportunity to invite youth from rural churches to come to Dhaka for the week for a Spoken English course. Seventeen participants came from all over Bangladesh. Sarah really enjoyed the opportunity of teaching English based on the Jesus film. The young people were enthusiastic and keen to practice their English. We do hope and pray that there will be a further opportunity of bringing them together for another course such as this.

## **PRAISE**

- The Synod approved the revised CBSDP constitution at its meeting in August.
- Shourav, who wants to find out more about Christianity, is still coming to church.
- Friendship with our neighbours are developing - we've enjoyed visitors and visiting over the Eid festival.
- Rebecca and Reuben had a good start at school. There were a few visa issues for some teachers, but thankfully these were all sorted before the start of term.
- David spent 4 days out of Dhaka to evaluate a project - a very enjoyable and informative trip.
- We all thoroughly enjoyed Matthew's second birthday in August.

## **PRAY**

- We have both felt very busy at work recently - pray that we can manage our time wisely.
- 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.
- Sarah is leading more teacher training, this time in conjunction with another NGO, on 19-20 September. Pray for final planning and that it will go well.
- Pray for the students who attended the English course - Albert, John, Sobuj, Himu, Rimon, Charles, Christina, Florence, Apon, Roshmi, Joshua, Raful, Alex, Elina, Antor, Tima, and Dilip. Many of them are in the final stages of their schooling and need to make decisions about their futures.