

# 132 House Churches!

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Every month since we started supporting Pastor \*Samuel in 2018, we receive a ministry report with pictures and information of the monthly trips to remote villages. We are amazed that almost every month we learn of a new house church that has been started in another village. Pastor \*Samuel told us he and his ministry team have planted 132 house churches! In addition, twenty-six now have their own church building. Many of you have contributed to these churches by donating \$1,000 for a tin roof. Sharing a portion of Pastor \*Samuel's July report will help you understand how this comes about:

*Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. All of them were baptized. They want to learn more about the word of God.*

After a humble beginning in a village, the ministry team returns numerous times to teach and disciple them. As more in the village join the new believers, they establish a house church. As Pastor \*Samuel explains, "they are learning how to conduct church services, Bible studies, and prayer meetings."



One of the house churches reaching the lost in Bangladesh.

*We had evangelism at the \*Lim village, which is far from my home. We go by bus, then on foot. There are eighteen families in this village and all of them are Buddhists or spirit worshippers. They practice their religion but have not been taught and really do not know how to follow it. We shared with them about God, His creation, human sin, salvation, and eternal life. They were astonished, and excited to learn more. Many were touched in their hearts and finally six people were completely changed and realized they are sinners, and that only Jesus can save from sin. They prayed for forgiveness and accepted*



Every month we receive pictures of new believers being baptized in Bangladesh!

Pastor \*Samuel closed his most recent monthly report with these words:

*Thank you for all you do to help us to preach this wonderful Good News. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial support are very significant and appreciated. My family, co-workers, church and ministry leaders, church members and I pray for you every day, expecting our Father to lavish His love on you and provide for your every need. Be blessed and encouraged! God is moving by His Spirit as we move with Him!*

We are humbled and thankful that God allows Global Outreach to be a part of this dynamic ministry in this remote and previously unreached area. Your gifts continue to reap a fruitful harvest in Bangladesh!

## Thumay Uh

A testimony as dictated to Pastor \*Samuel:



Thumay Uh is a new believer in Bangladesh.

My name is Thumay Uh. My husband and I have four children. We live in a remote area near the Myanmar border. We both work at Jhum cultivation (slash and burn) which is far from our home. We go early in the morning and return late in the evening. Our lives are very difficult.

We have been Buddhist since my grandparents. My father was very committed to religion and required us to give food and bow down before idols. Even after I married my husband, my father tried to make us worship idols even though we didn't want to.

Last month the Pastor had a program for fellowship to share the gospel in our village. He invited us all to listen to the word of God. My husband and I went and heard the message about sin, death, and eternal life. The message was so powerful that it touched our hearts, and we felt comfortable and at peace. Then our hearts were joyful and totally different and changed from before which we couldn't explain. Then we were able to know that we found a living God, true God, and eternal God. Since then, we came to know Jesus Christ and admitted our sin to ask God for forgiveness. We both accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and personal Savior. We are joining every chance to fellowship to learn more and have a deeper understanding about the Word of God. Please pray for us so we can share the gospel with those who still need to find the living, true, and Almighty God. Please pray for us. Thank you.

## Church Buildings in Bangladesh



New church under construction at Kana Village

Pastor \*Samuel gave us more information about the new church under construction in the village of Kana near the town where he lives. This has been an established church for many years. Previously they had constructed a bamboo church like many of the hill tribe village churches. It eventually was destroyed. For six years the village church members have saved money from their tithes, offerings and other contributions. They have now started construction of a permanent building. We sent an extra \$400 and told Pastor \*Samuel to use it where he has the biggest need. He asked our permission to give it towards the construction of this church. He had not even asked us for any funds for this building. How commendable they are trying to do it themselves! After questioning, we learned the total cost will be \$16,000. If you would like to contribute to this project, please designate your gift for Kana.

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.” Proverbs 3:27

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