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16 Ministers NEED our Support in Bangladesh



We, at LAF, have the distinct honor and privilege of knowing Pastor Rami* and his far reaching ministry to the lost of Chittagong Hill Tracts; a very remote region of Bangladesh. We don't often disclose just how we come to know those we support and/or minister to; but, suffice it to say, it can only be possible with God Himself. You see, a close friend of Pastor Rami's, who lives here in the U.S., had been lead by God to find and peruse the LAF website, and in turn contacted his friend, Pastor Rami. This is truly the intervention of our Lord Jesus. Pastor Rami, who was primarily educated in the Philippines, receiving a MS in Social Science, Master of Divinity in Theology, with extensive training in Discipleship, Leadership and Management, Pastoral Care and Counseling, Church Planting, and Cross-cultural Orientation, to name a few, is currently en-

gaged in one of the most challenging evangelical and cultural areas in the world today. Pastor Rami's calling to reach the destitute people of one of the most remote regions of Bangladesh is undeniable. He affirms this by saying, "I committed myself to reach the people who have less or have never had the opportunity to hear the Gospel. The number of the Christian population in Bangladesh is the smallest in the world. This is due to many difficult circumstances evangelists and missionaries have to face. Therefore, I took this challenge to overcome those difficulties and hindrances. It is my commitment to reach them at any price and means."

Many already have made a profession of faith in the extremely remote Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh as

a result of Pastor Rami's ministry. His plan for the future is to plant at least twenty churches, setting up mission schools, children's homes, and expanding the ministry to all parts of the country. His well thought out and highly effective approach will result in thousands coming to know the Lord Jesus on a personal level. First he has an intensive ministry training program for evangelists who reside in these remote villages, thereby overcoming language and cultural barriers. These trained missionaries (15 to start) will take part in a "permanent witnessing group" program in order to gain trust, build relationships, offering continual support, and discipleship. Since nearly one hundred percent living in these isolated, inaccessible villages, are illiterate, they will be utilizing visual aids (i.e. Jesus Film, and other Biblical documentary films) to evangelize. Other ministerial programs that will be offered consist of: health care services, school programs, mobilizing and involving local churches, etc. In order for all to be accomplished, Pastor Rami needs our help; including our prayer support. Please diligently pray for Pastor Rami, his team, and the receptiveness of the people they come in contact with. Also, please follow God's leading if He impresses you to help support these 15 evangelists, so they can reach these other villages as soon. (cont. on pg.2)

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Special points of interest:

- **Focus on Bangladesh** 100's of people coming to Jesus in Bangladesh. We need minister support.
- **Sponsors Needed for Orphans & Abandoned Children**
In India, Philippines, & Tanzania
- **Sharing food with the poor and organizing football (soccer) games with the Muslim youth brings wonderful opportunities to share God's love in Senegal.**

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Pastor Rami* in Bangladesh continued

Praise reports from Bangladesh



One *New Believer's Testimony

"I have been blind for four years. I lost my sight right after I got married. Since then, I offered animal sacrifices to our gods for many times. But nothing happened to my eyes. One day, I felt like someone is telling me if a Christian pastor prays for me, I can see again. So I decided to ask a Christian pastor to pray for me. But my husband became the hindrance to my plan. He was strongly against Christianity. He would not allow me to let a pastor to pray for me. If I do that, he would surely divorce me. However, one day some missionaries happened to visit our village. That day I could not listen to my husband's word anymore, because it was so terrible to be a blind and I could not take it anymore. I was so desperate to be able to see again. So I made up my mind to let them pray for me with any price, even if my husband would divorce me. Eventually, I approached them and asked them to pray for me. In addition, I told them that "If you pray for me, I can surely see again." They were so impressed as they saw my strong faith. Then the whole team prayed for me. But nothing

happened to my eyes right after their prayer. But I did not lose hope or faith. I still had a strong faith that, this prayer would surely work later or sooner. I did not have to wait longer. Probably about two weeks after they prayed for me, my sight began to open little by little and I could see everything just like before. It made me so happy that right after I could see, I committed my life to the Lord Jesus Christ. But this miracle event could not move my husband's heart. I do not know why? Though I asked missionaries to pray for me and later I became a Christian, he did not divorce me. But he has been making a lot of troubles relentlessly. But whatever my husband is doing and making trouble for me to turn away from my faith, I am so much content with what the Lord Jesus has done for me. So in my trouble or in my happiness, I will never leave Him anymore, but worship Him for the rest of my life." *(Name omitted for her protection & eyes blocked.)

Ptr. Rami shared this story. "Day before yesterday (April 11, 2007) we went to a Buddhist village for Evangelism Explosion. The wife of a fam-

ily was demon possessed. I presented the Gospel and drove away the demon in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. The demon left her immediately and she could instantly respond to us. Earlier it was impossible for her to talk and she did not even look at us. God's miracle happened instantly after the prayer. Many people in the village were watching what we were doing. Both husband and wife accepted Christ on the spot. I asked them if we were allowed to destroy their gods (idols). They allowed us, so we removed from their house many hand made idols. Finally, I asked for scissors in order to remove their sacred thread from their arms and around their necks. They were obedient, like a lamb, letting us do all this, ceremonially uttering the name of Jesus. Please pray for this woman that through her testimony many people in her village will come to Jesus. I and a young evangelist entered a house prior to the dramatic event and were chased out. They happened to be very devout Buddhists. We again entered another house and they accepted Christ. Please pray for us. Also, pray that God will provide a motorbike. In 'hill tracts' places roads are so rough, river-crossings in dugout canoes, and miles of tropical trails. These places are so dangerous and risky to ride by bus for going in the ministry on a daily basis".



Praying for the sick.



Ptr. Rami sharing the Great News of Jesus

The Bible says, "Everyone who believes in Jesus will have eternal life."

Mission Work in Senegal

This Easter's youth ministry was very successful in Ziguinchor, Senegal. The program consisted of: hosting a soccer game, feeding the street children, and conducting extensive Bible studies. Both pastor and church planter, Pastor Moustapha; has done an incredible work for the Lord with his far reaching ministry to the people of urban and extremely remote areas of Senegal. Pastor Moustapha's method is simple; "we preach the Good News to the people. When they come to Christ and receive the Lord as their Savior and Lord, we teach them to know Him better and then make Him better known. Those who feel the Lord is calling them to the ministry are sent to the mission school for basic Bible training, then sent to the mission field. We are promoting the 'Great Commission' while organizing special meetings, talking about the urgency of the missionary work in our areas and in other parts of Africa". Pastor Moustapha grew up in a Moslem family, and losing his father at age six, became very distraught and frustrated throughout the early years of his life; as he put it, "despite all my Koran knowledge and its doctrine I learned, I was perplexed and hopeless". It wasn't until he attained college that he was exposed to Christianity. He rejected it violently at first, but found himself being drawn in by the Holy Spirit. After three years of college attendance, his relatives from Gambia coerced him into a bad business dealing, creating police involvement. Even though he was innocent of any wrong doing, he diligently prayed to the Lord to rescue him from the situation, and He did, miraculously. Shortly after that event, he had a dramatic encounter with the Lord in the form of dreams and visions, which he responded to by receiving Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. That was in March of 1994. He has been serving Him ever since. The mission field in Senegal is wide open with only a 4% Christian population and 95% Moslem and a present government in place favorable to the open expression of all faiths. Please pray for this wonderful ministry work.



Local women preparing food.



Street children come to eat a meal.



Bible study with the youth.



Youth playing a soccer game.

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Missions Statement

Life Aid Foundation is a nondenominational ministry committed to bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations. We cooperate with hundreds of organizations around the world to help Christians grow in their faith and share the Gospel message with their fellow countrymen. We demonstrate God's awesome love for His creation by meeting people in their need, both physically and spiritually. We have opted to work with native believers in each country who are eager to follow the call of Jesus given to all Christians, found in **Matthew 28:18-20**.

At LIFE Aid Foundation, we endeavor to follow the guidelines found in **Matthew 25:35, 36 & 40 (NIV)** where Jesus said, *“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me....The King will reply, ‘ I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”*

Isaiah 58:6-9 (NIV)

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen; to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? **Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.**”

Great Things God is Doing at LAF

From the Director: LIFE Aid Foundation is on the verge of a major transitional phase in the ministry. We are at the very threshold of an extraordinary funding breakthrough. LAF has submitted numerous grant proposals, and contracted with a very large Christian nonprofit funding organization that is willing to fund a large portion of our ministry projects, both here in the U.S. and overseas. These proposed projects include building children's homes, churches, schools, medical facilities, and youth centers around the world. We will still be in need of your support in the areas of: youth programs, camp retreats, and Bible classes, in the U. S.; also indigenous missionary support, child

sponsorship, educational support, Bible distribution, transportation assistance, food distribution, pure water, and emergency relief projects overseas. Please pray that we will receive the promised funding very soon. We have taken a large step of faith by accepting applications and conducting interviews of dozens of applicants in the U.S. and abroad. We have also restructured the LAF organization in order to accommodate and coordinate all that God will ultimately have us do. LAF will have nine different departments consisting of: Agri/Land Management, General Resources, Office Management, General Operations, Foreign Missions, Maintenance, Public Relations, and Home Missions. God

has used free obscure classified ads on the Christian-net.com website to bring to LAF some of the most qualified, educated, and experienced mature Christian individuals that we have ever come across. This is truly the intervention of our Lord Jesus Christ. May He be eternally praised. We have currently (when appropriately funded) filled four of our nine top level positions and a few of our lesser positions. God's timing is always perfect. We are patiently awaiting for the total fulfillment of God's provision and grace.

Michael Furman,
Director

