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Dear All,

We are grateful to share our journey over the past months, as we work diligently to provide stability, education, and a sense of security for the 442 children in our care. As we prepare for the possibility of rising costs and supply shortages, we are taking steps to ensure that our home remains a refuge of comfort and learning, regardless of the uncertainties around us.

We are blessed to be supported by our faithful donors and partners who sustain this ministry and help us care for each child's needs. Together, with your continued prayers and support, we look forward with hope, trusting in His provision each step of the way.

# Samaritan Children Home School Update:

Samaritan Children Home High School is running its regular school operation smoothly from Nursery to Grade 10. Currently our 2025 Grade 10 public examination candidates are sitting for their model test. A total of 43 students will be sitting for the Grade 10 public 2024 among which 25 are from our children home. A total of 612 students are currently studying at our Samaritan Children Home School.

Following the recent government change, the national education board has decided to revert to the previous curriculum starting in September. Although our teachers had undergone extensive training on the newer curriculum, the board ultimately recognized that its implementation might not be practical at this time. Our teachers view this change positively, as the familiar teaching and exam methods are more comfortable for both educators and students, promoting a smoother learning experience.

#### **Joy Hostel Update:**

A total of 18 students are sat for their Higher Secondary School grade 12 public examination of which 15 have passed the exam successfully. This year 22 boys and girls have joined Joy hostel and studying grade 11. Currently there are 48 students at our Joy Hostel.

#### Suvash and Manik joining the prestigious Notre Dame College:

We are pleased to update you that Suvash Tripura and Manik Joy Tripura have officially joined Notre Dame College and have begun their classes. We are proud to see them thrive in this next phase of their academic careers and look forward to the great things they will accomplish. Their success is not just a personal achievement but also a reflection of the support and encouragement they have received from the sponsors. Please join us in continuing to pray for their growth and success as they embark on this exciting new chapter.

# **Children Home Update:**

Currently there are 390 kids (181 boys and 209 girls) in our Samaritan Children Home, all are in good health by Lord's grace.

One of our kids named Amit Baroi (13) had an accident while playing football, later we rushed him to our nearby hospital reveling that both bones in his left arm were fractured. Later he was taken to the National Orthopedic Hospital (NITOR) where doctors have plastered his arm and and will soon be going for follow-up to assess his recovery.

# **Recent Flood Disaster in Bangladesh:**

The 2024 floods in Bangladesh began after an unprecedented monsoon season, where major rivers in the southeast overflowed due to continuous heavy rainfall. This led to massive flooding, particularly in the Chattogram and Sylhet regions. The relentless rains swelled the rivers, submerging homes, farmland, and infrastructure, displacing millions of people. The floodwaters not only damaged homes and schools but also worsened the public health situation, with contaminated water causing diseases and making relief efforts challenging

In response, our children's home stepped up and supported the affected people by providing emergency food relief assistance through our microcredit program to those in need to they recover from the devastation, as instructed by the government.

### **Teachers Day Celebration:**

The students at our school recently hosted a heartwarming program in celebration of Teacher's Day 2024. Organized by the 10th-grade students, the event featured performances by students from all classes, including songs, dances, and heartfelt speeches honoring their teachers. As a gesture of gratitude, the students also created handmade Teacher's Day cards, which were presented to each teacher as tokens of love and appreciation. The celebration was a beautiful display of respect and thankfulness, showcasing the strong bond between students and teachers.





#### **Annual Inter-Class Football Tournament:**

At our school, we actively encourage students to go beyond textbook learning by engaging in extracurricular activities to develop diverse skills. From sports and science fairs to chess and more, we support students in exploring their interests. As part of these efforts, our school recently organized the 2024 Inter-Class Football Tournament in with enthusiastic August, participation from teams across grades 6 to 10. This event not



only fostered teamwork and school spirit but also allowed students to showcase their athletic abilities and enjoy healthy competition. Grade won the trophy for this year.

We're excited to announce the launch of our new website for HELP Bangladesh which you can fine at <a href="www.helpbangladesh.org">www.helpbangladesh.org</a>! This platform will serve as a hub for all updates and information about our ongoing efforts to support our children in Bangladesh. Here, you can stay informed about our latest projects, community initiatives, and events dedicated to making a difference. We hope the website helps you stay connected with our mission, and we thank you for your continued support in providing these children with a brighter future.

In His Name, **David A. Halder**Founder Executive Director.
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