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Dear All,

In this May-June newsletter, we are excited to share the abundant joy our children experience, made possible through the unwavering support of our valued donors and partners in this mission. With hearts full of gratitude, we give thanks to all our donors for their continual provision and steadfast guidance in all our endeavors.

## **Samaritan School Update:**

From 2024, our country's education system has introduced a new teaching method and curriculum for high school students in grades 6 to 9. This innovative approach is modeled after Finland's education system, incorporating modern information technology, audiovisual lessons, and interactive tools. This initiative aims to transform traditional bookbased lessons into a more engaging and effective learning experience.

To adapt to this new method, our National Education Board has mandated that all schools be equipped with modern technology to enable teachers to deliver these new lessons effectively. While our teachers are receiving regular training on the newly implemented curriculum, our classroom setup remains traditional and lacks the multimedia equipment necessary for this new teaching method. We need to equip at least



four classrooms with multimedia computers and presentation setups, which involves significant fixed costs that exceed our current budget.

Our students of grade 6 to 9 are currently sitting for country's 1<sup>st</sup> half yearly assessment exam based on this new curriculum. This exam is taking place to all the schools nationwide. A total of 612 students are currently studying at our Samaritan Children Home School.

Our Grade 10 public examination results were published in May where 43 candidates sat for the exam. 37 students have successfully passed the examination with a passing rate of over 86%. They will soon join our Joy Hostel program and start classes for grade 11 from August. Failing kids will sit for an improvement exam in next year.

# Exceptional Achievement by Suvash and Manik:

This year puts us in a milestone as 2 of our students named Suvash Tripura and Manik Joy Tripura got accepted to study in Notre Dame College, which is considered as the top boy's college in Bangladesh. Over 100,000 students sat for the admission exam for joining Notre Dame College out of which only 1,800 got selected. We are truly happy for their hard work and achievement.



## **Joy Hostel Update:**

A total of 18 students are currently sitting for their Higher Secondary School grade 12 public examination from our Joy Hostel. The exam started from 30<sup>th</sup> June and will end in August. Currently there are 52 students at our Joy Hostel.

#### **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.

#### **Kids Individual Storage Unit Project:**

We are pleased to share the recent implementation of individual storage cabinets for all the boys at our children's home in last week. Each boy now has been provided with a personal storage cabinet equipped with a lock and key. These cabinets are designed to give the boys a secure place to store their personal belongings, school materials, and other valuable items. A total of 192 individual cabinets are now in place at the boys dormitory, the girls will have the same setup by the end of this July

- With a specific place for each of their belongings, the children can more easily manage their school materials and personal items, leading to better preparedness for daily activities and schoolwork
- By teaching our children the responsibility of keeping their keys safe and managing their own cabinets, we are helping them develop important life skills related to security and personal responsibility
- The orderly environment created by these storage units promotes a more peaceful and conducive atmosphere for studying and personal growth.
- The cabinets are built with steel sheets having 12 storage unites in one rack, making it very durable for long lasting usability.



By providing the kids with secure, personal storage spaces, we are not only helping them stay organized but also teaching them valuable life skills. This initiative is an important step towards enhancing their overall quality of life and supporting their development into responsible and independent individuals. We are deeply grateful to IPF for your support in making this project a reality.

#### **Renovating Karno's Court:**

In addition, we have also completed renovating our Volleyball Court, by adding more benches for spectators. Volleyball holds special significance for us, as it was a beloved pastime of our late Karno Barmon, who believed that every child has a place in this world, that very child deserves love, compassion, and to know about and choose Jesus. That every child would have a joyful upbringing and experience laughter in its truest form. This court is in memory of a man who believed all these things to be true a cherished member of our children's home who tragically passed away last year due to liver cancer.





# **Observing World Environment Day:**

On June 5th, Samaritan Children Home School celebrated World Environment Day with enthusiasm. The event featured inspiring speeches from our honorable Principal and Associate Director, who emphasized the importance of maintaining a healthy environment. They encouraged students to plant trees, highlighting our responsibility to protect the planet for ourselves and future generations.





As we conclude this May-June newsletter, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters and partners. Your unwavering dedication and generosity enable us to provide a nurturing haven for our 442 children, helping them experience the joy and hopeThank you for being an integral part of our journey

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