

BANGLADESH – NEPAL MISSIONS
NOVEMBER, 2018 REPORT

My second and last campaign to Bangladesh and Nepal for 2018 ended with arrival home on Monday, October 22. Since that time I have made reporting visits to Caruthersville, Missouri, Green County, Arkansas, and Somerville, Alabama. Brenda and I also spent some vacation time in Orlando, Florida to attend a family wedding and celebrate Thanksgiving at our daughter's home with several members of our extended family. We completed November much refreshed and recharged for further work.

One result of the reports made in November was the promise of funds to purchase land in the village of Varoshapur, Bangladesh in order to construct a building for the church there. When I mentioned that commitment in another presentation, a couple from that church promised to pay for the building. They have already sent their gift to us. Construction will begin as soon as the land purchase is completed. We are praying that this can all be completed during the current dry season (i.e., before June, 2019).

National Elections in Bangladesh have been set for late December, 2018. Please pray that these will be conducted peacefully and honestly so that the will of the people may be honored. We pray that honest, open, and compassionate leaders might be selected not only in Bangladesh, but in all parts of the earth.

Nilay Barai from Khulna Bible College, along with Ujjal Tripura from Khagrachhari district, visited Ruma in Banderban district in November to gather information and pictures about the work being done by Lal Kross Thang. Lal Kross works among the Baum and Mro tribal groups and has established at least 5 congregations in that southeastern-most district of Bangladesh. He has reported several baptisms during 2019, some among both ethnic groups. Several graduates of KBC are working in nearby districts of the Chittagong Hill Tracts and the church continues to grow throughout that area.



Lal Kross Thang
Preacher at Ruma, Bangladesh

I was honored with the opportunity to speak at Heritage Christian University for the Diakonos Ministry Series Thursday evening November 29. My assigned topic was "Preaching Where Christ Has Not Been Named" from Romans 15:20. I have also taught several adult Bible Classes at Highland Park this past month, filling in for teachers who had other obligations. As always I enjoyed every opportunity to teach and preach.

I am deeply grateful for all of your financial support, as well as your prayers and encouragement for our work. Please continue to remember us as we travel here in the U.S. and as we prepare for our next trip to South Asia which, God willing, will begin in early February, 2019. May God bless you in all that you do.

Sincerely,

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