

Postcard from Bangladesh



Well.. its that time of year again. Sarah gets the opportunity to visit schools and to take part in teacher training. However this month, 'flexibility' seems to be a necessity! The opposition party has been calling 'hartals' (national strikes) again making it very difficult to travel and combined with the monsoon rain means plans are subject to last minute changes. But at the start of July Sarah and the children are off to Jobarpar, and the children are really looking forward to seeing 'Auntie Pat', our colleague who works there.

PRAISE

- We are so grateful for Rebecca and Reuben's school which has now closed for the summer. In the last month, the school was able to confirm they had teachers for all the classes next year - a great answer to prayer.
- Sarah had a good, albeit short, teacher training session in Haluaghat. It had to be cut short due to the national strikes. However, she made it back to Dhaka safely and it was good to see the teachers again.
- After months of searching, a new chief accountant has been appointed to CBSDP to start mid-July.

PRAY

- Sarah will be involved in teacher training in Jobarpar early in the month. As the children are now on school holidays they will also go with her. Please pray for safety in travelling and a good time of sharing with the teachers.
- Continue to pray for the short term spoken English course Sarah is working on, which will hopefully take place in late August. She is hoping that plans for this will soon be finalised.
- CBSDP is again having difficulty gaining government approval for some projects, which is preventing the release of funds for the work. Pray that we can resolve this very quickly.
- There are likely to be more general strikes called in the coming weeks and months. Please pray for the office as we cope with the disruption this causes to our work.
- Please pray for colleagues who need to move house this month. They are searching for an affordable flat, a very hard task in a crowded city such as Dhaka!