

Postcard from Bangladesh



Happy New Year from a colourful and vibrant Dhaka. Its one of the many things we love about Bangladesh - the colour and the vibrancy of the festivals. Bengali New Year was celebrated on the 14th of April amidst lots of joyful crowds and *melas* (fairs). We are looking forward to another festival this weekend. It's Easter! We hope to again attend the large sunrise service outside the parliament building on Sunday morning. However, despite having so much to celebrate, like us, do you find yourself fairly subdued, still focused on the Good Friday? It was good to be reminded recently from someone in Japan that "*Easter tells us that there is **hope**, that love is stronger than suffering, and that life is stronger than death.*"

With prayers that the power, joy and hope of the Risen Lord may be experienced by each one of you this Easter time.

A happy Easter to you all.....

PRAISE

- That we have so much to celebrate - because of Easter.
- Some months ago we wrote of a friend who had a heart operation in January. He attended church last week and was looking so much better..
- We have a really busy month ahead. We're so looking forward to us all attending a Council for World Mission (CWM) Mission Partner gathering in South Africa at the beginning of May.

PRAY

- Please pray for safety and a time of refreshment and encouragement in South Africa.
- David then goes straight to Geneva for an Action by Churches Together (ACT) meeting. Please pray that these meetings will be productive.
- Continue to pray for the short term spoken English course Sarah is working on which has been postponed until June. Pray for these plans, and the possibility of some volunteers coming to help lead it.
- One of the teachers in Old Dhaka, Monihar, is grieving for her baby who early in April died when only two days old.
- Please pray for a colleague who was given notice and has to move house this month. They are searching for another flat, a very hard task in a crowded city such as Dhaka!