

Postcard from Bangladesh



All of us apart from Rebecca (isn't school horrible!) have been out of Dhaka in the last month. It is always good to get to the rural areas and see the 'real' Bangladesh! The pace of life is slower and quieter, the air is clean and now it is the fruit season so lots of mangoes and lychees. Rebecca's school finishes for the summer break next week and come August both Rebecca and Reuben will go to school. Local schools are now starting back having already completed their summer holidays, also known here as the 'mango holiday.'

PRAISE

- CBSDP appointed a temporary replacement for Biswanath in mid-May. Prodip seems to be settling in well.
- Sarah thoroughly enjoyed the teacher training course which went very well, although it was tiring also looking after Reuben and Matthew.
- We are having Matthew baptised here on 4th June.

PRAY

- Last month David met with people running a 'social business' here, making soft toys for export, and hopes to link them with one of our working areas to see if they might start a production unit there. Pray that this might come together, and that the women might receive training and be able to earn a regular income.
- David recently travelled to an area badly affected by (natural) arsenic in the groundwater, and heard of many people who have died recently from arsenic poisoning. Pray that we might receive further support to continue our mitigation work there. Pray for our staff working in difficult situations, and most of all pray for those suffering from the poisoning, that they might receive hope and healing.
- Pray for good health. We've all had colds and fevers of varying degrees recently - as have many in Dhaka as it is very hot in advance of the monsoon which should arrive this month.