

# Outreach Abroad

Supporting rural and urban development projects in Christ's name New Year 2015



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Preparations in full swing for a health workshop

# Using our Resources to Improve Children's Health

By **Linsey Curro**,  
AMOS Communications Coordinator.

## NUTRITIONAL FAILURES AND SOLUTIONS

From talking with mothers in different communities we have learned that many families do not eat at tables and mothers do not normally sit down to feed their young children. Among many other things, these two cultural habits greatly reduce the nutrition a child receives. Children do not have the discipline to eat all their food and therefore can't receive all the nutrients it contains. Secondly, the bacteria from dirt floors where chickens, cats, and dogs roam and where flies land on their food creates the opportunity for infection which increases the longer children sit on the ground with their food.

In order to more directly reverse malnutrition and anaemia in children 5 years and younger and to increase the health of whole communities in years to come, we have started a program that focuses on educating and encouraging community members to replace unhealthy habits with good, nutritional habits already existing in their community.

This methodology is called positive deviance. Changes will not come easily or quickly, and will not happen without careful study, relationship building, and repetition but improving children's nutrition and their chance at a healthier future is worth it.

## TARGETED SOLUTIONS

Communities in Nicaragua are very diverse, and this is where our need for careful study begins. There are communities with wet climates, fruitful coffee plantations, and nutritionally wealthy vegetation. Other communities have dry climates, corn and bean farmers, and too often dust-bowl-drought-ridden fields. Because of these vast differences we need to plan carefully about how to work with each community separately and discover what changes they need, but also what changes are feasible. In some communities we will only need to have mothers share healthy cooking habits with one another to incorporate a few more vegetables in a daily diet, but in others that don't have vegetables



readily available, more innovative solutions will be needed to produce lasting change.

We are starting this new program in the department of Chinandega, and in one of our poorest communities, La Consulta. Since this community lacks a considerable amount of nutritional food, AMOS will be giving food supplements to families in the programme who lack sufficient food to make the overall plan successful as well as training local volunteer mothers to carry out the positive deviance programme.

TRAINING MOTHERS TO BE CHANGE-MAKERS

Our AMOS nutritionist and rural health team are working closely with people in La Consulta to train four volunteer mothers in positive



deviance methods so they can be change-makers and help the families who have signed up to participate in the programme. This is where relationship building is most important. These four women are being trained themselves in good sanitation and hygiene methods, good cooking habits, and breastfeeding education first, in order to be equipped to teach the material and to follow up with each participating mother in her home. The volunteer mothers will conduct two weeks of two-hour lessons each day teaching local mothers followed by two weeks of cooking classes and education in their homes. The teaching and home visit cycle will last for three months and then they will start again with a new set of mothers in their community.

"I have learned that this project is really good and it's an important project for our community because of the poverty we currently live in. This project is crucial because it's helping our children move forward with

their nutrition," commented one of our new volunteer mothers.

EMBEDDING THE CHANGES

Finally, repetition is key to helping families change their daily habits. We at AMOS are ready for the long process of the positive deviance project because we are committed to making a significant and visible change. We are ready to proceed carefully, to continually be available to build relationships, and to repeat this process as many times as it takes to get it right. At the end of this programme we hope to make good nutritional and hygiene habits a part of our communities in order to bring about a significant decrease in malnutrition and anaemia for the present generation and the generations to come.



**Help AMOS to help the marginalised**

**Working in Nicaragua, AMOS Health and Hope** seeks to take action to help address the problems of poverty, disease and preventable deaths. They are dedicated to improving the health and well being of people who suffer from the unjust conditions of poverty. **Sadly Operation Agri has found it necessary to drastically reduce their financial grants to the work of AMOS which has reduced from £12,675 last year to just £6,000 this year.** Funding for our activities is currently reducing year on year. With a greater level of support we could do so much more through AMOS and other partners. Can you encourage your church to commit to supporting OA in its endeavours to improve the livelihoods of impoverished communities around the world?

# Spotlight on a Trustee

## Rev. Elgan Evans (Pastor Immanuel Baptist Church, Southsea)

### SABBATICAL – MEANS ‘CEASING’ BUT THE WORK GOES ON

A recent sabbatical gave me the opportunity to revisit Sri Lanka and visit those places that political sensitivities closed to us in 2012. The northern province in general, and the area around Jaffna city in particular, was the location for much of the fiercest fighting during the Sri Lankan war that ended in 2007.

Since 2012, OA has been in partnership with Lanka Evangelical Alliance Development Service (LEADS) supporting their project in Nagar Kovil which is on schedule to be completed in March 2015.

### A COMMUNITY RESETTLED

The task at Nagar Kovil was to enable 182 families made up of 608 people of all ages who had been driven from their homes and various neighbourhoods to settle in this area establishing a community that would be not only relationally effective, but also structurally sustainable and able to erect the needed homes and public buildings. The internationally agreed standard for emergency housing produces this basic structure (just 10ftx13ft) to house a family.

The photograph (bottom of page) shows how the family have enclosed the outside cooking area within the corrugated lean-to and built a verandah to provide much needed shade. Whilst much temporary housing is still in use, their replacement with more permanent buildings is well advanced.

One of the prime areas for OA funding was the provision of a safe water supply and effective sanitation at each home: the



Clean water and effective sanitation



Emergency housing – extended!

family now using these facilities were clearly delighted with them!

### SCHOOLING ON A TIGHT BUDGET

The civil war and community disruption has meant that the children are typically three years behind in their education. A school has been set up, although the modest buildings clearly lack money the children are enthusiastic learners.



The basic but effective school building

### CULTURAL CHALLENGES EMBRACED

Many of the families are headed by widows in a community whose cultural tradition is for women to be homemakers and not be trained or educated. The harsh reality is that the need to survive overrides that history and in this community the Women's Committee has blossomed as an example of what can be achieved on both an individual and a community level.

One young widow and mum told me how she had no training but as a child she had helped

her family raise chickens. That experience plus a modest loan to buy 20 broiler chickens has generated income and a food supply as well – she now has a flock of 200 birds and been given opportunities to teach the skills to other women.

### BEYOND A CEMETERY

Amongst those whom I met was the man recognised as the community elder. I asked him about the difference that has been made over the last two and a half years and he replied, "When we arrived it was like walking into a cemetery and now when we look around and see the development that has taken place it gives much joy."

Not every problem can be solved in just three years, but amazing progress has been made, many skills have been taught and the individuals who arrived in that "cemetery" have found identity as community, and hope for the future.

It was a privilege to witness what the generosity of our donors has meant to the 608 folk in Nagar Kovil and deeply challenging to realise how many more opportunities there are for OA to help; providing of course the financial and prayer support for OA continues.

**Operation Agri is providing grants totalling £20,000 to assist with the work of LEADS in Sri Lanka.**

#### Annual General Meeting

Operation Agri's AGM will be held at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday 11th June 2015 at Baptist House.

Members of the Baptist Men's Movement and other individuals and representatives of churches and other organisations who regularly subscribe to the work of OA are entitled to attend.

#### We Need Your Skills!

The work of OA demands skills in areas such as publicity, fund raising, promotion, and IT expertise that are not currently in the skill set of the Trustees.

Do you have any skill or experience in these areas? Or do you know someone in your church or among your friends who does? If you do, please contact our secretary, Elgan Evans, on [secretary@operationagri.org.uk](mailto:secretary@operationagri.org.uk).



# Young People's Pages &

We hope you enjoyed last month's article on Afghanistan. This month Tom is going to tell you what he got up to this summer.

**H**ello my name is Tom Beales, I am 16 years old and in July I set off on a life changing expedition to Ecuador with Camps International. Here is a summary of the projects I visited and how I contributed to them.

## WEEK ONE – CAMP KURI KUTCHU

Camp KK (most preferred name) was located high up in the mountains (5000 ft. above sea level) overlooking the Andes.

The project work involved the construction of a building for the local people to pray. My team had to build the mud wall. We had



to collect hay and then mix it with earth, manure and water [bare foot] to make a solid clay-like substance. We worked hard to build the external structure which other groups would complete. It was a privilege to start it off and I look forward to seeing photos of the end result.

## WEEK TWO – CAMP MAQUI

After a very long journey on a hot coach we arrived at our second destination called Camp Maqui which is in the North of Ecuador in the cloud forest. Our project was to build a water catchment system for the local community. The water supply to the village at Camp Maqui has always been extremely unreliable, sometimes non-existent and sometimes bringing dirty water which

By Richard, Steph and Tom Beales,  
friends of Operation Agri

has made a lot of villagers sick. Camps International has been working with the local council to design a new irrigation system which we were to install. My team began creating a dam on a small river about 500 meters up the hillside above the village. The dam now feeds water into a tank with a capacity of around 50,000 litres from which we were able to install a pipe to the village. The small river sustains its flow reasonably well throughout the year and with the dam and tank it is hoped that we have



successfully established a reliable, clean water supply to the village all year round.

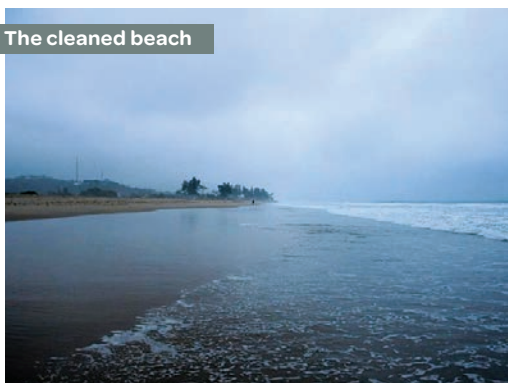
## WEEK THREE AND FOUR – CAMP COSTA

Camp Costa was the last camp on our trip which involved travelling from the north of Ecuador to the west coast. This was a particularly stunning location overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The weather most days was beautiful and sunny which was a change from the humid cloudy days in the north of the country. We had to complete a scuba diving course which I was relieved to pass as we only had eight days to learn and revise over 250 pages from a text book!

# Youth Challenge

The project work at the coast was to build octopus houses which we sank in the ocean to enable them to lay their eggs in safety. In our spare time we also took part in beach clean-ups. I volunteered to help out at a local school [children are only educated up to the age of 12 years] and took part in some of their lessons. My mum was really impressed when I showed her my embroidery skills!! It was interesting to compare the school in Ecuador with my educational experiences. I also liked making friends with the local children and played a game of football or two!

The cleaned beach



## SUMMING IT ALL UP...

**Different country:** I was able to see some fantastic views – Andes Mountains, Amazon forest and coral reef.

**Different animals:** I saw humpback whales, snakes and a lot of very big bugs!

**Different food:** I ate soup with popcorn and a lot of exotic fruits and vegetables.

**Different lifestyle:** I undertook hard physical work and interacted with people of all ages who often had little money and few resources.

This trip made me think about all the luxuries I have compared with other people

my age living in Ecuador who have a very different lifestyle to me. Also it has made me realise how much I take for granted in the community in which I live with clean running water and a church which has brick not mud walls! I was grateful that my church prayed for my safety throughout the trip and supported me in my adventure.

## YOUTH CHALLENGE:

I hope this might inspire you to think of volunteering overseas with a Christian organisation.

Tom Beales with friends in Ecuador



If you would like to explore the possibility of a long or short-term voluntary placement with an Operation Agri partner organisation please email [editor@operationagri.org.uk](mailto:editor@operationagri.org.uk) or write to The Magazine Editor, c/o Operation Agri BMM, 361 Firs Lane, Palmers Green, London N13 5LX. Please note that if you are not sixteen or over we need to be contacted by the adult who is responsible for you e.g. parent, guardian etc.

# Children's page

By **Janet Streeter** – friend of Operation Agri



**L**ast time **Oppy** was in **NEPAL**.

To find out where he has travelled this time rearrange these letters: **GHNNAATIFS**

**Oppy** is in ..... this time.

The message in the grid in the last edition was

**'Operation Agri works in Nepal training health workers.'**

Unscramble each of the clue words below, then copy the letters in the numbered cells to the cells with the same number at the end of the puzzle to discover the hidden word

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**Here are some more clues if you need them:**

Clue (if needed): All the words relate to the project in one of the countries in this year's Resource Book. If you do not have one you can find the information by going to [http://www.operationagri.org.uk/oa/2014\\_Resource\\_Book.pdf](http://www.operationagri.org.uk/oa/2014_Resource_Book.pdf) or by scanning this QR code:



**Can you do these sums to find out the cost of giving each of these Operation Agri's Presents with a Purpose?**

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| $10 \times 7 - 10$ | = | £ _____ | An ox plough             |
| $5 + 6 + 4$        | = | £ _____ | Fruit Tree Seedlings     |
| $5 + 10 + 10$      | = | £ _____ | Goats for five women     |
| $4 + 8 - 2$        | = | £ _____ | 20 day old chicks        |
| $25 \times 4 - 10$ | = | £ _____ | Young cow                |
| $40 + 15 + 20$     | = | £ _____ | Handpump for fresh water |

See the leaflet in the last edition of Outreach Abroad or go to: <http://www.operationagri.org.uk/oa/Presents.html> or scan this QR code to check out your answers: or by scanning this QR code:





# What is your generosity achieving?

By **Stan Crees**  
OA Overseas Secretary.

First in a new series covering the projects supported by Operation Agri



## **AFGHANISTAN. SMALL SCALE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER INSTALLATIONS**

Beyond all the problems we read about in relation

to Afghanistan, the country has abundant natural resources which this project seeks to utilise by providing cheap and renewable sources of energy. In partnership with RESAP our funding helps people to build small hydro-electric generation plants using locally available materials, developing environmentally friendly and sustainable energy technologies. The annual grant enables more villages to benefit from electricity – for lighting in the home, use of a radio, and extended time for handicraft work in the evenings.

Perhaps the most important effect from the electricity project is the increased self-esteem of the people as they build their own power plant. There is also the potential for new income generation activities and more educational opportunities. Smoky oil lamps are not needed any more so the people save money and their health improves.



## **BANGLADESH. DUARIPARA SLUM PROJECT IN DHAKA**

Oasis, our partner in this project, is active in the heart of the Duaripara slum in

Dhaka, working alongside the Muslim-majority community, to help make it a place where there is greater hope, health, safety and opportunity. The project aims to improve the quality of life of girls living in the heart of this community and to reduce the risk of commercial and sexual exploitation.

Initiatives have been set up to address many problems including low levels of literacy, the lack of skilled training, vulnerability to

abuse and violence, health problems and malnutrition and poverty and financial struggles in the family. The overall desire is for transformation of this community, to be a place of health, opportunity and safety.



## **BANGLADESH. INDIGENOUS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROJECT**

In NW Bangladesh, 250 miles away from the busy

capital city of Dhaka, lies a small village called Chinashow. OA is supporting a project in this area the main objectives of which are to socially and economically empower the deprived indigenous women and children of this district. This will be achieved through organizing the women, building group unity, improving capacity to help themselves, increasing income by providing much needed training and by mobilizing local resources.

The project, run by the Social Health and Education Development Board (SHED) has made some good progress and in January 2014 the dreams became reality when the Tribal Centre was opened followed by the opening of a school one month later. Very soon 40 children registered with the school and it is anticipated more children will be enrolled as the project develops and the women begin to appreciate the value of education for their children and their future.

Since then the women have been able to improve their confidence levels through raising awareness, forming support groups and identifying the root causes of their poverty. They have been discussing social issues like dowry bribes, superstitions, discriminations against women and social injustice. The group members deposited some savings and many of them were qualified to take a loan from credit union for running their economic projects.

# Testimony: The impact of (FPI) on the community

By Pastor **Heavenlight Luoga**,  
Pastor of Deeper Life  
Bible Church at Karagwe –  
Farming Projects Initiatives, Tanzania.

The Farming Partnership Initiatives (FPI) project aims to empower local farmers in villages across the district of Karagwe by offering training courses under Paul Kyalimpa to introduce them to sustainable agriculture.

## METHODIA'S GREAT STORY:

The Mavuno Farmers Group was founded last year by Methodia Sadoki. She is 42 years old with 5 children (3 girls and 2 boys), and when she moved to the village called Kanyaro she brought skills and knowledge with her to successfully create six farmers groups. They are:

- Mavuno (Harvest) Farmers Group
- Umacha Farmers Group
- Umoja (Solidarity) Farmers Group
- Tuinuane (Help one another) Farmers Group
- Farijika (Be comfortable) Farmers Group and
- Tumaini (Hope) Farmers Group

When Methodia started to apply her skills and knowledge on her own farm other farmers were attracted and asked to be taught what she did. From this the groups were formed and today there are 28 members, 10 are women and 18 are men.

Methodia has one pregnant dairy cow from FPI and from small beginnings she has succeeded in establishing a small animals



Methodia Sadoki displaying her rabbit project

project which now has 5 goats, 2 sheep, 11 rabbits and 4 chickens. Each goat cost 40,000 TZS (Tanzanian Shilling) which equates to £14.72, and when she sold four of the goats she made a worthwhile profit. This small animals project acts as a valuable source of income to pay school fees, uniform and shoes for her second born, her daughter, Elina Sadoki who is in Form Two at Chakaruru Secondary School. Elina she is studying Arts.

Methodia said, "My family and I used to eat meat twice a year, at Christmas and Easter, but today I can eat meat at any time. We eat white meat, the healthy meat, this is why I keep rabbits. This is one of the benefits of FPI Training, but in the future I will have enough rabbits to be able to sell them. I am proud to be helped by FPI. Today I have rabbits, goats, chicken and a cow because of the FPI Project. The life I live attracts people to join me to form the Mavuno Farmers Group.

## HEARTWARMING NEWS FROM ERASTO AND JONESIA:

Erasto Raphael is a teenage boy of 17, who, before the project had had nothing and earned an irregular income as a day

# Farming Partners Project

Boazi Kashubi (FPI Field Worker) teaching how to make tea plant manure



worker. Now Erasto owns 10 rabbits and 4 goats. His income and his life have changed dramatically.

Jonesia Zephelini also had a zero income before the project but since she joined the Mavuno Group she has been given a loan of 60,000 TZS (£22.08) with which she bought 5 chickens in order to establish a poultry

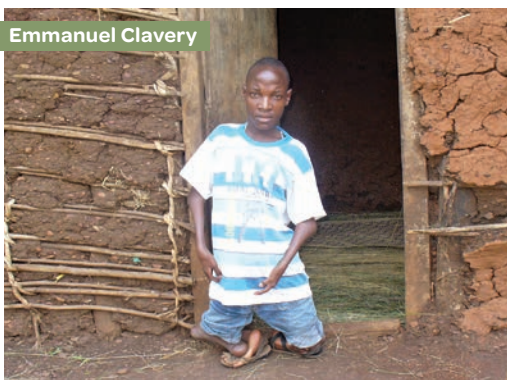
Boazi demonstrating how to make compost using animal dung



## INVESTING IN PEOPLE:

Boazi Kashubi is 44 years old, and spends much of his time visiting farmers' groups. He meets with each group twice every month and has six groups. He is a very busy man who invests his skills teaching and encouraging farmers as well as tending his own farms.

Emmanuel Clavery



project. Mavuno has a Self Help Supporting Funds Program taught by Paul which raises funds from which two people every month are supported with loans. This is how Jonesia benefited and was able to start her small project one month ago.



Emmanuel with his parents and younger brother Dominica

Part of his educational work is organizing farmers themselves and then encouraging them to go and teach others what they have learned from Boazi. The Farmers Group Networking is growing very fast as people are attracted to the changes they see





other farmers make. People from different villages ask for help which means that FPI has many requests to teach and train.

#### **THE FARIJIKI FARMERS GROUP TESTIMONY:**

A Farijika Farmers Group was founded last year under Boazi Kashubi our new Field Worker in order to bring together parents of children with physical difficulties and disabilities such as deafness and blindness.

The vision for the Farijika Farmers Group was to create confidence, jobs and resources



Dominica with the chicken project from Farijika Farmers Group

for the hundreds of impoverished families in the village of Runyaga who have children with physical disabilities. FPI is working side by side with the families to start programs which will create a new opportunity for those children with disabilities to have access to school and to create sustainability for them and their families.

The families have received training through Farming Partnerships Programs, which shows how much God is taking care for them.

Farijika supports two children in school providing school uniforms, sweater, books etc. and next year another two children will be taken to school; one of them is a deaf and dumb 8 year old girl.

FPI Farmers from other groups but within

Farijika and under Boazi's supervision are encouraged to use their incomes to sponsor children in need. As a result of this two children are now in school. This is not a common thing in rural communities who normally expect to receive and not to give. Also it is common to see farmers use the Bible in their meetings; they use verses learnt from Paul's teaching which is wonderful.

#### **GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS:**

FPI has good relationships with our local government. We have succeeded in registering five groups which are now



Emmanuel with Boaz Kashubi

officially recognized. This brings the added benefit that they can ask for loans or local government support. One group has already received 1,000,000 TZS (£368.19) and another group has received 600,000 TZS (£220.90) from our local government. This is having a positive impact on us and we're proud when our groups are supported by government.

#### **WHAT DOES EMMANUEL SAY ABOUT FPI?**

*Heavenlight:* How old are you?

*Emmanuel:* I am 14 years old.

*Heavenlight:* What difference has the project made to your life? How the project has helped to improve your life?

*Emmanuel:* The project helps a lot, now I

am at school I feel I am a human being like others. The difference being at school makes is that now I have strength in my thinking and am no longer focusing on my limitations.

*Heavenlight:* How do you feel to be in school now?

*Emmanuel:* I am so happy, more than happy, I am beginning to see a bright future. My dream is going to become true; I want to be a school teacher and I do believe I can do it. I have succeeded in teaching my young brother Dominica how to read and write.



Emmanuel in the classroom with other students at Mchuba primary school

*Heavenlight:* Could you tell me about difficult times in your life and how you overcame them?

*Emmanuel:* Yes, when I grew up it was painful to see other children going to school when I had to stay at home with my young brother because of our limitations. I was supposed to go into secondary school by now but am at standard two. When my parents joined Faraja group I started to see the light for my future and when Boazi came and talked to my parents so that I could go to Mchuba Primary School and become somebody I was so proud to be known by this group. My young Sister Nesiata who is 11 years old has also been equipped with full school uniform and is able to attend school as well.

*Heavenlight:* What would you like to change in your future?

*Emmanuel:* To stop feeling negative about my disabilities. I am created by God, I want to have confidence like others. I don't want to be disappointed because of my disabilities; I would like to stop focusing on my limitations and help others who struggle as I did.

Heavenlight continues: Emmanuel Clavery has recently successfully enrolled at Muchuba Primary School for the first time. He comes from a poor family with three physically



Emmanuel with others pupils from the school

disabled children including himself. His parents were exceedingly happy with him. Since Emmanuel is being supported by the Farijika Farmers Group the whole community is excited and gives thanks to God. The Farijika group has plans to help Emmanuel's young brother get schooling next year.

Emmanuel today has access to school for his education, where he can study and play with others, mix with other pupils to stimulate his learning capacity and gain confidence that he could also do in the future what others do.

He stands steadfast and bold and continues to be a witness to his Lord and Saviour.

A grant of £10,865 to support this work will be provided by Operation Agri this year.

# Prayer Points



Please use this page in conjunction with other material in the magazine and the Operation Agri web site <http://www.operationagri.org.uk/oa/Projects.html>



## **TANZANIA**

Pray for Rev. Apolo Anthony and Mr. Boazi Kashubi the two field workers with Farming Partners Initiatives

in Karagwe as they travel extensively by motorcycle to visit farmers so that they can encourage and share ideas and then report back on the progress being made. Remember Rev. Heavenlight Luoga as he oversees the whole programme as well as fulfilling all his other responsibilities.



## **UGANDA**

Pray for the young people who have completed their training in tailoring or hairdressing and are now

setting up their own businesses with the help of a loan from SDKF. Ask the Lord to continue to bless Pastor Dennis Ssettaala the director of SDKF and other members of staff as they help in the training and administration of the whole charity.



## **UGANDA**

Remember in prayer Rev. Paul Kyalimpa as he trains farmers in the Kyenjojo area in sustainable agriculture

and for his wife Christine working with local women and teaching them knitting skills with the help of a UK children's project to supply knitting patterns, wool and knitting needles. Also pray for Paul as he undertakes the planned evaluation of the effect of previous training activities at Busia.



## **BANGLADESH:**

### **Duaripara slum project in Dhaka**

Give thanks for a safe and encouraging visit to

Bangladesh by Marisa Rawlins (an OA Trustee), collecting material for the 2015 appeal.

Praise God for the demonstration of his love through staff working in Duaripara and that their commitment will encourage the girls to grow in understanding, confidence and self-esteem. Continue to pray for protection of the girls against bullying as they travel to and from school and also for an end to the pressures of early marriage.



## **BANGLADESH:**

### **SHED Women's Project**

Give thanks for the work that SHED Board is doing

for the deprived communities in Rajshahi, as it blesses the women and their families supported by Operation Agri. Pray for much needed improvements in water and sanitation and resources to build a church in the village where the community can worship.



## **NEPAL**

Praise God for the good progress of the two projects supported – CHEP and CHEST – both working

to improve the health and welfare of remote communities. Pray that as this work continues with the provision of clean water, improved sanitation, health training and skills training, it will bring lasting benefit to the villagers and encouragement to those who lead the work.



## **AFGHANISTAN**

OA is committed to supporting the construction of another small scale hydro-electric plant which

will bring many benefits to the local community. Pray for ongoing stability that this work may continue unhindered.



## **HOME**

Work is starting on the photos and film that were taken in Bangladesh when Marisa Rawlins visited the

projects. Pray for the preparation of the resource pack for churches to use next year, and that many people will be encouraged to support OA's activities.

OA trustees are experimenting with holding some of their meetings using internet conferencing from their homes, aiming to save money on train fares and other expenses. Pray for wisdom about how best this can be arranged, without compromising any of the important decisions being made.

Please pray for the Trustees as we continue to shape and re-shape OA to continue to be effective and efficient stewards as OA seeks to meet the critical needs of some of the world's poorest communities. Please see the advertisement elsewhere in this edition of Outreach Abroad then pray for and personally consider the recruitment needs.

*All of the OA Trustees thank you for your continued prayers*



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## Our 2015 Appeal

### ...Building a Better Future in Bangladesh

When we think of Bangladesh we often associate it with, flooding, garment factories and widespread poverty.

It is all that and also one of the most densely populated countries in the world and these combined factors present a multitude of challenges. Operation Agri has always sought to help those most in need and our 2015 Appeal focuses on **Bangladesh**.

We journey from the inspirational Duaripara Family Development Project, a girl's education project in Dhaka in the most congested city in the world, to an indigenous women's empowerment project in the serenity of the paddy fields of rural Rajshahi.

This is a wonderful journey which takes us to education, economic advancement and making life better for the girls, women and local communities. We will be asking you to be part of this exciting project. Watch out for the Operation Agri 2015 Appeal and become part of a community which supports: **Building a Better Future in Bangladesh – our 2015 Appeal.**

**Marisa Rawlins** – Operation Agri Trustee

