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## Message from the Moderator ...



**Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,**

We have just celebrated Easter worldwide and in our country the Muslims have celebrated their Eid-Ul Fitr with the mostly covid tension free and for this we thank

God for His abundant blessings upon us. All the denominations in Bangladesh have been trying their best to overcome the post covid economic crisis but it will take a long time to recover the illness of their own denomination and the families too. The Church of Bangladesh have started to walk towards the financial self-sustainability from this year and mainly from the month of April following the Strategy that the COB has adopted and approved by the Synod Executive and aiming at the goal of the strategy firstly by 2026 June and finally by June 2031 along with the ten ministries. Once again, we are grateful to the USPG and the ACF for their support to make the Strategy for the COB and the persons that have been involved behind this strategy to make it happen and to roll out for the implementation.

Besides, many challenges and obstacles, the COB has been moving forward with hope and aspiration in the resurrected Christ Jesus. All the programmes and the Institution have been running not badly but rather slowly and steadily by the support of our mission and development partners across the world. We have

started doing various workshops and training to implement the newly adopted strategy and the other ongoing programmes of which you will get the detailed news in their reporting and sharing from their parts of the works for the Church and nation building.

The General Secretary of the USPG Revd. Dr. Duncan Dormor and the Asia and the Middle East Regional Manager Revd. Davidson Solanki visited the Church of Bangladesh in the month of March. We also have started visiting and attending various meetings nationally and internationally physically. We have been remembering in our prayers the migrants and victims who are in a big crisis due to the war in Ukraine of Russian invasion for three months long and sent some support to the USPG for the suffering and struggling people with whom the USPG has stood beside with their end.

May God bless us all in the midst of economic, political and social crisis and always look after our brethren and sisters in the community through our programmes and prayers. Hope we all be very careful from the fourth variant of the covid and always maintain the required cautionary for our safety. I fervently wish you all the best.

**The Most Rev. Samuel S. Mankhin**  
Moderator & the Bishop of Dhaka Diocese,  
Church of Bangladesh.



In this context, the resurrected Jesus has brought peace, giving peace to all. The Barishal Diocese is keen to share that peace with all. We continue our hope on Jesus Christ, who gives us peace and pray to make us channel of peace to all.

Dear all in Christ,

It is my pleasure to greet you all in the precious name of the risen Jesus Christ. The resurrected Jesus has given us new life, hope and peace. When we celebrate Easter, many places are now without peace and hope. When they are not in peace, we are also not in peace. The impact of COVID 19 is still raw in some peoples' lives and now well are having the global effects of the war between Russia and Ukraine. As 58% of the total garments' exports are destined for the European market.

Fires, power outages and health problems are reported as temperatures soar to 40 degrees Celsius. The scorching heat is causing hardship for millions of people in Bangladesh. The country is now preparing to face a cyclone (Ashani) that may hit the Satkhira district.

Many countries compete for increasing nuclear weapons, destroying peace and hope for a peaceful world. In this context, the resurrected Jesus has brought peace, giving peace to all. The Barishal Diocese is keen to share that peace with all. We continue our hope on Jesus Christ, who gives us peace and pray to make us channel of peace to all.

This year we are concentrating on the Lambeth Conference's Theme, "God's Church for God's World." but we have based on the Bible verse John 17:18, "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world." Here Jesus has called us to go out to the world to serve and to give peace to the world. Therefore, being the body of Christ, we pray for peace and stand for justice in the world. We pray so that people can have Just-Peace in their hearts, which Jesus wanted to secure.

**SHALOM**

**The Rt Rev Shourabh Pholia**  
Bishop of Barishal Diocese.



**“Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Hallujaha.” Because His resurrection is not only especially on Easter Sunday, but also every day, when we believe deep down in our heart and acknowledge Him as our living Lord and saviour.**

**Dear all in Christ,**

On behalf of Kushtia Diocese, I would like to express my profound gratitude and deepest thanks for your prayers and kind support. Special thanks to Almighty God for being able to return to normal life after almost three years for His grace after covid pandemic.

Although we have celebrated the Easter Sunday a couple of weeks ago yet I would like to say, “Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Hallujaha.” Because His resurrection is not only especially on Easter Sunday, but also every day, when we believe deep down in our heart and acknowledge Him as our living Lord and saviour. He is the only one who can give us new life in the midst of pain and agony. At present the same feelings in nature also. Although March-April is quite hot in Bangladesh, these two months are marked by lush greenery and by fruit laden trees. Just like “life after death” as we celebrated Jesus’ Resurrection. The call of a new life.

We thank God that by His grace last couple of years ago almost 15 new congregations had been established in Rajshahi deanery and all of them belong to the Santali sect. With due respect I would like to remember those kindhearted people who worked hard for bringing these people in God’s Kingdom. However, at present the problem is that sometimes we are not able to give them the proper care they need as new Christians. At the same time it is very difficult for a priest to look after average 8 to 9 parishes. Again, in some parishes there are no Church buildings, no priest’s quarter.

Nevertheless, we are taking care of them as much as possible through our local resources. For example, we are building a quarter for a catechist in a parish called Koyelhat through this year’s Lent collection.

In closing, let us pray for each other so that the Lord will be with us. No matter what the problems in our world, there is always hope in the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless us all and our Churches. Amen.

**Rt Reverend Hemen Halder**  
Bishop, Kushtia Diocese.

# Primates Meeting in the UK



From 27-31 March 2022, the primates meeting was held in the UK. Primates of the Anglican Communion joined the Primates Meeting. Due to COVID-19 last two years, this meeting was not held. The Respected Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh, The Most Rev'd Samuel Sunil Mankhin joined the Primates Meeting in the UK. The Anglican Communion Primates' Meetings are regular meetings of the [primates in the Anglican Communion](#), the prin-

cipal [archbishops](#) or [bishops](#) of each (often national) ecclesiastical province of the [Anglican Communion](#). There are currently 38 Primates of the Anglican Communion. The Primates come together from the geographic [provinces](#) around the world for discussion and consultation. Primates attended as the special observers in the meeting of the House of Lords in the British Parliament. Likewise, the honorable City Mayor welcomed the Primates and arranged a dinner.

## The Moderator visited USPG Office in London

From 27-31 March 2022, the primates meeting was held in the UK. All the Primates Bishops of the Anglican Communion joined the primates meeting. The Respected Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh, The Most Rev'd Samuel Sunil Mankhin joined the primate meeting in the UK. During the primate meeting, Moderator of COB visited the USPG office in London. The respected Moderators of the CSI & CNI also joined our Moderator to visit the office of USPG.

Last 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March 2022, The General Secretary of the USPG Rev'd. Dr. Duncan Dormor and the Asia and the Middle East Regional Manager Rev'd Davidson Solanki came to visit the Church of Bangladesh. During their visit, they joined a meeting at the Synod office. At that meeting, our respected Moderator gave them word to send GBP 1000 Euro to support Ukraine war victim. That is why on 30<sup>th</sup> March during the primate meeting our Moderator went to visit the USPG office in the UK and handed over a cheque of GBP 1000 to the



*The Most Rev'd Samuel Sunil Mankhin handing over a cheque to USPG's CEO Rev'd Duncan Dormor*

USPG General Secretary.

The USPG comments on this support, "We've even had support from as far away as the Church of Bangladesh, who gave £1,000 to the appeal, with the Most Rev'd Samuel Sunil Mankhin visiting the USPG office to offer his support in person for the Ukrainian."



## Visitors from the USPG

Last 13<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> March 2022, The General Secretary of the USPG Rev'd Dr Duncan Dormor and the Asia and the Middle East Regional Manager Rev'd Davidson Solanki came to visit the Church of Bangladesh. During their visit, they visited the Barishal Diocese, The Sisterhood in Jobarpar, The Bollobhpur Hospital, St. Andrew's Theological College, and the Synod office in Dhaka on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Our respected Moderator the Most Rev'd Samuel Sunil Mankhin gave them a warm welcome in the Synod office with flowers, gifts, and crests. They did sit with the Synod executive committee by zoom online and a few in person. They were very pleased to get the chance to visit

Bangladesh and the Church of Bangladesh after the COVID-19 lockdown. These visits strengthen the relationship between the Church of Bangladesh and the USPG.

At last, our respected Moderator gave them thanks for visiting the Church of Bangladesh and welcome them again to visit us.



## Khagrachhari Area News

### 1st Spiritual Revival Meeting has held at Giriful



The 1st Spiritual Revival Meeting has held on 25th March at Giriful St. Joseph Church in Khagrachhari district at St. Peter's Church. The theme of the spiritual meeting at Giriful St. Joseph Church was 'As a result, if anyone is in Christ, a new creation is created; The old things are gone, behold, they are new. (2 Corinthians 5:16-17) And the motto of the meeting at St. Peter's Church was, "As the spiritless body is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." (James 2:26) Rev'd Deacon Ripon Roy. Each meeting was attended by over a hundred people along with Mr. Paul Subrata Malakar (Program and Communication Director, Church of Bangladesh), Mrs. Lipika Malakar, Pastor Jyotishwar Chakma were present as guests in both the spiritual meetings.

### Betchhari Spiritual Revival Meeting has held

The 1st Spiritual Awakening Meeting was held on 1th April 2022 at St. Mary's Church, Betchhari. Honorable Moderator Bishop of Church of Bangladesh Rt Rev'd Samuel S Mankhin, Mrs. Monita Mankhin (Education Co-ordinator Church of Bangladesh) were present in the meeting. Rev'd Promosh Chambugong was present as Priest in-Charge. The meeting theme was "Christ is resurrected, He is truly resurrected, Hallelujah." The members of Giriful and Betchhari parishes, pastors of other churches and some local parishioners was attended in the spiritual meeting.

It is to be noted that the young boys and girls of local ethnic community entertained the honorable Moderator and other guests through dance and song. At this time the Honorable Moderator Bishop Samuel S Mankhin shared the special message of resurrection. Mrs. Monita Mankhin delivered the welcome address as well. The meeting ended with the Moderator's blessing and lunch.





## The first spiritual revival meeting and confirmation at Syedpur parish



On 22nd April 2022, Rt Reverend Hemen Halder Bishop of Kushtia Diocese visited Christ Church, Syedpur Parish. On the morning of April 23, he met with the parish committee, and in the afternoon, after exchanging views with all the members of the congregation, he met at night at the hostel management committee. The next day, on the morning of the 24th, at the feast of the Holy Lord, he conducted a confirmation service for 24 young people. Dean Reverend Michael Soren, local parish priest Reverend Mr. Martin Hira Mondol and Church Secretary Prodip Biswas were present with the Bishop.

Honorable Bishop Halder opened the 1st Spiritual revival Meeting of Syedpur Parish by lighting candles. The theme of the meeting was, 'Christ is resurrected, He is truly resurrected, Hallelujah.' Bishop Hemen Halder shared lord's word on the theme. At the end of the day, Bishop's visit to Syedpur Parish ended with a pleasant cultural program.



## World Women's Day-2022 observed

World Women's Day 2022 was observed in every congregation of Khulna Deanery with the planning of Hon'ble Rev'd Deacon Suchitra Behera and the encouragement of the Dean.

On Friday, March 11, the "Church of Christ" Khalishpur, Khulna observed World Women's Day all day long. On that day, the women of Jessore "Christ Church" conducted Victory Day worship and highlighted the significance of the day.

"Church of Saint John the Baptist", Maheshwarpasha,

Khulna observed World Women's Day on Tuesday, March 8 with enthusiasm. "Saints Jacob Church" Kanainagar and Mongla "Shalom" jointly undertook two days special activities to show the importance and unity of "World Women's Day". On the first day, women conducted worship. On the 2nd day, Salom observed the day in a festive atmosphere by organizing women's speeches, quiz competitions, distribution of sweets. The theme of the prayer was to remove the obstacles, humiliation, and inequality of women in the world church congregations.

## Holy Confirmation

Holy Confirmation Ceremony was held at Holy Name Church, Suagram on 13th March and at Epiphany Cathedral Church, Oxford Mission on 27th March. Honorable Bishop of Barishal Diocese Rt Rev Shourabh Pholia led the confirmation services. He discussed and prepared the candidates before the sacrament. There were feasts with confirmed candidates at Holy Name Church and at Oxford Mission. Fathers and Sisters of Oxford Mission were present on the reception ceremony along with Honorable Bishop of the Barishal Diocese. On 17th April, Diocesan Bishop lead another

confirmation ceremony was held at St. Thomas Church, Dhamshor. Rev. Biliom Sardar was along with him on the sacrament. It was the first time the Confirmation service held at this church and so it was a historic event for the church members. They all were thankful to God for the opportunity.





## St. Andrew's Theological College



### Way of the Cross Led by SATC

On March 25th March 2022 the SATC students led the "Way of the Cross" to the local St. Andrew's Church in this Lent time. We prayed for Peace, Justice, reconciliation, and political stability in this war life situation in the world.

Field Work: Internal two students Dhoni and Lemon are going to field work every week to North Dhaka Kalachadpur Church. They could gain experience the real ministry through their field work.

### Visitor from USPG

We are pleased to inform you that USPG General secretary Rev. Dr. Duncan Dormor and Rev. Davidson Solanki (USPG Regional Manager) visited the college on 16th March 2022. They have come soon after Covid-19 pandemic situation and have a wonderful fellowship and interaction with the SATC students, Facilities, and staffs.

### Result

We are happy to inform you that the college students B.Th., BCS, DCS and MDiv have obtained wonderful results and the students passed 100% this year even amid Covid-19.

Class begins for Second Semester:

SATC have resumed the second semester class for B.Th. 1st and 2nd year internal students

### Thanksgiving for Principal Treatment

Thanks God that the SATC College Principal Rev. Probhudan Hira with his wife Mrs. Sanchita Talukder have come back safely at SATC from India after their treatment by the grace of God. Thank you all for your kind prayers, support, and cooperation towards the College.

# Brief Report of Christa Sevika Sangha (CSS)



We wishing all of you sincere greetings, prayers and heartfelt love for a happy Easter.

All of our children are now on Easter and summer's vacation. Due to the Corona Pandemic last year and this year the number of our children is very few. But thank God that only 17 girls are playing the same role as 60 girls. Similarly, 10 children have been admitted to the Play Center, but daily attendance is 5 to 6 children, Sister Shalomi is teaching these children very skillfully, keeping them in her lap, like a mother.

Elderly Seminar : On 24th April, 2022, Mr. Ashis Pandey, organized a seminar on Nature in the Chapel of our Christa Sevika Sangha (CSS) and he himself conducted the seminar. In fact, it is the great God who has given us this wonderful opportunity, so thanks be to God.

The seminar was attended by Rev. Santi Mondol, Sister Dorothy CSS (Sister Superior), Sister Ruth, and more 5 Sisters, Mr. Robin Sikder, Mrs. Jharna Milton, Mrs. Sreemoti Malaker and more 6 elders, a total of 15 peoples. Everyone shares some of the funniest memories of their lives with each other and the testimony of how God has protected them to this day. We, the Sisters, are



very glad to be able to take part in such a lively seminar with a few parents. In particular, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to the esteemed Mr. Ashis Pandey.

Please pray for the prosperity of our Christa Sevika Sangha (CSS), so that there is no shortage of laborers in God's vineyard. I know that the work of God never stops, but at the same time prayer is desperately needed. So, please pray for us. You all stay well and stay healthy.

**May Almighty God protect us all.**

# Education

## The National Children's Day



The birthday of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was celebrated with due honor on 17th March, 2022 AD at St. Thomas Mission Primary School and the St. Thomas Community School in the Bishop House. The government declared the National Children's Day in calendar year since last 12 years. The ceremony began with the hoisting of the national flag. Honorable Moderator Rt Rev'd Samuel Sunil Mankhin hoisted the national flag. The Synod Education Co-ordinator Mrs. Monita Mankhin, Rev. Simson Mazumder, Education Supervisor, schoolteachers, and students were also present on the occasion.

## School Visit



Synod Education Co-ordinator Mrs. Monita Mankhin visited various schools in Madhupur and Haluaghat area from 4/5/2022 to 6/5/2022, she visited Thanarbaid KR Primary School and Dharati DN Primary School, Madhupur and St. Peters Primary School Katalmari, St. Paul's Primary School, Telekhali, St. Andrews Primary School, Panihata and St. Stephen's Primary School, Buruajani, Haluaghat. It is to be noted that with the absolute blessing of the Creator, after two long years, when the Corona pandemic became normal, teaching started in all the schools run by the Church of Bangladesh. The schools are full of students. The schools will organize the 1st interim examination after the Eid-ul-Fitr holiday.

## Workshop on School Management and Financial Planning

A workshop was organized on "School Management and Financial Plan" at Retreat and Prayer Garden in Savar Dhaka from 6-8 April 2022. With the support of PC USA, we have organized this workshop for the 21 School In-charges. In addition, eight representatives from Synod and three Diocesan Education Committee members were also attended at the workshop. In total 36 people took part in this workshop.



The workshop was facilitated by the Education Coordinator of Synod Office – Mrs. Monita Mankhin and Mr. Paul S. Malakar, the Program and Communication Director of the Church of Bangladesh. The Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh, the Most Revd. Samuel S. Mankhin participated on the third day of the workshop and shared his views on educational issues in line with the Strategy Paper 2021-30. At the workshop following topics were discussed and all participants took part actively:

1. The Strategy Paper 2021-30 in line with education ministry.
2. SWOT analysis on the situation of education ministry.
3. Means to overcome the financial barriers.
4. The financial development plan 2022-2025.
5. Roles and responsibilities of the education committees at Synod and Diocesan level.

At the end of the workshop, the participants have received the detailed implementation plan on financial development for the schools of the Church of Bangladesh covering the period of 2022-2025. The Synod and Diocesan Education Committee will review the progress at the end of each educational year. The program was ended with vote of thanks from the participant's end and organizer's end as well.

**Mrs. Monita Mankhin**  
*Education Coordinator, Sind, Church of Bangladesh*



# Shalom

... a development organisation of Church of Bangladesh



## CRA Training held

Shalom has arranged a three days training on Community Risk Assessment (CRA) at Prayer Garden, Anandopur, Savar, Dhaka on 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. CCDB has facilitated three days Training of Trainers-ToT on Community Risk Assessment (CRA) for the implementing staff of Shalom. The participants got introduced with the CRA process through providing theoretical knowledge, sharing practical field experience, practical session and demonstration. The training was facilitated by Mr. Foezullah Talukder (Head, Climate Change Program), Mr. Palash Sarker (Coordinator-Resilience Building), Mr. Alim Shaikh (Manager-Capacity Building), Mr. Arnest Sarker (Senior Program Officer), and Ms. Mousumi Halder (Senior Capacity Building Officer). Total 26 staff attended the training. Shalom will arrange Community Risk Assessment CRA program with the help of local Union Disaster Management Committee at Netrokona and Barishal by the support of BftW.

## Introducing WASH & River Osmosis Plant (RO) Programs

Shalom has been working in the southern part of Bangladesh for many years. It has development initiatives in the Khulna and Barishal divisions. Besides its spiritual nurture, Shalom is engaged in education, livelihoods, advocacy, climate change, disaster risk reduction and WASH programs. School students (boys and girls), School teachers, Church community, School management committee, Disable children, Households who have no safe drinking water facilities will be benefited by this WASH project. There was an emerging need in the schools to establish gender sensitive WASH facilities across the region. Right now Shalom is implementing inclusive WASH program in Schools as an additional project at Bakal and Rahutpara in Agailjhara, Kashipur in Barishal sadar upazilla in Barishal District, Khalishpur in Khulna District and Kanainagor,

Mongla in Bagerhat District beside its regular project. In order to improve the wash facilities of local church and church base schools; Shalom is implementing the project by the financial support of the Tear Fund. There are 1,500 people who will be directly benefited through the project. The project has installed 4 three chambers, 1 four chambers toilets with urinals as well as the students and church members can use the toilet with hygiene.

Impact of climate changes in this southern area the saline water is alarming for the community people. The fresh water scarcity has become intense and the sea level is rising. Inundation of saline water

has significantly increased into the mainland and natural calamities have become frequent in those areas. As a result, the WASH sector is severely damaged and maximum men and women of this area are suffering water and sanitation problems. All the learning and good practices go in vain unless proper infrastructure facilities are provided. School management committees have very limited scope to fulfill the needs as per required. The project is going to establish a Water Osmosis plant (RO) at Kanainagor at St. Jacob Church (CoB) compound in Mongla Upazilla. The community people of the Mongla area were drinking saline and unsafe pond



water for a long time. This RO plant will help to reduce the drinking water problem in the community and 400 families will be directly benefited by the project. Shalom will hand over the toilets and RO to the School Management Committee (SMC) and Church Management Committee (CMC) and they will take caring of the toilets and RO in the community.



# CMCY

## Christian Ministry to Children & Youth



### Thanarbaid new project

The survey for Thanarbaid new project has been completed, with this aim, a regional workshop was held with the participants of the Dean, local priest, Deanery's secretary, local church committee and three project in-charges of the hostels. A three-member working committee was formed to complete the survey work on a professional way. The three project in-charge played key roles to collect children's data as per the prescribed form from CMCY visiting door to door of the poor beneficiaries. In total one hundred needy children (50 girls and 50 boys) have been selected through due process and all papers have already been sent to the Donor Agency, CMD-Germany.

### Education and health situation of the children

HSC result has been announced by the Boards and 23 students have come out successful from 25. The students will get golden chance to read in colleges and universities, staying in the suitable places and especially at the college hostel, Mymensingh who have passed in their final exam. It is noticed that the most students are much interested to take Nursing training considering the present high job trend in this sector. All hostel children are now having with good education. They are now enjoying summer and Eid holidays with their parents and will come back to hostels within May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The overall health conditions of the children are very good and the fear of Covid19 has gone away from their mind.

### Project Visit and Monitoring

The regular projects visit and monitoring by the senior staff members of CMCY head office is going on in full swing, with

aimed at reaching the set target and goals of the projects. All monitoring reports are given to the respective project aim to improve the weaknesses of the overall management.

### CCTS- Jessore

The Christ Church Trades School (CCTS), a residential vocational training institute, has been running with three courses- Automobile, Machine and Electric section. It is a two years course. 51 sponsored trainee lives in the hostel and enjoying both theoretical and practical lessons from the experienced staff. CCTS-Jashore Trade School is a BANBEIS affiliated project.

### Weekly Reporting to Donors

Weekly reporting on success stories, new propose plan or any appeal of the CMCY, with authentic pictures are being sent to two donors regularly to strengthen communication in bringing visible results and sustainable impact of the ongoing projects.

### CIB (Compassion International Bangladesh)

11 CIB-supported projects are running well for 2375 poor children living with their parents at home. All children have been receiving support services from the projects. Some development supports are mentioned below:

CDSP-Chourkhuli, B.D. no- 335 project has provided 15 farmers with fertilizer 50K.G and paddy seeds 4 K.G for 3 bigha, 99 decimal of land for each poor family for paddy cultivation during time of this Boro season (dry season), with these supports the poor beneficiaries have been engaged themselves to produce paddy crop for survival. They all are expecting good crops this summer season. Besides this, other projects are also providing different support services to the poor parents of the children, aiming to make them self- reliant in food.

# Christian Mission Hospital, Rajshahi

## Archbishop Bejoy N. D’Cruze and Bishop Gervas Rozario visited Christian Mission Hospital, Rajshahi



On April 26, 2022, AD. The honorable Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church in Bangladesh, Bejoy N D’Cruze, accompanied by the Honorable Bishop Gervas Rozario, Father William Murmu, and Additional DIG of the Rajshahi Division, Mr. Joy Dev Bhadra, visited the Christian Mission Hospital. On the arrival of His grace the archbishop, a warm welcome was extended by the Chief Executive Officer of the Christian Mission Hospital Rajshahi. With the guide of the CEO Prodip Chand Mondal, the Archbishop visited all the wards and units of the Christian Mission Hospital with his companions and talked to the patients. Then in the presence of all the staff, doctors, consultants in a special arrangement of the hospital, a pleasant cultural program was organized in honor of the Archbishop. The Hospital’s CEO welcomed the distinguished guests and said that we are blessed and grateful for the presence of the Archbishop, Bishop of Rajshahi and additional DIG. He sought their valuable advice and cooperation.

Similarly, the convener of the local working committee of the hospital Mr. Lorance Mondol also expressed his sincere gratitude. The Bishop Gervas Rozario advised the CMHR to increase doctors from own Community.

In the end, the honorable Archbishop shared a message of greetings- he was very happy to visit the hospital in Rajshahi. The Archbishop appreciated the role through healing ministry by the organ of Medical Board in the service of humanity in form of Gospel in Action of the Church of Bangladesh. The Roman Catholic Bishops thanked the Rt Rev Samuel S. Mankhin, Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh for honoring them. The Additional DIG Mr. Joy Deb Bhadra and the Bishops appreciated the activities of Church of Bangladesh for development of inter-world relations and expressed the commitment to help and co-operate with each other and emphasized the quality service to the community for sustainability.

# Nursing Institute, Rajshahi



Many thanks to Almighty and Savior God who protected us from the Pandemic Corona Virus. I am glad to report you that the Nursing Institute is being run well with grace of God. The NI 2nd year 49 students and 3rd year 40 students' year final examinations was started last 30th March 2022, and examination has been ended on 25th march2022.

The two students of 2nd year who were infected and affected by the Chicken Pox during their examination. The examination center authority allowed them to write a written and oral& practical examination.

1st year students have written their test examination, Oral and practical examination will take place soon. We are hoping 1st year students' final year examination will hold end of May.

The NI has a shortage of Nursing Instructors. The instructors position interview took place last 25th April. The 3 new instructors have been selected (who are having BNMC Licentiate certificate) out of 10 candidates.

After examinations 3rd year students are on holiday for 10 days. They will return to hostel next week for internship. When 3rd year students will come back to hostel then 2nd year students will go home for 10 days holiday. BNMC has approved 60 from 50 students for NI CMHR. We hope we will get the students as well.

Challenges: Girls and Boys hostel need to be expanded for well accommodation for the students. NI need more Classrooms, Practical room, Library room to achieve the BNMC standard.

Training: NI principal conducted Partograph / Partogram orientation to the hospital Nursing Supervisors and Nursing staffs on 5th may. Orientation class will be continued after 2 weeks according to the schedule.

Thanks.

**Sulota Drong,**  
Principal, NI, CMHR.

# Bollobhpur Hospital



Bollobhpur Hospital has a very simple special care Baby unit where we admit and care for prematurely born very low birth weight babies.

The unit has five incubators for babies, only one in full working condition and the others very old and fitted up with two 100-watt bulbs to maintain the temperature. But each incubator supplies the warmth the babies need, assisted by the tireless nursing care provided by our senior student nurses caring from them day and night maintaining the intravenous infusions and the oxygen supply, and feeding them their mother's milk every two hours by tube.

A total of fifteen tiny babies were admitted to the unit during March and April, their weights ranging from 800 gram to 2.05 kg.

Obviously not all survive, but the majority do so. Some babies are taken home prematurely by their parents, but we aim to care for them until the baby is fully breast feeding, gaining weight, and totally in the mother's care.

A total of seven babies went home during the last two months, five babies are still in care and four sadly died.

Alongside we have ten cots for baby care, as although our aim is to care for tiny premature babies, now very sick babies are also arriving, referred from gov't hospital to top hospitals in the capital, but arriving at Bollobhpur Hospital because it is nearer, and has a name for nursing care.

Also not all can afford the heavy cost elsewhere.

During the past two months ten very sick babies arrived for treatment, and by prayer, careful nursing and treatment all but two babies survived and went home with grateful parents. One baby now nearly one month old, is still in care.

Again Bollobhpur hospital has two Phototherapy machines for sick babies with jaundice. During the last

two months nine babies were referred to us with a high level serum bilirubin (jaundice), and with the help of phototherapy machines and the student nurses twenty four hour nursing care, all the babies recovered rapidly and went home.

This is another service we are happy to be able to give.

The babies come from near and far. Notably one young mother discharged her baby from one of the capital's top hospitals to bring him to us, because she complained "They do too many blood tests".

Little Babu was just 800gram in weight when they arrived, and thanks be to God, his mother was able to take him home two months later, weighting 2 kg and fully breast feeding.

Only this week we were happy and grateful to be able to discharge two babies.

Sumaiya arrived first with her baby born at seven months pregnancy, and Momtaj with her baby a few days later. Both babies weighed just 1.2 kg and the mothers quickly became friends. Nearly two months later and after many ups and downs, we were able to discharge them home, again both babies fully breast feeding and rapidly gaining weight.

And on another level, this area of our work is enabling our student nurses to become skilled in baby care, and now many of our Bollobhpur trained nurse /midwives, are working in good posts in special care baby units all over the country. We are grateful indeed.

Please keep our babies and our students in your prayer.

**Sr. G M Rose**

*Director, Bollobhpur Hospital.*