

Upcoming Events

- Today's Nursery Attendants: Deb & Shawna
 - Children ages 0-5 years
 - Parents/Guardians - Nursery attendant will escort you.
- 10% of ALL our Giving goes to Global Missions
Designated Offerings can be made to - Local Outreaches, Changemakers, Etc.
- Get CONNECTED with God, His Church & His People see - CONNECT Card
- Join us Wednesday nights @ 7:00PM - Bible Study & Prayer Time

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- BANGLADESH -

FAMILY LOSES EVERYTHING IN ATTACK ON HOME

- When protests forced the resignation of the prime minister in 2024, Islamist groups took advantage of the lack of police across the country to attack the Christian minority. Attackers have looted & destroyed churches & targeted Christian homes. Monoara, 75; her daughter, Salma, & her granddaughter, 14, were among those who were attacked. They escaped & watched from the nearby jungle as their belongings were carried away or destroyed by an extremist mob. "I thought that was my last day," Monoara recalled. "I was so sad, but after a while I started to say, 'Thank you, Jesus. I am very grateful to the Lord because he saved me & preserved my family. Despite losing all our belongings, we have life, & as he took away, he can give again as he did with Job.'" These sisters in Christ continue to host prayer meetings as they recover from the attack.
- Until the 21st century, Bangladesh was considered one of the poorest countries in the world. Though there are signs of economic growth, governmental instability continues. Churches are careful when offering relief to the poor & needy because they do not want to encourage false conversions among people claiming faith in Christ solely for economic benefit. While Bangladesh is majority-Muslim, the government avoids undue influence from Islamists & actively fights extremism. Millions of Bangladeshis are learning about Christ & the Bible through media outreaches.
- 87% of Bangladeshis are Sunni Muslims & 2% are Shia Muslims. Approximately 1/2 of 1% are Christians.
- Local Muslim authorities, Islamic extremist groups, families & communities persecute Christians. Hindus persecute believers in the northwestern part of the country, & Buddhist (Chakma) extremists persecute believers in the southeastern Chittagong Hill Tracts.
- Many Christian groups meet publicly, while others worship in unregistered churches. When Muslims convert to Christianity, they are often forced to leave their community.
- The Bangladesh Bible Society & the missions community have made Bibles available in several languages, but those in rural areas & especially Muslim converts have difficulty finding & acquiring them.
- For Juhel, who was beaten in the street after telling others about his faith in Christ.
- Praise God for the bold faith of Shebona, a teenager who led her siblings to faith in Christ.
- For Rojina, who has faced opposition while leading evangelistic teams into slums to share the gospel.
- For Abdul, a former imam who was beaten by his nephew because of his faith in Christ.
- That Christians who are rejected by family members because of their faith will show God's love to them.

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