

# New Church in Bangladesh

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Kiangthai Village

Kiangthai, a small village of thirty families near the border of India and Myanmar, now has their own church building! Most of the residents of this village were nature worshippers but over a period of years they all came to trust in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. They initially met in houses to worship together, but had a great desire to have a church building. When Pastor \*Samuel and his leadership team establish a new congregation in a village, they disciple and train them to become self-sustaining. They form a church committee consisting of eight members who

serve for a three year term. They follow the bylaws and teaching from Pastor Samuel. He and his two coworkers visit each church on a regular basis for follow-up training.



Church service inside the new building



A day of celebration and joy dedicating the new church building

On one of their visits to Kiangthai, church members expressed their great desire for a church building. Pastor Samuel explained to them that they needed to provide 50% of the cost and pray and trust that God would supply the remainder. He explained that to raise the needed money, they would each need to work two or three days each month and contribute the money to the church. All of them are day laborers who work in Jhum (slash and burn) cultivation and struggle just to support their families. For over two years they worked and used their earnings to buy construction materials for the new church. In January, we informed Pastor Samuel that one of our donor families had given \$1,000 for a village church roof. Samuel chose this village to receive the donation. After Samuel told them about the money for the roof, they were very excited and worked night and day to complete the building. Due to corona virus restrictions they had to wait until August to visit again for the church dedica-



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tion which was held on August 15. Your gifts also provided a new guitar, and churches from other villages gave them a clock, flowers, tea cups, and communion set. As you can see in the pictures, this was a day of celebration and joy. Pastor Samuel shared their thanks: *"In our new church building we can nicely and freely worship and adore God. We are thankful for such a wonderful contribution for our church roof! Please pray for us so that we can remain strong in God."*

As we saw the pictures and read the story, it touched our hearts to know that this generous gift from a family who pastor a church in America has been such a blessing to an entire village in Bangladesh. Other villages are working to build church buildings, but all of them need our help to provide a roof. Any gift towards this need will be an answer to prayer.



Villagers worked hard for over two years to build the new church. They prayed for help and Global Outreach provided funds for the roof.

## Mattresses for Widows in Congo



Last month we shared the desire to provide mattresses for elderly widows in Congo. Most of these women lost their homes and belongings in the recent floods. We are thankful for those who responded to this need and we are glad to share these photos we just received of the grateful recipients.

Pastor Jeremiah said *"the widows were very happy and they prayed a lot for all the people who gave towards this project. God bless Global Outreach and all your donors for the great work that you are doing to bring hope to our nation."*



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