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Thank you for your faithful support over so many years, when we started the charity back in 1999, we expected it to be a short-term project raising funds to support five children in Jeetgarh (just outside Dehra Dun). We soon realised God had other plans.

Now, 27 years on, we look back with gratitude and celebration. Because of your generosity, many lives have been changed through 27 years of partnership and provision; Long-term impact through our Houses of Hope.



Visit to India & Bangladesh (February 2026)

We travelled to India and Bangladesh at the end of February, flying into India first and spending time with the **Vishwa Jyoti House of Hope**

This project is especially close to our hearts, as it was our first House of Hope. It has been wonderful to see the long-term impact of your support.

Now **6 of the 10 children** are adults and have completed training or degrees; most are now working.

There are currently

- Two Pharmacists
- Two Nurses
- A trainee Plumber
- A trainee Hotel Manager

This is what 20 years of your support has helped them achieve. Below is a picture of some of the family.



Parvind isn't in this photo because he has completed his Hotel Management degree in Dehra Dun and is now working at **The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace**, where rooms cost over £400/night. He has done so well, and we're excited to see how he will be able to bless others in the years ahead.



Travelling north, we then visited the Asha Kunj House of Hope family. They are all doing so well, and it's encouraging to see how the young people are progressing.

They now have:

- A part qualified accountant
- A qualified lawyer (with his own chambers)
- Two others in degree-level training (law and business)



With five girls in this House of Hope family, Aditiya (now 15) has plenty of opportunity to share the good advice given to him! He has many gifts—including being ambidextrous, when he's allowed, he also loves taking a ride on his brother's motorbike and sharing cake on his birthday.



Traveling onto Bangladesh

We stopped in Delhi to catch up with Wati and his family, before continuing onto Bangladesh to visit the Nizhum HOH. We then spent three nights with them and shared some of the highs and lows of bringing up a big (and growing) young family. We also had some lovely, practical time together, helping with homework, playing games, and enjoying activities with them all.

Family update:

- Bijoy is now in the second year of his degree.
- Ruth has just completed Class 10 (GCSE level).

The photo below is a snapshot of how quickly they're growing up



The eldest son, Joy, has done really well. He is now a staff nurse at one of the leading private hospitals in Chittagong. He is practising his English and hopes to come to the UK in the future.



We met up with Bir who manages the school projects in the Chittagong Hill Tracks. This project comes to and end this time next year.

Thankyou for all your support. It has been a tough year for Julie, she was not able to travel in Oct 25 but with God's blessing we were able to visit in Feb/March and hopefully in Oct/Nov this year.

Mark & Julie



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