



Bangladesh School Desk Project

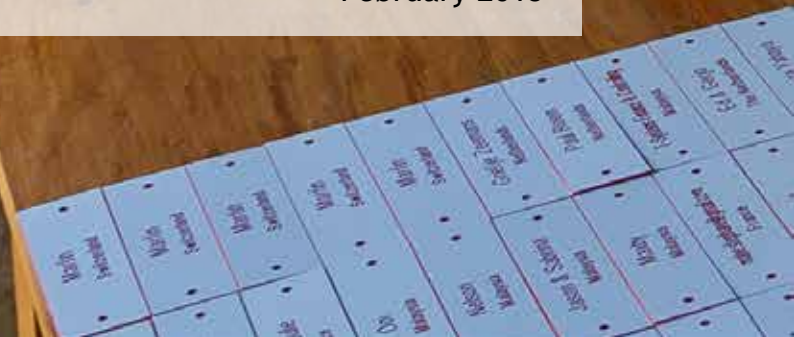
This newsletter is updated with pictures that I made from the delivery of the desks during my second trip to the village in April 2014.

On my trip to Bangladesh in November 2013 I visited a local school in Balaborhati, a small village in the northern part of Bangladesh. What I saw was 120 children following class while sitting on the clay floor. The school had literally zero facilities and the teachers asked if I could help providing them with school desks.

I explained that I had experience with a similar school desk charity project in Cambodia in 2010.

Upon my return home and in four months time USD 3,244 was donated, enough to purchase the required 65 school desks. From the excess donations I purchased 90 school uniforms for the pupils of two “BRAC schools” in the same village. 59 Sponsors from 12 different countries, supported this project.

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The head teacher mounts the name plates with the names the sponsors to the desks



Installation of the new desks in one of the classrooms



The first desks are carried into the classrooms



Class continues, business as usual...

Before



The pitiful situation I encountered in Nov 2013

After



The situation in April 2014 is better, but still much different compared to our standards





The children of one of the BRAC schools with their new school uniforms 2 sets each

School desks for Balaborhati sponsored by people from all over the world

Education in a country like Bangladesh is extremely important. For many children it offers an escape from poverty or child labour and a chance to develop their own lives.

On my trip to Bangladesh in November 2013 I visited this school in Balaborhati, the village of my friend Abul Bashir. What I saw was 120 children following class sitting on the clay floor. The school had literally zero facilities and the teachers asked if I could help providing them with school desks. I explained I could help them as I had experience from my previous school desk charity project in Cambodia in 2010.

I visited a carpenter for having the desk constructed locally and agreed on the design and price for 65 school desks + benches. This way I would be able to help not only the school, but also the local villagers of Balaborhati. In 4 months I had collected sufficient donations from 59 sponsors out of 12 countries to purchase the desks and in addition some 90 school uniforms for two other schools in this area.

I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to contribute to the education of the children of Balaborhati.

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