

An Extraordinary Kindness



Pictured above is Texan Matt Patton, who made an enormous contribution to the people in the slums of Dhaka last year. Matt lives in Dubai, and when he heard of Maria and the Project he wanted to help. Matt flew to Dhaka, and with Maria's assistance he purchased and delivered an entire truck full of food to some of the poorest people in Dhaka. The two of them bought so much food - over 300kgs - that they emptied most of the local shops!

Matt continues to be a supporter and fan of The Dhaka Project, and remembers his visit to Bangladesh with great passion and enthusiasm. His visit was one that these impoverished people will never forget, and the generosity of him and people like him is what makes our Project so special.

Just A Click Away...



The hottest new thing on the internet, something you must check out immediately (!), is the creation of Louis Webb, pictured. <http://www.flickr.com/groups/thedhakaproject> is a unique website with a difference. The variety of pictures created by Project supporters make this absolutely fascinating. Wow!

A Friend In Need...

...is a friend indeed, or so the saying goes. Six year old Matt Sproule (pictured) has certainly made some friends for life in Dhaka. This incredible little boy has been selling his own toys at school as well as writing story books to sell and raise money for his little friends in Dhaka. His hard work has raised a fantastic sum of 150 dirhams! A big congratulations to Matt, and a massive thank you from our kids in Dhaka! They all really appreciate it!



Feedback Of A Volunteer - Gema Antinolo

"Hello to everyone, my name is Gema and I'm from Spain. I would like to share with you the great experience I had during my stay in Bangladesh at the Dhaka Project. Actually I live in Madrid where I work in the media sector. I came to Dubai a few weeks ago to visit my sister who lives in Dubai and works for Emirates. She told me about the Dhaka Project and thought her I meet Javier, who went to Dhaka as a volunteer a couple of weeks before.

He told me about his experience there, the situation of so many children and families and the great job the project was doing over there. I was planning to go back to Spain at that time but the idea of going there was running in my head so I contacted Maria. She told me she was going there that night, I didn't think twice, I packed and few hours later I went to the airport. I wanted to go there, see by myself the situation of those kids in that country and what The Dhaka Project was doing for them.

I wanted to see closer the hard reality of poverty in the world that is affecting to so many countries and I feel the social and human responsibility of doing something. I saw my opportunity going to Bangladesh to The Dhaka Project. I was very interested about the organization of the Project and I wanted to help to the big labour of direct so many lost children from the Slums to an education, essential for the country's future and of course providing them with their basic needs.

During the four days of my stay, I participated in the school activities with the kids, preparing the library, organizing and giving school materials to them... and the most amazing thing, help to get many more children from the slums to start the school for first time in January.

My personal experience there is more than satisfactory. I got so much love and gratitude from the kids, they were very sweet and I have to admit there were a few tears when I left. It has made me think about the main thing in life. I am proud and I admire to everyone that I meet there, from the people who live there and they try to keep going with all the difficulties with a big smile on their face, to all the members of the Dhaka Project, the teachers, volunteers like Richard; great people willing to help others and of course Maria, completely devoted to them.

I will never forget this experience in my life. I'm sure if people would have the chance to experience something similar to that, they could not be impassive. I feel the commitment to do one's bit and I really hope that The Dhaka Project keeps growing and archiving big goals. Well done!"

If You're Coming To Town...

...and would like to visit The Dhaka Project, we're located in Uttara, close to the airport. For directions, or to organise transport, call Salaiman, the Project Manager, on 0171 543 7179. Your time playing with and speaking English to the kids will be invaluable.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a donation while you are in Dhaka, you can either drop it at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel or bring it directly to us!

We really need school supplies (pens, paper, books, school bags, rain coats), dry food such as milk, rice, dhal, food for afternoon snacks, supplies for the first aid centre such as bandages and plasters, baby wipes, toiletries, moisturiser, make-up and nail varnish for the beauty training centre, tissues and toilet paper, air freshener, cleaning supplies, childrens clothing, toys, and clothing for adults (Asian style only please!). See you in Dhaka!

Thanks! We Couldn't Do It Without You...

Jana Kordosova, Richard Ing, Beatriz, MM, Werner, Alexandra (Kindly note that Nergis Fikri at the Osteopathic Health Centre sold Christmas cards at the Centre), Melba, Kylie, Leigh, Kate, Christelle, Parina, Ashif, Chy, Veronika Gstrein for sponsoring Shajedul, Georg Gstrein for sponsoring Rasida, Georg Maltchnig for sponsoring Saiful, Ingo Maltchnig for sponsoring Suma, Corina Linshalm or sponsoring Sumi, Elisabeth Kober and Iris Bruegger for sponsoring Mim, Susanne Persico for sponsoring Mahedi Hasan, Persico for sponsoring Pinki, Sabine Spitzer for sponsoring Khadija, Werner Unshalm, Gabriela, Roth, Hoda, Verity, Hanan, Sri, Pedro Puspa, Melba, Mourad, and all our other donors. You rock our world!



A safe place to play - Thanks!

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