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May, 2011 saw the realization of years of anticipation with the arrival of the crate from California, to Suva, to the Island of Kadavu and then on to the Tiliva Health Centre building site. COL Doug Hayhurst, Board Member and long-time VHP supporter, accompanied the crate from Suva to the site. The contents included solar panels and controllers, a generator, tents for the volunteers to stay in, power and hand tools plus all the basic tools necessary to start construction of the first permanent building, the duplex. This structure will provide clinic space and housing facilities building, as well as the development of the water and sanitation systems to support the volunteer workers next year.



Ship with crate onboard

2011 saw the completion of the new facilities building, as well as the development of the water and sanitation systems to support the volunteer workers next year.



Tiliva Villagers with Crate

The water system required maintenance and repairs before the water could be turned on to the building site. The water storage tanks were re-located to a more advantageous site and the improved water source (spring) was also enclosed. These improvements as well as the availability of the clinic boat has put the project on the verge of permanent construction for the first buildings. ADRA (Adventist Disaster and Relief Agency), Int'l. has agreed to assist in moving future shipments through customs.



Unloading Crate at Kadavu



Villagers turn on the water

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April, 2011 found Terry and Marcie Schmunk in the country of Bangladesh. VHP has long supported the Banglahope Orphanage in this developing country, but we did not have first hand knowledge of this worthy project. In 1985 Dave and Beverly Waid began sponsoring the educational needs of the children in Bangladesh. In 1993 Dave visited the children and he found the appalling conditions there. Dave found sponsors and in 1995 he returned with Beverly. They returned with renewed determination, sold their home and toured the United States in their fifth-wheel and raised additional funds through sponsors.



Street Children from the Village



Banglahope Orphanage Cooks

In January of 2005 the receiving center/orphanage was opened in the capital city of Dhaka and there are presently over 100 orphans from babies to small children in addition to the staff living in the new orphanage in the countryside of northern Bangladesh. Here the children are provided food, education, clothing and medical care. A medical clinic was started at the orphanage in March of 2009 and will soon add a dental chair at the site.



Banglahope Dental Clinic

On February 14, 2006 the Banglahope Dental Clinic was dedicated. Dr. Lorna is the resident dentist having been educated in the Philippines and Loma Linda School of Dentistry in the United States. Terry, staff, Lorna Marcie and Shafiul (Terry met him while serving in Iraq) stand in front of the dental clinic that also serves as a church.



Terry's and Marcie's Kids

Terry and Marcie Schmunk were able to travel north from Dhaka to the new orphanage site in the country. While there they were extremely impressed with the entire operation. And before leaving they became the proud sponsors of Luke, Kelsey, Kimmie and Johnny. Please visit our VHP website for more information on sponsorship.