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Dear Friends of Mary Lou Kalla Foundation:

Mary Lou Kalla Foundation, Inc. (MLKF) thanks all of you for your support in helping us give our beneficiaries new light in their lives. As a direct result of your donations, children & elderly receiving our support in Bangladesh have been able to obtain basic education and medical services, and physically disabled students in Sri Lanka are able to get the education they deserve.

As we celebrate and bring in the New Year, we are grateful to all of you for supporting our programs in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Children in Bangladesh start working when they are very young in order to help their families financially. Therefore, many do not attend school. MLKF is trying to provide these students with the basic education they need.

We are overjoyed to share momentos of our work over the course of the year. These photos and articles are testaments to your generosity and the manifestations of your kindness.

MLKF is a volunteer run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and is funded through your generosity. We hope you will support by making a tax-deductible gift to MLKF for 2017.

MLKF wishes you and your family a joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year 2018.

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Mary Lou Kalla Foundation distributes 110 warm blankets to boarding school students at Jalchatra Corpus Christi Parish in the Diocese of Mymensingh, Bangladesh



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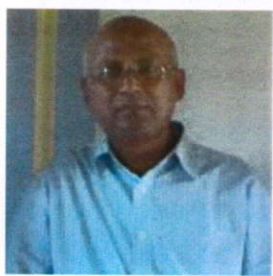
Mary Lou Kalla Foundation and The Motion Project support students with physical disabilities in Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon)

The Motion Project is a social welfare nonprofit aimed at uplifting Sri Lankan students with physical disabilities by providing the resources they need to complete their education and join in the workforce. In many instances, the difficulty of living with a physical disability is compounded with socioeconomic burden, and this can keep students out of school and prevent them from completing their education.

The Motion Project provides educational grants to students in the form of schoolbooks, transportation to and from school, or support for extracurricular activities. We seek to empower these students and show them that nothing can bar them from the right to education, fulfillment, and gainful employment.



This past spring, Donald De Alwis traveled to Sri Lanka and visited Colombo Friend-In-Need Society, for students being supported by The Motion Project. The event was very well received, and students and their families came from near and far to come together at the luncheon event. Students were offered gift bags with school supplies, and their families were offered generous stipends for travel to and from the prosthesis clinic. In the future, Donald hopes to expand the project to include a mentorship program for the students benefitting from the organization. MLKF awarded a grant of \$1,000.00 to The Motion Project to carry on its program in Sri Lanka.



Dr. John T. Costa is an eye doctor serving the poor underprivileged societies in the remote areas of Bangladesh for over 28 years. He is currently the Project Director in Ophthalmology and Medicine of Khanjanpur Mission Health Service in Joypurhat, Bangladesh.

MLKF is grateful to Dr. John Costa and his medical team for visiting our children at St. Paul's School for the past several years and providing medical services to the students and the elders from the nearby communities. He has personally identified patients for their eye ailments and has operated on their eyes.



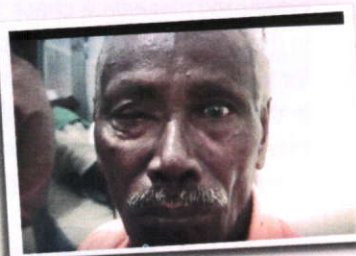
Reverend Robi Hubert Gomes, CSC is Mary Lou Kalla Foundation's representative in Bangladesh since December of 2009. He has been serving the underprivileged tribal communities in the most remote areas of Bangladesh for over 30 years.

Rev. Gomes has also organized MLKF medical camp and school visits at St. Paul's Elementary School for over 8 years. He was also instrumental in organizing a luncheon reception hosted by MLKF for His Excellency, Dan W. Mozena who was the United States Ambassador to Bangladesh on October 24, 2014 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. On behalf of MLKF, we thank him for his dedication and great work on our behalf in Bangladesh.

Mary Lou Kalla Foundation organizes two Eye and Medical Camps (70 patients are now able to see clearly after their cataract surgeries)

Mary Lou Kalla Foundation (MLKF) organized an annual Eye and Medical Camp for the 5th year and partnered with Khanjanpur Mission Health Service (KMHS) on October 17, 2017 at St. Paul's School in Dinajpur, Bangladesh. Dr. John Costa, an Eye doctor with KMHS and his team screened 120 patients for their eye ailments. He identified 42 patients who were transported to his hospital clinic that is eighty (80) miles from St. Paul's School. Dr. John Costa and his medical team performed the cataract surgeries on the 42 patients. MLKF also organized a second Eye and Medical Camp on October 18, 2017 at Kellabari Medical Center in Nilphamari, Bangladesh. Dr. John Costa screened 65 patients and performed cataract surgeries on 28 patients.

We thank Dr. John Costa and his medical team to conduct our MLKF annual eye camp and also perform the cataract surgeries. We also thank the medical team of Sister Anjali CIC, Sister Emilia Tudu CIC, Sister Madhobi Maldol CIC and Ms Putul Minze (midwife) who did the basic medical checkup and prescribed medicines to 120 students and some of their parents at St. Paul's School. Most of the patients are very poor and cannot afford basic healthcare. We thank Rev Robi H. Gomes, CSC for arranging both of our eye and medical camps for MLKF this year.



**Cataract patients identified and at eye clinic getting ready for their surgeries.
Dr. John Costa performed cataract surgeries at eye clinic.**



St. Paul students examined by Sister Anjoly and her team and given medicines.

Most Reverend Moses M. Costa, CSC, first Archbishop of Chittagong Diocese in Bangladesh receives a grant of \$5,000.00 for his medical clinics in the tribal hills of Chittagong

MLKF hosted a dinner reception for Archbishop Moses Costa, CSC on July 16, 2017 at Maurya Kebabs and Curries in Beltsville, Maryland. Rev. Costa gave a presentation of his Chittagong Diocese and the challenges of the tribal people in his dioceses especially in the lack of basis education and medical care. MLKF presented him with a check for \$5,000.00 to help in the field of medical care for the tribal people for purchasing medicines for some of his clinics in the remote areas. The only way to travel to these remote areas is by foot.

Most of the tribal people do not believe in modern medicine and are afflicted with malaria, diarrhea, rheumatic fever, jaundice (hepatitis B) ring worms, pneumonia, typhoid, leprosy and other diseases. Children are born in their own homes in the remote villages since many of the communities do not have a hospital or a medical clinic for deliveries of babies which are still done by midwives. Religious nuns help out with dispensing medicines and perform minor medical treatments and educating them with personal hygiene.



Rev. Moses Costa receives a check from Christopher Rodrigues, Jude Gomez, and Willie Gomes, MLKF board members after his presentation on the Chittagong Diocese

Mary Lou Kalla Foundation distributes warm blankets

St. Paul's School students and teachers were very happy to receive new warm blankets on October 17, 2017 just before the cold winter season. The students and their families live in tin shed homes that get very cold during the winter season. Rev. Robi Gomes, Dr. John Costa and Rev. Karlus Toppo distributed the warm blankets to 110 students and teachers. MLKF also distributed 40 warm blankets to widows and poor families at Nijpara Catholic Church in Dinajpur.



Dr. John Costa and Rev Robi Gomes, CSC distributing warm blankets to students at St. Paul's School