



# Mary Lou Kalla Foundation, Inc

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*Dear Friends of Mary Lou Kalla Foundation:*

*We greet you this Joyful Season with a new hope to fill our hearts with peace and love. As we celebrate joyfully and usher in the New Year, we thank you for your continued prayers and financial support to carry on our programs.*

*MLKF is grateful to you for the love and kindness you contributed to our work for the tribal children and elders in Bangladesh and, for the first time, for the children of Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon). MLKF provided monetary assistance to the children of Sri Lanka for their prosthesis and orthotic devices including prosthetic legs.*

*It is with great pleasure that we showcase some of our activities in 2016 through our photos and short descriptions. We thought you might like to see how well your generosity has bore some fruit.*

*MLKF is a volunteer run 501©(3) nonprofit organization and is totally funded through your generosity. We hope you will continue to show your support by making a tax deductible gift to MLKF.*

*Board Members of MLKF wish you and your family a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.*

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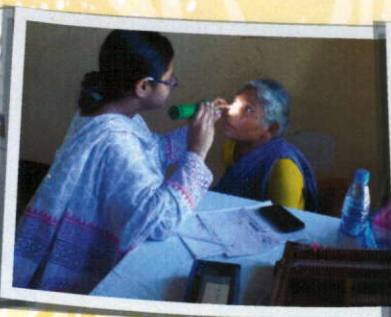
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Mary Lou Kalla Foundation organizes an  
**Eye and Medical Camp at St. Paul's School in Dinajpur, Bangladesh**  
*21 patients are now able to see after their cataract surgeries*



Dr John Costa examining patient



Ms Rupa examining patient



Elderly patients waiting to be seen



Mary Lou Kalla Foundation (MLKF) organized an annual Eye and Medical Camp for the 3rd year and partnered with Khanjanpur Mission Health Service (KMHS) on October 18, 2016 at St. Paul's School in Dinajpur, Bangladesh. Dr. John Costa, an Eye doctor with KMHS and his team screened ninety six (96) patients for their eye ailments. He identified twenty one (21) patients who were then taken to his hospital clinic for their cataract surgeries. The patients were transported to the hospital

clinic that is eighty (80) miles from St. Paul's School on October 19. Dr. John Costa performed the cataract surgeries and made arrangement to drop the patients to their villages after their surgeries.

Mr. Jude V. Gomez, President of MLKF carried over 100 pairs of eye glasses to Bangladesh that were donated by **MY EYE DOCTOR** in Vienna, Virginia for distribution to the patients free of charge. MLKF thanks **MY EYE DOCTOR** for their generous donation of the eye

glasses for the poor tribal people. We thank Dr. John Costa and his medical team to conduct the annual eye camp and also perform the cataract surgeries. We also thank the medical team of Sister Anjali CIC, Ms Putul Minze (midwife) and the other nuns of Nijpara Church who did the basic medical checkup and prescribed medicines to 109 patients. Most of the patients are very poor and cannot afford basic healthcare. We thank Rev Robi H. Gomes, CSC for arranging the eye and medical camp for MLKF.



Child with outside ear infection waiting to see doctor



Dr. John Costa and his medical team

## Mary Lou Kalla Foundation in partnership with The Motion Project brings hope to children amputees in Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon)



Donald DeAlwis, a University of Maryland student and founder of "The Motion Project" partnered with MLKF in bringing hope and offer support to children amputees who are receiving care at the Colombo Friends in Need Society. Donald travelled to Sri Lanka and on March 28, 2016 met with several children and their families at the prosthesis clinic. MLKF gave financial assistance to the clinic through The Motion Project to help reduce the costs of making prosthetic devices. Donald met with ten (10) children at the clinic and gave them small gifts. Donald hopes to expand events like this to include mentorship programs aimed at raising confidence and building leadership skills among the students.



## Mary Lou Kalla Foundation donates school uniform to the students of St. Paul's Elementary School in Dinajpur, Bangladesh



Jude, Rev Robi & Bishop Tudu arriving at St. Paul's School



Jude Gomez and Bishop Tudu distributing school uniforms to students

St. Paul's School students were very excited to receive new school uniforms for the first time. Most Reverend Sebastian Tudu, Bishop of Dinajpur and Jude V. Gomez, President of MLKF distributed the school

uniforms to ninety seven (97) students on October 18, 2016. We thank Reverend Robi Hubert Gomes, CSC, representative of MLKF in Bangladesh for making all the arrangement with local tailors

to make the school uniform for the students. There are currently 97 students enrolled at St. Paul's school from KG to Grade 5. The classes are taught by 2 teachers, Madhobi and Sheuly in two shifts.



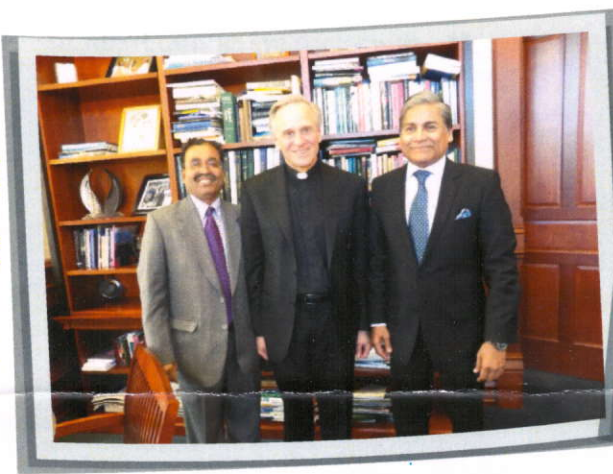
Children with new uniform



Students in classroom with new uniform



**Jude V. Gomez of Mary Lou Kalla Foundation organizes a trip to Notre Dame University (NDU) in South Bend, Indiana, USA for His Excellency, Mohammad Ziauddin, Bangladesh Ambassador to the USA**



**Jude Gomez, Rev John Jenkins (NDU President) and Ambassador Mohammad Ziauddin**



**R. Scott Appleby & Amb Ziauddin at Keough School of Global Affairs**



**Amb Ziauddin, Bro Fulgence & Jude Gomez**



**Amb Ziauddin, Jude Gomez, Rev Richard Timm & Rev James Banas**

Jude V. Gomez, President of MLKF organized a trip for His Excellency, Mohammad Ziauddin to Notre Dame University, USA. Ambassador Ziauddin and Jude Gomez met with Reverend James I. Jenkins, CSC, President of NDU on November 7 and then

Ambassador Ziauddin delivered a lecture at the Hesburgh Center of the Keough School of Global Affairs at NDU.

Ambassador Ziauddin also met Brother Fulgence Dougherty, CSC who was his Headmaster at St.

Gregory's High School in Dhaka, Bangladesh after 54 years. Then Ambassador Ziauddin met Rev. James Banas, CSC and Rev. Richard Timm, CSC who were his teachers at Notre Dame College in Dhaka, Bangladesh after 52 years.

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