## Moanoghar School, Rangapani, Rangamati District, Bangladesh

Hello Everyone! Here we are again in this tropical paradise of the Chittagong Hill Tracts. The school is brimming with projects and energy and children and dogs everywhere. (The dog population is down thanks to our contraceptive effort over the last year, thank goodness. You see, many of us Buddhists really do practice compassion! Word got out during the massive extermination of rabbits in Scotland some years ago and literally, the rabbits moved into the enter and it was overrun!!!! Maybe the same thing has happened in Moanoghar with the dogs!)

Today, we visited one of the community outreach medical centers. The school sends the medical assistant and auxiliary nurse with medicines etc to 3 different areas one time each a week with the occasional doctor accompanying them. We went to Lemuchari Heppepara, an area of about 100 families. The clinic gets a minimum of 30 clients each time and has lost its nice housing (the owners who had lent it, had other ideas.) So a sharp and generous shop owner (she's the one in the cream top by the door) stepped up to offer space.





To be honest with you, it was incredibly cramped inside the shop with the drying laundry flapping overhead and so, as this is the shop owner's property and she had generously offered to house to our clinic, we decided to look into the possibility of extending the shop so that the clinic has more space.

So for about \$400 we offered to build an extra room behind with some benches for the patients and a fan, of course.

Next day we returned with the engineer and medical staff. The village turned out. It had been decided that we could not extend the shop. But they did offer next door (also her property). However this involved moving earth and was complicated and and so we decided to do nothing: it is good that people also help themselves and pitch in, too.

However the yearly supply of medicines and the staff salaries must continue as this Outreach Program is important and the children of Moanoghar need access to treatment. If interested in helping, do, please, contact us!!! <u>mujin@me.com</u>

All the best, mujin