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*Lots of good stuff is happening at OBAT and you are behind it!
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First Board and Advisers retreat for OBAT!

The last weekend of September was a very important one for OBAT, which celebrated its 12th birthday with some very special people. Some members of OBAT's board and advisory group traveled to Indianapolis from all over the US for a two day retreat to discuss the present and future direction of OBAT. Those who could not join physically tried to participate through

teleconferencing. Members of OBAT staff in Bangladesh joined the board meeting on the second day via google hang outs. The first day ended with a cozy celebration and dinner with OBAT's closest supporters in Indianapolis. Tonos Triad provided some soulful music and the young members of the OBAT volunteer crew helped cut the cake.

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The 12th birthday cake

OBAT's Qurbani program feeds 11,145 families

The meat from OBAT's qurbani program to which you so generously donated, fed 11,145 families in ten different cities. One hundred and eight-three goats and eighty-three cows were sacrificed. Thank you for spreading the joy of Eid in the camps.



A lady in Rangpur camp receives the qurbani meat

Information Technology courses prepare camp youth for professional career paths

One hundred and ninety-five young students have completed the MS Office applications course and eleven students have completed the graphics course from OBAT's six IT centers. These students have graduated over the course of January to August 2016. The IT centers are playing an active role to provide IT training among the camp youth. The seventh IT center at Gilatala, Khulna, will be inaugurated soon.



The recent graduates from Rangpur IT center

New Tutoring Center & other projects in Chandpur

More than one hundred families are living in a miserable condition in Chandpur colony. The literacy rate over there is very poor. OBAT's team conducted a survey in the area in July 2016. A cataract surgery camp with the joint collaboration of Mazharul Haque BNSB Eye Hospital, was held in the camps in Chandpur. Qurbani meat was also distributed among the residents. On Sep 26th, a tutoring center was opened as well with the mission to improve the existing quality of education.



Inauguration of Chandpur Tutoring Center

Human Centered Design Training

Student's Society) collaboratively organized a "Human Centered Design" workshop. HCD is a creative approach to problem solving. It's a process that starts with the people you're designing for and ends with new solutions that are tailor-made to suit their needs. The training session was three days long (17th -19th September and held at Dhaka Medical College). More than one hundred medical students participated in the training. Some of OBAT's volunteers and executives also participated. Activities and brainstorming sessions were organized along with prototyping of solutions. The medical students created some projects for camp dwellers by just hearing about the issues from OBAT's volunteers. This training was conducted by, Immad Ahmed, the COO of OBAT.



The participants of HCD training with trainer, Immad Ahmed

New partnerships get forged

The Lions Club of Chittagong and LEO Club of Bengal city organized an Essay writing and Drawing competition, as well as a tree distribution at OBAT Primary School in SB Nagar, Chittagong. Thank you to our new partners for joining hands with us in our mission.



The students with their trees

BLS School gets visitors

Mr. Husam Ahmad, founder of Ahmad Family Foundation and long time supporter of OBAT as well as Mr. Neaz Ahmad founder of AWARD, visited OBAT BLS School on September 27th. The guests talked with students and teachers. Mr. Husam has contributed toward the renovation of BLS School and has formerly sponsored the Dhaka School as well. The next day, he also visited the science project organized jointly by OBAT Tutoring Center, scholarship students and think tank members. During his visit, he announced that the students who receive an A+ in the secondary or high school exam will be gifted a laptop from the Husam Family Foundation.



Mr. Husam talks to the students at the BLS School

Want to travel with us?
Plan to join OBAT's President on
his Annual Trip to Bangladesh!

Mr. Anwar Khan, OBAT's founder and president visits the camps every year in December to tour, monitor and evaluate projects as well as to train the staff. Several supporters from the US join him for an inspiring and informative experience. This year, he will be in Bangladesh from **December 12th 2016** to **January 6th 2017**. If you would like to join him during this time, reach out to us at contact@obathelpers.org and let's start planning!



Mr. Khan with OBAT's school kids

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