

Newsletter September 2023



LAMB HEALTH

Bangladesh



LAMB welcomes David Chandran, new Executive Director, and his wife Beulah David

David writes: *"It is a great joy for me to join this big family who are involved in serving the community among the poor and underprivileged. I am excited to read and understand the vision and mission of LAMB community and also the stories of people being blessed. Sustaining the institution for around 40 years is a great achievement – particularly without compromising its vision and mission. God has indeed given us as a family this wonderful opportunity, for which we are thankful. Transition in leadership is not easy and has its own challenges. It is part of learning to understand one another, live and work together. Together, we can do greater things. I recognize Kyle Scott's significant contribution in moulding the institution and building the team to manage the same.*

A new financial year has started and we look forward to God's abundant provisions and a meaningful ministry of serving the people – with love, care and compassion. We are encouraged by your partnership and prayers for the team on the ground. We would like to see lives touched by the work of this institution in this part of the country. We will continue to do our best and fulfill God's purpose given to us. Continue to pray for our staff team and their families."

Helping the poorest of the poor

In 2019 it became clear that fewer than expected of the very poor were attending LAMB for antenatal care and delivery. LAMB decided to take a proactive approach and to issue cards to the very poorest in each village around LAMB. The card entitles the recipient to completely free maternity care. This includes antenatal, delivery, and postnatal care - including the full cost, if necessary, of a caesarean section. You can read about one woman's experience below, and there will be more information about this initiative at our LAMB morning on October 28th.



Fuleshwari's story

"I am a day labourer. My husband is a drug addict and does nothing to help me. I have a 5 year old son who is malnourished. When I became pregnant again, I decided not to visit hospital for checkups as I have no spare money. However, a worker from LAMB came to visit, gave me a health subsidy card and told me

that with this card, I can get all my maternity care completely free! I found it hard to believe, but when I went to LAMB for antenatal check-up, I found that when I showed the card, everything was really free! I am very glad to receive the health subsidy card because LAMB enabled my child's free delivery. I would like to thank LAMB and hope LAMB helps more poor mothers."



LAMB Morning—save the date!

Our LAMB Morning is October 28th. It's a great opportunity to hear about LAMB and the work it is doing first hand. This year we are switching to a shorter format, and it will be only 1.5 hours long, and online. If you would like to join, please email Judith Hansford: jch@lambhealth.org.uk



Mental Health care at LAMB

At LAMB the target population of the mental health care programme target group is at the primary care level. This reaches a large number of people and hopefully prevents the illnesses becoming severe and incapacitating. A recent survey showed that only 8% of those who need mental health support, receive it. Following the work with the 'Aunties on a Bench' volunteers who were trained as supportive listeners in the ACT project, LAMB has started to give training to community groups, caring trained support givers, churches, schools, and first line health care providers. They all have important roles in closing the gap between those who need mental health care and the current existing provision. Specialized care is also very important and we have contracted with others to provide that. Deb Schout, the co-lead for this work, thanks us for our interest, support, donations and prayers.



Shirina, one of LAMB's student nurses

FREE WILLS

This year we received two wonderful bequests from previous supporters. Both of these gifts will make a tremendous difference for LAMB – enabling things to be done that otherwise have to be left undone because of lack of resources. When we receive a bequest we always contact LAMB to ask their priorities and to make sure the money is spent in line with the wishes of the person who has so kindly donated it.

Have you made your Will? FREE WILLS offers a free service to charities - check them out at www.freewills.co.uk Your legacy could really help LAMB in the work it does.



Would you like to promote LAMB Health on social media?

We are looking for someone who could volunteer as our Social Media Officer. They would help us engage more effectively with our supporters, attract new supporters and oversee our use of Facebook and X (formerly Twitter). Help is also needed to produce fresh and engaging content. We think it might take up about 10 hours a month. If interested, please email the address below and we will send you more information: enquiries@lambhealth.org.uk

The LAMB Health Annual Report 2022 is available! You can download a copy by going to :

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