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TOMORROW'S WEATHER – HOT!

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

6:30 AM	Wake-up Call
7:00 AM	Breakfast
7:20 AM	Team Briefing
7:30 AM	Leave / Hospital
8:00 AM	Rounds
7:00 PM	Fairwell Banquet

Dhaka Daily Briefing

March 12, 2013



Day 7 and Final Day of Surgery – we have operated on 49 patients and performed 81 procedures. Even under the most difficult circumstances, we came and we changed the lives of these children. Thank you Team Bangladesh for a job well done!

There is a family I would like to share with you – the baby's name is Mayna. She is a beautiful 6 month old little girl who was born with a cleft lip and palate anomaly. We can only perform surgery on her lip. With any luck, we will return to perform the palate surgery next year. She travelled 10 hours with her parents from the island of Inhum or Dweep Bangladesh. An operator at ShiShu hospital is from this region and sent a message to the family. The father is a roofer, constructing thatched roofs, and earns approximately 300 Taka or \$3.85 dollars per day. Annual income is \$1,500.00. They are constantly moving because the island floods during monsoon season. As you can see, by US standards they are extremely poor. But you would never know that they struggle or want for anything. They love baby Mayna so very much and were so happy when they visited the recovery room after her surgery. It was priceless to see the expressions on their faces. Baby Mayna will now look like all the other 6 month babies... we have given her a face – a chance – because every child deserves a smile. I have invited this family as well as 3 others to join us at our closing ceremony tomorrow. It will be an honor to be in their company.

Thank you **ALL** for a wonderful mission – **Tina D. Hollcroft, Mission Director Team Bangladesh**

