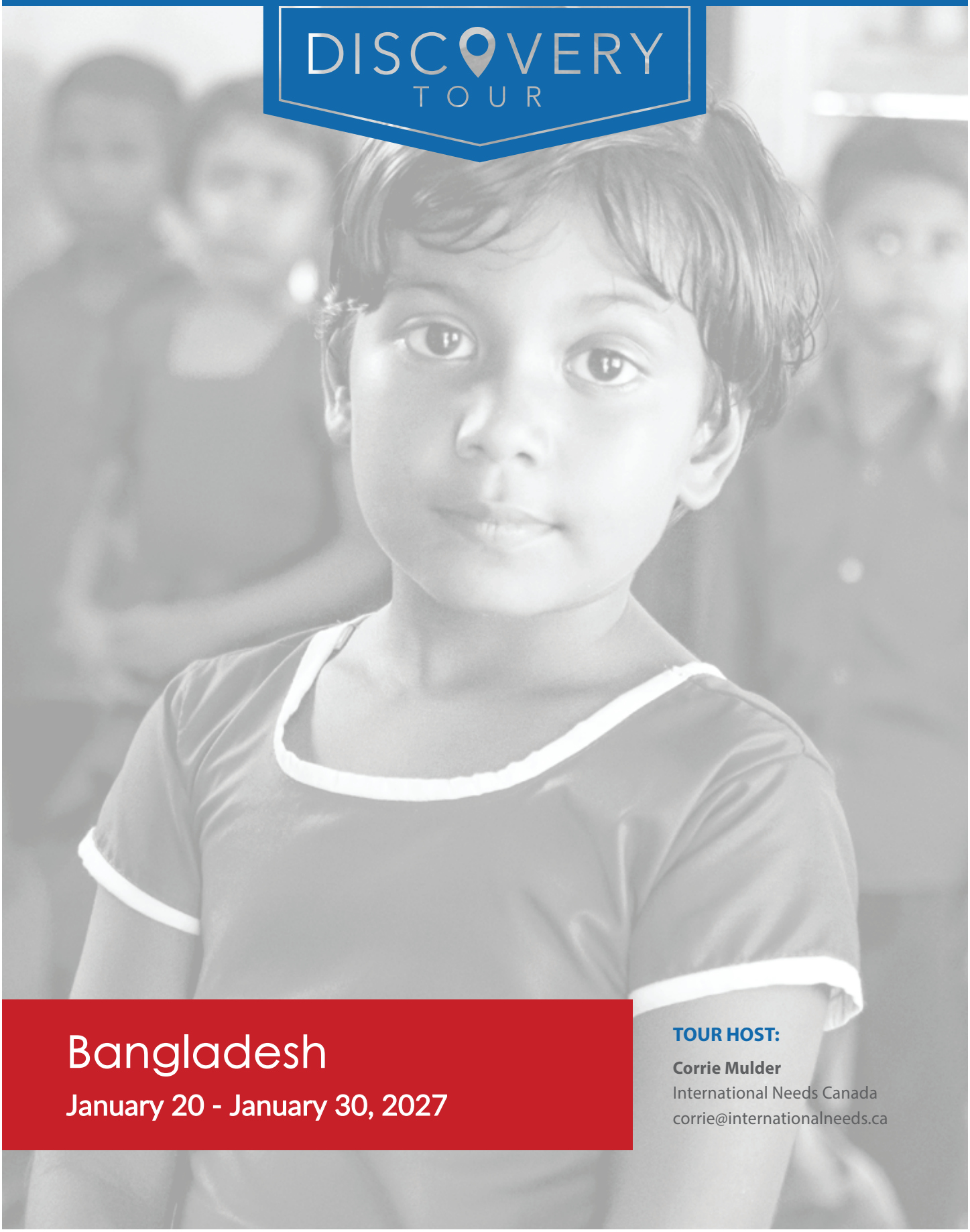
INTERNATIONAL NEEDS CANADA

DISCOVERY TOUR



Bangladesh

January 20 - January 30, 2027

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Friends,

I would like to welcome you as you participate in this Discovery Tour with International Needs.

As a Christian mission and development organization, International Needs walks alongside communities in need, empowering them to build futures of hope and purpose for their families.

By exposing injustice, identifying core needs and sharing in the transformation of communities around our world, International Needs is connecting communities worldwide with the foundation of God's love, hope and freedom.

On behalf of all of us at International Needs, thank you for your support and may you be challenged to continue to stay involved in the lives of children and families you will meet. Have a wonderful tour of discovery where you learn about a new culture and where your life will be impacted in amazing ways.

Travel safely,

Corrie Mulder
International Needs Canada

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20

Traveling

FRIDAY JANUARY 22

Arrive in Dhaka, Bangladesh at 8:00am
Overnight Hotel Bengal Blueberry.

SATURDAY JANUARY 23

Visit Savar Children's Village, a school for vulnerable and orphaned girls. The girls will put on a cultural performance and there will be time to spend with the children.

SUNDAY JANUARY 24

Travel to Barisol area to visit Bethany Children's Village, a school for vulnerable and orphaned boys. Spend the day visiting with the boys.

*Mac does not take us to a church for security reasons. Being a Muslim country Sunday is a work day.

MONDAY JANUARY 25

Visit the International Needs Bangladesh head office, visit the Dhaka Drop-In-Centre where children involved in child labour have the opportunity to receive a meal and informal schooling. Have lunch with the staff.

After lunch visit the Kamlapur Drop-In-Centre, situated near Dhaka's largest railway centre.

This is a haven for street children and children engaged in child labour at the railway station.





TUESDAY JANUARY 26

Early morning pick up at the hotel to travel by van to Naogoan (approximately 7 hours).

You will arrive mid-afternoon and stay at the Mollicka Inn for the next two nights.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27

Visit the Naogoan School project.

A brand new school funded primarily by International Needs Canada.

Lunch at the campus. In the afternoon there is opportunity to visit the homes of students living in this rural, agricultural area, that is known for its rice paddies.

THURSDAY JANUARY 28

Travel by van and return to Dhaka.

Opportunity to visit a local arts and craft centre.

FRIDAY JANUARY 29

Depart for Canada.

SATURDAY JANUARY 30

Arrive back in Canada.

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WE WILL VISIT THE FOLLOWING SITES IN BANGLADESH:



SAVAR CHILDREN'S VILLAGE - this is a boarding facility for girls from age 5-18 years of age. It is located about an hour from the capital city Dhaka. The girls love having visitors and you will enjoy your time there. It is an oasis in the middle of a bustling city.



NAOGOAN - this is a rural area far to the northwest and is home to beautiful rice paddies. The village where the International Needs School is located will be like stepping back in time. The new school building was completed in 2020 and offers Christian education for this rural area.



BETHANY - is the boarding facility for boys aged 5-18 years of age. The school is located in the Barisol area, about three hours drive from Dhaka. Until last year, this area was only accessible by boat.



DROP-IN CENTRES - There are two Drop-In Centre, in Dhaka. One located at the head office and one at the Main Kamlapur Railway station. These centres provide meals, medical care and basic education for children involved in child labour.



ELECTRICITY

- Electricity is 220/240 Volts and you will need a converter and adapter to charge your batteries for phone, camera, iPad etc. (Type G plug and Type K plug)





- If you need to use your phone, remember that you will need to purchase an out of country package for texting, email or calling. Otherwise keep your phone on airplane mode at all times, as it is very costly to use out of Canada. Make sure that your cell phone roaming is OFF.

HEALTH & SANITATION

- Drink only bottled water and check that the seal is intact.
- Brush your teeth with bottled water – do not use tap water.
- Use hand sanitizer but please be conscious that you don't offend people and they see you using it after shaking their hands.

PHOTOGRAPHY



- Always ask permission to photograph people.
- When visiting a school or home, ask the adult in charge if it is okay to take pictures.
- Do not take photographs at airports or any military or police installations.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE



- 1 Checked suitcases weighing 23 kg.
- One carry-on suitcase, and/or purse and camera bag.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Please inform your family and friends that if an emergency were to occur they would receive a call from International Needs Canada.

Under no circumstances would they leave a message to call a foreign number or to send money to a foreign address.
If there is an emergency in your family and they need to contact you they are to call International Needs Canada at (905) 389.1118 or the travel agent Earth Trek Unlimited at (506) 854.2451.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Extended medical insurance must be purchased at the time of booking. Usually a package of cancellation and medical is less expensive than purchasing individual insurance. **You must have extended medical coverage over and above provincial medical coverage.** Cancellation insurance is optional.

DRESS

- Dress modestly.
- No spaghetti straps or midriffs showing. No shorts for women or men.
- Capri's are fine.
- A hat or head cover, as the sun can be strong during the day.
- Comfortable closed-toe walking shoes.

WEATHER

Average temperatures in Bangladesh range from 20 C. – 29 C. during the day. At night the temperature can drop to 15 C. There's very little chance of rain as January is generally a dry month. The evenings and mornings can be cool at this time of year.

CURRENCY

The local currency:
Bangladesh – Taka
CAD $ = 87 Bangladesh Taka
US $ = 123 Bangladesh Taka

- Take U.S. cash for your personal use, which can be exchanged at the bank or hotel. You cannot exchange Canadian dollars in Bangladesh.
- In urban areas you will be able to use your credit/debit card to withdraw cash from your bank account.

DOCUMENTATION

The following should be completed so please check that we have all of your relevant information.

- Medical Insurance purchased over and above provincial medical coverage.
- Read and signed Agreement and Release Liability Form submitted.
- Emergency/Medical Form submitted.
- All necessary vaccinations and prescriptions filled. **Keep in original containers and pack in carry-on luggage.**

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

In order to keep safe please take the following precautions for travel.

- Two photocopies of credit/debit cards. That is the cards that you are planning to bring on the trip.
- Two photocopies of the passport identification page.
- Keep one copy of the above with you and keep one copy at home. You can also email yourself scanned copies.
- Do not wear flashy jewelery because you are there to see, not to be seen. Keep it simple and keep expensive jewelery at home.



Rice paddies in the Naogoan area