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The Light Which Can Illuminate the Future

Language is the core part of the communication system as well as the identity of a community. There are around 7,100 languages (according to *Ethnologue*) spoken around the world. Usoi, one of these spoken languages, is a dialect of the Tripura language family, and so the speakers are known as the Usoi Tripura community. The Usoi live mainly in the hill tracts area of Chittagong district in Bangladesh. The community is trying their best to preserve their language and culture through many initiatives, and SIL Bangladesh, an NGO is working with them to develop their language and culture. SIL Bangladesh has already developed a Mother-Tongue-Based Adult Literacy (MTBAL) program for them, and it has been running well in the community. Since this program is only for the adults of the community, the children, who are the future of the community and who can play a vital role to preserve their language by learning it, are not part of the program. Under these circumstances, SIL Bangladesh has extended their thinking and has taken the initiative to

New Year Greetings



Dear friends, colleagues, brothers and sisters,

Happy new year to you all! I am so grateful for your continuous encouragement, prayer, support and dedication for our entire team. I appreciate you all for all the achievements, accomplishments and contributions in the last year. May this new year lift us up to the highest point of success in our personal and professional life. Best wishes from my end!

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Key Dates

Jan' 22: GNG Training with Mahle and Oraon Community

Jan' 22: Orthography Training-2 with Kurux Community.

Jan' 22: Community Awareness on COVID-19.

Jan' 22: YAC (Youth Ambassadors for Change) Project Orientation.

SIL Bangladesh helps communities achieve their development goals while retaining their Ethnolinguistic identities.

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design a Mother-tongue-based Multilingual Education program (known as MLE) for the children of the Usoi community. Recently the community people participated in a materials development workshop implemented by SIL Bangladesh. It was a little easier to develop the initial draft materials, because they already had their orthography system, also developed by SIL Bangladesh. The participants from the community got real encouragement that a new light has been ignited that will help them to preserve their language through the children of their community. Moreover, SIL Bangladesh is trying their best to develop user-friendly materials for the Usoi children so that they can easily learn their language, culture, traditions, and daily life by using their mother tongue.

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Local Feeds of December

GNG Training



12 participants from Koch and Hajong Communities in Sherpur have received GNG (Generation Next Group) Training.

100 years of Mujib Birth Centenary Celebration



1000 people in Sherpur and Chapai Nawabganj Celebrated the birth centenary of the father of the nation.

Revitalizing the rapport with Local Regime during Christmas Season



55 local leads have attended the Pre- Christmas event arranged in Chapai Nawabganj and Naogaon field office.

Monitoring Visit



4 Learning Circle groups Monitoring Visits have completed in four villages in Rangpur area.

Livelihood Training



5 persons from Kol, Koch, Hajong, Oraon, and Mahle communities have received a 4 weeks Masson Training from MAWTS.

Learning Center



550 school going children from Kol, Mahle, Oraon, Koch, and Hajong Communities are attending in the 26 Learning Centers.

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