



KAY AND GEOFF RYALL

Part-time consultancy with church groups in Bangladesh

"We want to move our work in Bangladesh to a new level of independence. The challenges are enormous, but the outcomes we are hoping and praying for are exciting as we progress into a new stage of partnership with our Bangladeshi brothers and sisters."

Geoff and Kay Ryall

The Global Interaction journey continues for Geoff and Kay

Geoff and Kay Ryall have:

- worked in Bangladesh for 13 years with Global Interaction;
- pastored two churches in Melbourne over 13 years;
- rejoined Global Interaction in 1996;
- pastored Global Interaction staff in Asia for 8 years; and
- since 2003 have had a special focus on Bangladesh.

So what now?

- living in Melbourne;
- fulfilling a part-time role with Global Interaction in Bangladesh, supplemented by a part-time ministry in Melbourne.

'The call of Bangladesh is still strong. After 120 years of history, work that is still in mission hands needs to be fully localised,' says Geoff.

Regular visits to Bangladesh, resources for discipling

Geoff makes three extended visits to Bangladesh each year:

- to encourage national church leaders, building on existing relationships;
- to assist community development projects build capacity and plan for the future so that they can be fully localised;
- for Biblical teaching with the Garo Baptist Convention, Bangladesh Baptist Fellowship and development projects such as Prottasha;
- for pastoral care of national leaders and Global Interaction staff; and
- to network with other agencies to ensure that our plans mesh with the current Bangladesh context.

While in Australia, Geoff continues to develop resources to help disciple the growing number of believers in Bangladesh.

Kay's behind-the-scenes role in supporting this ministry is vital. 'We have always seen our ministry as a partnership,' Kay affirms. That partnership, since they began with Global Interaction in 1970, has also involved churches and individuals praying for them and supporting them financially so that they can do the work they believe God has called and gifted them to do.