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Special report: Multi disabled day care centre

Children with multiple disabilities came into our lives two years ago. These were individual requests from the parents of blind children who also have other health issues—autism, paralysis, speech disorders, etc.

It is impossible for children with such problems to stay in a hostel. A special therapy program was organized at a school for the blind, where parents bring their children several times a week for sessions with specialists.

Over the past two years, we have realized the huge need for support for families with children with multiple disabilities. Not all families have the ability to bring their children to us from distant areas. Therefore, it was decided to open a day rehabilitation center at Alipurduar (a town 25 KM from Blind school), where children and families could receive necessary information and specialist assistance.



We expected hardly 10 parents will come, but more than 30 had come. The need of this work is really huge.

On December 3, 2024, on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, a mini-launch event took place to mark the beginning of the work we will be doing for families with children who have various special needs. The center will offer developmental and educational activities for children, as well as therapeutic and physiotherapeutic support.



Short opening and mini program done by children with special needs to observe Word disable day

Starting in January 2025, full operations will begin.



<u>A very big repairing work required. Within left over days of December we are trying to complete basic minimum:</u> <u>repair toilet, water and floor in few classes</u>



We also have purchased very basic things to start work with children from January 2025



We invite you to become a part of this very important project. We are in need of both prayer and financial support. We believe in togetherness, whatever is not possible for one, always can be done in team work. Let's light shine to all!

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