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BanglaHope is home to many students who benefit from positive role models such as Bailey, who has completed her quarantine and is now with the young people.



INTERVIEW:

BAILEY KRALL

Bailey Krall is a junior music major currently serving at the BanglaHope school and orphanage in Bangladesh. This interview was conducted two weeks before her departure in February.

Mason Clark: What inspired you to serve as a student missionary (SM)?

Bailey Krall: When I was about 13 years old, I read a book called *Kisses from Katie* about a high school graduate who was going to take a gap year to serve in Uganda. She ended up falling in love with the country and adopting 14 girls there. Her leaving behind everything and her commitment to serving God really inspired me. Ever since then I have known that I don't just want to live a status-quo life. I want to have a religion that I can live out in all areas of my life, not just on weekends in church. I've been trying to figure out what that looks like, and I felt like serving as an SM was another step in that direction.

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Final Boarding Call

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MC: How did you choose Bangladesh as a location?

BK: I didn't actually choose Bangladesh. I was all set to go to India last semester, but because of COVID-19, borders were closed and I came back to Southern thinking I wouldn't be able to go at all. Then Christian [Student Missions director at Southern] mentioned Bangladesh. It sounded like a great place that matched everything I wanted, including being able to connect closely with kids in an area of the world that I'd never experienced.

MC: What will your role be at BanglaHope?

BK: I will be teaching music (choir and individual instruments) along with other subjects still to be determined. I likely will be able to choose my preferred age group.

MC: What excites you the most?

BK: I love traveling, so I'm super excited to visit a different country and experience a culture that is new to me. I heard they have curry every morning for breakfast, so I'm thrilled about that. I love curry! I'm also excited to have a full semester of time devoted completely to God and growth.

MC: What scares you the most?

BK: Leaving everything I've ever known and going by myself. I have a twin brother, and this is the first time in our lives that we are doing something separate for more than a few days. I'm hoping I'll be street-savvy enough to navigate traveling and living in another country alone. I've never even flown by myself.

MC: Who makes up your support team?

BK: I have a couple of close friends at Southern who have agreed to try to stay in contact weekly, along with my family and boyfriend back home. Hopefully my twin brother will call me—fingers crossed!

MC: Have you started packing yet? Are you taking any comfort items or food in your luggage?

BK: Oooh, I should really think about that. I'll probably take a book since I love reading. And maybe some peanut butter. I don't know; it's one of those things that you don't really know what you'll miss until you get there.

MC: Has the reality of your trip set in yet?

BK: I don't think so. I've had some moments when it has, such as when I got my visa or heard that my ticket was purchased. I don't think I'm prepared for the 30-hour travel time.

To keep up with Bailey and her experience, check out her blog at southern.edu/dream. Search for Bangladesh, and then scroll down to find "Blogs."

YEAR IN REVIEW

SEPTEMBER

4-6

Re-Entry Retreat



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Outdoor Church



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Mission Emphasis Week



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Care Package #1 filled and mailed to all deployed SMs across the globe

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Vespers



NOVEMBER

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Care Package #2 goes out

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Thanksgiving and Christmas Party

FEBRUARY

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Care Package #3 goes out

MARCH

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Vespers



APRIL

8-11

Exit Retreat

1 Nathan Moravetz (Michigan & Yap) leads out in praise worship. 2 Brandon Bell (Palau), David Glenn (Michigan), and Matthew Gorton (Southeast Asia) relax at Chilhowee Campground in Tennessee. 3 The week included decorations and limited-edition smoothies. 4 Brittany Howard (Southeast Asia) speaks about her mission experiences. 5 Michaela Davis (Kosrae) honors the Federated States of Micronesia in the flag ceremony.

Keeping It in the Family

Last year Nathan Moravetz, an education major and our newest Student Missions office team member, continued a family tradition of missions by serving on the island of Yap. This small island in Micronesia holds special significance for his family. Read their story below, as told by Nathan's mother, April.



The entire Moravetz family joined SM Sarah (left) for her second year on Yap in 2015. Beside her (left to right) are her mother, April; sister, Hannah (in front); brother, Nathan; and father, David.

"Are you joking, Mom?" my oldest daughter asked earnestly.

"Maybe I'm not," I answered shakily, conviction grabbing my heart. At summer camp during high school, Sarah made a commitment to dedicate one year of service to student missions. Now as a college student, she was fulfilling that promise by teaching high school English and Bible on the beautiful island of Yap in Micronesia. She had just told me on the phone that she was going to serve a second year, and I laughingly replied, "Our whole family should join you."

When I mentioned this to David (my husband), Nathan (my son), and Hannah (my younger daughter), Nathan said: "No way, Mom! You sound so serious. But I'm enjoying my time in academy, and I don't really want to go anywhere."

"It's just an idea," I replied.

The next day at breakfast, Nathan shocked me when he announced, "We're going! Let's do it."

God opened many doors, and we spent a fulfilling year serving all together in Yap.

The weather was warm year round, and the coconuts tasted wonderful, but it was the local people who changed our family. Hannah says the experience is still changing us.

Fast forward five years. We had returned home from the mission field, and Nathan was now in college. After serving for a year as an assistant dean at Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Michigan, Nathan told me that he wanted to go back to Yap and teach history for a year. I was so excited for him!

What a delightful and satisfying year it turned out to be for my son. He learned to cook, helped develop school curriculum, planned a senior class trip to Guam, and assisted with music at church. I couldn't be more proud of him.

Mission experience is life changing. It will strengthen your trust in God, challenge you, and enrich your entire existence. I'm daily blessed by several young people from Yap who have decided to join our American family and attend Southern. That decision to go and serve is still transforming our lives, even to this day.



Nathan poses with a third-grade class at the Yap Seventh-day Adventist School in 2015 and again when the students were eighth graders in 2020.

Upabhōga karuna! (Bengali for “Bon Appétit”)

Contributed by Annette Echevarria (Bangladesh)

A staple at BanglaHope school and orphanage, this curry can be made with potatoes or eggs rather than cauliflower for variety.

Bangladesh Cauliflower Curry

Ingredients:

2 Tbs olive oil	3 bay leaves
2 large onions	~7 cardamom pods
6 garlic cloves	salt to taste
¼ cup fresh ginger (peeled)	chili powder to taste
1 Tbs fresh turmeric	1 small tomato, diced (optional)
5 Thai chilies, separated	1 large cauliflower, cut into florets
1 tsp cumin seeds or powder	~½ cup water
1 tsp cloves	



Instructions:

Puree onion, garlic, ginger, turmeric, and 2 chilies in a food processor or blender. In a deep skillet or wide pot on medium heat, sauté the puree in olive oil until the mix turns light brown. Add the remaining spices, tomato, and chilies (whole or sliced lengthwise). Lightly sauté, and then add the cauliflower. Add water if needed to reach desired consistency, then lower the heat and cover the pot. Stir occasionally for approximately 15 minutes. Enjoy over rice with lime, diced chili, onion, and cilantro sprinkled on top.

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