

Help Shoeb – An Update

During the month of September Dr Abdul Haq made an appeal to the Bangladesh community for helping Mainul Islam Shoeb. At that time Shoeb was fighting for a quick recovery at the Westmead Hospital.

On the 7th of December, we visited Shoeb and his family at his rented premise in Lakemba. He lives there with his wife Rehana Akter Mukti and five-month old daughter Samiha. The family arrived on 9th October. Due to his medical condition he moves on wheelchair and unable to speak properly. Even though he is on a permanent visa, his wife and daughter are on Bridging visa. They have recently applied for their immigration – the outcome of which will be known in few months time.

Caring for Shoeb has been a challenge due to his medical condition and the prospect of living with a limited financial assistance. His wife has been a full-time carer for her husband and their infant daughter.

In addition to continuous care, nursing and attention to Shoeb, the family needs an immediate assistance on the following areas:

Home Help – help around the houses; with shopping and chores; and with cooking meals on a regular basis.

Transport - help getting from home to a specified destination like shopping facility, government agencies such as Centrelink, medical centre or the hospital.

Living arrangement – Currently on a shared accommodation with friend at a rented premise not designed for people on wheel-chair.

Financial support - So far an amount of AUD 3255 was raised and handed over to Shoeb. On-going financial support is needed till the family becomes eligible for financial assistance from the government agency.

We believe that our community will keep continue their support for Shoeb in a much stronger way on a longer term basis.

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