



# CREATION CARE TOUR 2014

**Bangladesh**  
November 1-15, 2014

In North America, concern about environment degradation is important to us, but isn't usually part of our daily lives. But not everyone has this luxury. Environmental deterioration is clear and pressing in the lives of the world's poorest people.

People who live in extreme poverty subsist on the crops they can grow from the marginal land relegated to them by more prosperous citizens. Their lives truly depend on the health and productivity of their environment.

Because 81 percent of Bangladesh's mostly rural population lived on less than US\$2 a day last year, it's a stunning example of the need for strategic action in caring for creation.

Believers in Jesus Christ have a unique role to play as stewards of creation because we believe that "our world belongs to God" and we honor him with our management of it.

**Do you want to find out what the church is doing to better care for creation? Do you want to increase your capacity and influence in environmental action?**

**Join World Renew's Creation Care Tour to Bangladesh from November 1-15, 2014!**

**The 2014 Creation Care Tour to Bangladesh is offered by World Renew as a joint-agency event with Christian Reformed World Missions. The CRC's Office of Social Justice is the tour host.**

For more information, contact one of the following organizers. The application deadline for the 2014 Creation Care Tour to Bangladesh is July 1, 2014.

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## Benefits

People the world over have experienced striking weather variations in recent decades that have intensified the vulnerability and food insecurity of millions. Bangladesh is particularly susceptible to these variations because it is situated just above sea level and in the

**“By sovereign appointment we are earthkeepers and caretakers: loving our neighbor, tending the creation, and meeting our needs. God uses our skills in the unfolding and well-being of his world.”**

—A Contemporary Testimony

flood plains of the Ganges, Jamuna, and Meghna river systems.

In addition to floods and cyclones, other natural hazards and man-made disasters have caused

suffering among Bangladesh’s poorest people. Daily life in Bangladesh is a struggle for survival for most of its population, and the global changes and consumption habits of developed nations threaten them further. You will be astonished both by the challenges posed by climate disruption and by the resilience of families and individuals as they cope and adapt.

## Leaders



**Peter Vander Meulen, Director Office of Social Justice, CRCNA**

Join tour host Peter VanderMeulen on a 2-week journey through urban and

rural Bangladesh. Peter has on-field experience in Bangladesh, and served on the Christian Reformed Church (CRC) Synodical Taskforce on Creation Stewardship in 2012. Peter coordinates the CRC’s Office of Social Justice, which works to educate and empower people about issues of injustice, poverty, oppression, and persecution.



**Kohima Daring, World Relief Bangladesh**

Kohima Daring is a citizen of Bangladesh who has worked for World Renew as an international

development consultant since 1995. Kohima is a career Christian development worker who sits on several international boards and also writes folk stories and Bible storybooks in her native Garo language.



**Jeff Bos, World Missions Bangladesh**

Jeff Bos is a missionary to Bangladesh with Christian Reformed World Missions and

a faculty member at the Christian College of Theology Bangladesh. Jeff teaches and supports Christian leaders in Bangladesh and works with World Renew staff in joint values formation and transformation networks.

You will witness firsthand World Renew’s work in sustainable agriculture, environmental stewardship, and livelihood development in the lives of people in poverty in Bangladesh. You will also be introduced to the combined efforts of World Renew and Christian Reformed World Missions, active together in Bangladesh since the 1980s, through the work of the Learning Circle, a Christian response to poverty in a multi-religious, minority-Christian culture.

## Itinerary

**Departure Date:** November 1, 2014

**Locales:** Panchagar, Birisiri

**Accommodations:** Farpavilion Guest House, Viator Guest House

**World Renew Partner Visits:** Netrakona village and Dhaka urban projects

**Cultural Sites:** A river tour of Old Dhaka, the Sundarban Mangrove Forest, a riverboat ride to the India border, and a Mymensingh Taize worship service.

**Return Date:** November 15, 2014

**Tour Size:** Limited to 8 people

**Cost:** The costs for the 2014 Creation Care Tour to Bangladesh are approximately \$4,500 per person. This includes your airfare, lodging, food, ground transportation, visa and entry fees, and financial support for Bangladeshi participants. The cost is subject to change based on actual costs at the time of the trip. Financial assistance is available. Please contact us to find out if you qualify!

**Deadlines:** The initial deadline for submitting your tour application is July 1, 2014. Additional information about visa deadlines, payments, and immunization requirements are available by contacting World Renew or the CRCNA Office of Social Justice using the information on the back of this flyer.

**See other side to contact us for more information about this exciting 2-week tour!**

