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Josh felt a call to the mission field when he was 24, but it was not until many years later that he was able to follow through on it. First of all, he and his family were interned during World War II because of their Japanese ancestry. His parents had been successful farmers in the Imperial Valley in California. Near the end of the war, because he was the oldest son, he was designated to find a suitable site for another farm. This he decided was Elma, NY. After his family was settled, he attended Houghton College and then transferred to Cornell University, where he took an agricultural course.

In due time, he married Alice, continued farming, and also operated an oriental gift shop.

Finally, the time came when he felt he could take early retirement, and he and Alice were able to go to Bangladesh under the auspices of World Relief. They worked for many years trying to develop a system whereby vegetables could be grown year round. Before this aim was fully accomplished, they had to return to the US because of Alice's health.

After the Lord took Alice home in January 1992, the Lord opened the way for Josh to return to Bangladesh. He then succeeded in his goal and began to train people in his method. In the meantime, he became closely associated with a Christian businessman and became his business advisor. Shahadat owns a leather factory where he makes leather book bags, Bible covers and other products. Also, in recent years they have developed a rickshaw van business and have several factories producing them.

Josh has been used of the Lord in helping these endeavors with his business background and has also been instrumental in developing markets for the leather products. It has been through his efforts and ex-

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tensive contacts that money has been raised for the purchase of Bibles for the Muslim people in Bangladesh and India. His official title is “Advisor in Design and Marketing”.

Josh is now spending time in Ethiopia helping the famine relief efforts by teaching Christians how to grow food in difficult areas.

Josh is our Deacon Emeritus.

Birthday: August 3