

# BANGLADESH

Bangladesh, also located within the 10/40 window, has the eighth largest population in the world, with the fourth largest Muslim population in the world, and less than one percent of the country is Christian. Unlike many countries in the Arab world and China, Bangladesh has more religious freedom and thus more opportunities for Christian growth. Nevertheless, there still remains significant persecution and opposition to Christianity from radical Islamic groups outside of the government.



## MISSIONS PARTNERS

FPC is planning a trip to Bangladesh in February 2017 to develop and establish business connections in the country with the ultimate goal of church planting.

**99.5%**

of the population is not Christian

**91**

thousand Muslims have converted to Christianity in the last six years

**35TH**

most persecuted country in the world

## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- We are looking for business-savvy men and women to lend their vision and expertise to developing the vision for this epicenter.
- Consider embarking on a month-long immersion program with SIL as preparation for work in Bangladesh
- Get to know our Bengali neighbors through cultural events and activities in Lynn and Cambridge.
- The world is at your doorstep. Who lives in your town? Let's be a church known for being welcoming and gracious.
- Teach ESL to immigrants and refugees in our area, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9-11 am in Revere.

Utilizing our congregation's exceptional gifts and abilities in business and networking in addition to past missionary and business connections with Bangladesh, FPC plans to implement various business initiatives as a gateway for the gospel into the country. For example, FPC is working on forming a Business Development Training center in Dhaka, Bangladesh, networking various business operations for the betterment of the city. Moreover, there are many local opportunities to connect with Bengali immigrants and refugees through ESL teaching. Looking forward, FPC plans to send a short-term team to Bangladesh to further develop our existing business connections and make new connections in order to discern how to further engage.