

## Jeff Hanger BSc(Hons)

### Profile

I came from England in 2006 with a lot of experience in the non-profit sector, having worked in an international children's charity for three years. During that time I became very committed to the work of the Managers and staff both in the UK and developing world who were working tirelessly to improve the living standards of children. My university Degree, though, was in Development (third world) Studies which had previously led me to Bangladesh where I helped set up a small organisation that still works in a local community today.

So when I came to Canada I was looking for a charity that could utilise this experience. I found The Champion's Centre Inc, a small housing charity in Ponoka straddling the line between housing and care. I volunteered until my Permanent Residency came through, at which point I took up a contract with the charity and, later on, became the Assistant Director.

These were all steps on my journey. The journey has taken me to the top of mountains (on a fundraising event for Spurgeon's), to villages in Bangladesh where drinking water was laced with arsenic, to a camp for the disabled in the UK (where I met my wife), to detox centres (in Calgary and Red Deer) and to spending the night on a funeral home car-park (as a fundraiser for The Champion's Centre).

But the greatest journey started in November 2007 with the birth of our first child- Lucy Jasmine Hanger.

Now the settling down starts.

Jeff Hanger. June 2009.