

Encounter

PROFILE



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Today a Bangladeshi worker came to see me for the flu, and said he had something to tell me because he didn't know who else he could turn to.

As he started to speak, I could see a tear in the corner of his eye.

The girl back home whom he had planned to marry and had built a whole future around with in his mind,

told him something that made him feel he couldn't marry her anymore, even though they still loved each other very much.

This was two days ago, and now he couldn't eat or think straight.

He tried to bury himself in his work, but today he just couldn't carry on.

I handed him a tissue and he began to sob; big heaving sobs.

I felt tears bead in my eyes too, but I held back from touching his hand.

I just sat with him in silence.

I really felt his pain.

I think we are never as miserable as we are when we lose the one we love. ♦