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It is difficult to imagine an island so remote; devoid of electricity, running water, communication with the 'real' world so far away. These islanders practically live in the middle of nowhere, in tin-roofed homes or mud huts, surrounded by miles and miles of deserted sea. It is no wonder that these people are not only awestruck by the strange flying boat and the visitors to the island; they are also overwhelmed with gratitude by the fact that there are people who have bothered to bring much needed medical care to them with so much effort.

"Our flagship project is the floating hospital that we have by the *chars*, sponsored by Unilever Bangladesh Limited. It is called the Lifebuoy Friendship Hospital," says Runa Khan, the Executive Director of the Friendship project. In 1994, Yves Marre, a French Adventurer (Runa's husband) came to Bangladesh with a river barge, a 380 ton oil tanker as a 'World Premiere' to have it converted into a floating hospital. "We had the ship," explains Runa. "When we decided to use it to bring health care to the remotest people in Bangladesh. We naturally

