



December 2009 Newsletter



*Film Director Terry Benedict and colleague Jordon Ehrlich get some help from Sunrise children*

“ I would like to take this opportunity to thank supporters for their generosity in 2009. We also thank our Lord for his blessings in growth and our work in 2009

Writing this newsletter from India I truly realize how blessed we are. The children have made me laugh and cry and I can assure sponsors that the work we are doing is effective and life changing.

I will have more stories of our trip in the new year including an exciting visit to the Jeypore school and the Bobbili Blind school.

Today Asian Aid USA is growing in spite of a challenging economic climate.

I thank each one of you for your support and wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! ”

**Jim Rennie** CEO Asian Aid USA

## Asian Aid staff in India with film team

The Asian Aid team made up of CEO Jim Rennie and board member Naomi Davis traveled to India for field visits and to work with the film team. Film maker Terry Benedict and his associates Jordan Ehrlich and Terry Brown had a bad start with major visa problems for two weeks and departed late. Rueben Ennor from New Zealand is doing the still photography. They spent four weeks in the Hyderabad and Bobbili area. They have been able to see and record the needs and the success stories of Asian Aid. We are truly thankful to those that donated towards this important project.

**Our need is new sponsors as we have thousands of children who require immediate help. Effective promotion is important.**

Naomi Davis from Nebraska is a board member, sponsor and active Ambassador. It was an exciting time as she met many children for whom she has found sponsors. She was most excited to meet the girl she has sponsored for over four years at Sunrise home. It was a moving and tearful time as they hugged, smiled and looked into each other's eyes for the first time. Naomi communicated often with her sponsored child, Denna, but to physically touch, hug and wipe the tears of joy from her face was an experience she will embrace forever.



*Naomi and Denna*

**We still need funds to complete the TV programs ... so we still seek your assistance. Please mark your donation 'TV Support'**



### New orphan arrives!

While the team was at Elim, a volunteer Pastor arrived with a sweet little girl called Keerthana. While the Pastor was studying God's word with her family the mother died. Not long after her death, the father, a truck driver, deserted the girl. The Pastor was caring for her but after two years he could no longer afford to provide for her.

It was sad for them both, as he left her in the care of the school. It is a difficult transition for children when they come to the home. Film Director Terry Benedict immediately fell in love with her and has offered to be her sponsor. The next day she had a smile.

Let's pray for little Keerthana and the Pastor that left her.

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## Asian Aid mission volunteers

Asian Aid in conjunction with Southern Adventist University has sent two volunteer missionaries to Elim Orphanage and Home in Hyderabad. Jashira Nieves and Lindsey Holland arrived earlier this year. Settling in has been a challenge with language and cultural issues. The Elim home is now surrounded by the city. Safety is a concern, so the girls must have an adult companion when they leave the compound.

The film team spent four days with the girls and saw how much the children appreciated their love and teaching. The girls assist with food preparation, teaching Bible, vespers and Sabbath School. On Sabbath, the film team was able to take them to visit a small village church run by Pastor Moses a former Asian Aid student from Elim home who now looks after eight churches. He has been very successful in church growth and baptisms in the last two years. Because of the support of an Asian Aid sponsor when Pastor Moses was small the investment has grown into many people finding a new life.

## New staff member

Anne Cruise Binette has joined the Asian Aid USA staff in Collegedale TN. Anne comes with strong office and management experience gained from running her own business. Anne joins Stacey Jones in the office. Lindsay Martz has resigned and moved to California. The Collegedale office will operate Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5:00pm (ET). The contact number is 1 866 569 7933 or email [support@asianaidusa.org](mailto:support@asianaidusa.org)

## Receipts

Due to our move and system change we have been unable to send 3-Monthly Receipts. This will begin again in 2010. In January we will send out tax receipts for the 2009 year. If you have any questions or needs please call us or email us at [support@asianaidusa.org](mailto:support@asianaidusa.org)



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## Sunrise Home Appeal

The film team spent a number of days at Sunrise Home which is located in Bobbili, right on the edge of the city. The building is leased, the current conditions are very cramped and simply far from satisfactory. There are over 65 children living in this orphanage and they all have an urgent need.



Children of Sunrise Home

CEO, Jim Rennie, says that the children are healthy, the home is clean, but the students are very crowded. The land opposite the home is a polluted rubbish area where village people go to the toilet. Mosquitoes, scorpions and snakes are a constant worry. Each day-student has to walk through the busy streets of Bobbili to get to school. These beautiful children, plus 100 more, urgently need a new home. Just a few weeks ago another child was left at the door. Finding orphans is not difficult.

Asian Aid has purchased a beautiful parcel of land outside the city where a new home will be built for 160 children. The project will need a border fence, a road, accommodation for 160 children and staff quarters in Phase One. The land is paid for but a further US\$300,000 is urgently required to complete this project.

One day the film team took the children for a picnic on the land. They had special treats of ice-cream, games and a swim in the river. This outing was the most exciting thing in their lives. "Seeing their smiles and knowing the home conditions to which they would return made me shed a tear and become even more determined to finish this critical project" Jim said. Supporters can now make donations on the enclosed slip for this much needed project.



Cramped sleeping quarters in the girls bedroom



Worship in the bedroom as they have no worship room

Please support this project. Plan your giving NOW!

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