



Dear friends,

Greetings from all the staff here at Asian Aid USA!

I just returned from a three-week visit to see our work in India, and while I saw a real difference in the lives of many we work with, there is still poverty everywhere I look. My heart breaks when I see the living conditions of some of the children on the streets. I wish we could take them all in, but for now we are doing what we can to make a difference. Thank you for your support as we educate over 7,000 children in Adventist schools, a huge but rewarding task.

During my trip I visited the Fjarli Academy at Ongole. There are over 230 students attending this school, most of who are sponsored by Asian Aid. While there, I was excited to find that eight of the teachers were once sponsored by Asian Aid supporters as they went to school and then university. They are now using their education to give back to others. This is just one example of the impact your support is having on children's lives and the ripple effect it can create.

I had the opportunity to visit the blind school in Bobbili, which has over 160 blind students who range from 5 to 17 years of age. All of these students are Asian Aid sponsored, getting an education while receiving Christian love and care at the same time. While we try to make their experience as positive as possible, there are immediate needs of the school and the children that are not being met. We have made the Bobbili Blind School and Asian Aid operations the recipient of our special Christmas appeal.

We are seeking badly needed funds for administrative costs, advertising, emergency needs and the cost of managing a huge program to the needy. A donation will ensure that we can serve those that need help and education.

While in Bobbili, I was joined at the land for the new Sunrise orphanage by our Co-founder Mrs. Eager and two construction engineers from the USA. We did final land inspections and planned the new building layout. The 12 acres will have a fabulous agriculture farm. The children are already enjoying visits to the land to help with the crops. This project will not only transform the lives of the 75 children at Sunrise but immediately give a home to 130 more orphans. We will release plans in the next few weeks and hope to start building in early 2011. In late April 2011, we intend to take our first mission group of supporters to India! Helen Eager, our co-founder, will be joining us for this exciting trip. Look for details in this newsletter.

Please pray for us as we continue our work with children and the needy. There is so much that needs to be done. I firmly believe that with all of your help we can make a significant difference in the lives of children, women and the needy in India, Bangladesh & Nepal. If you'd like to support our Christmas appeal or be a part of our work please send your support before the end of December as all donations with a postal date no later than December 31st are tax deductible for 2010.

On behalf of Asian Aid and those whose lives we're changing, I am eternally grateful for your continued interest and support.

Jim Rennie, CEO



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Merry Christmas!



Jim Rennie with Sam, the Blind School's youngest pupil



AsianAid Christmas Appeal

Give Hope TODAY

Asian Aid has two important needs this Christmas

Bobbili Blind School

Our blind school at Bobbili has over 160 partially blind or totally blind students from 5 to 17 years in age. They are all Asian Aid sponsored. The school and the pupils have some immediate needs as it is receiving no government or church support at all. They have a need for new mattresses and blankets as they are all boarders. Mattresses do not last long in a hot and sweaty climate, so the need is urgent.

The sponsors supply uniforms but they have Sabbath and casual clothing needs. Most come from poor families and most receive no money from their families. They need new clothes. Also the classrooms need resources. Special blind teaching aids are required. This material is critical for learning. We will purchase these here in the USA and ship direct. The other big need is a new vehicle. The current one is very old and will not last much longer. The school is outside of town so a car is required for getting supplies and taking children for medical care.

Christmas Appeal objective \$50,000



Operations / Urgent Needs

Asian Aid carries out a wide and diverse work with over 7,000 children in over 120 Adventist schools, operates three orphanages, a blind and a deaf school, carries out women's health operations in Nepal and helps thousands in need with food & village development. We have an urgent need for operating funds to cover the costs of promoting and managing this work that impacts thousands of lives each day and provides for real, urgent needs as they arise. We ask for your generosity in helping us to help others this Christmas. **Christmas Appeal needs \$100,000**

Please Pray for these projects.

And we ask for your support for our Christmas Appeal



Warm jackets for Sunrise children

With the Indian winter starting the evenings can get cold. The current leased building at the Sunrise Orphanage does not have heating and the children have to walk to school and church. With the help of a donor, Sunrise has purchased warm sweaters for the children.

Bibles for Asian Aid Trained Pastor

Moses Baidla was an Asian Aid sponsored child who grew up as an orphan at the Elim home. He was sponsored through school including his ministry training at Spicer College. He is now married with two children and is an ordained Pastor who serves 10 churches in a rural area 3 hours out of Hyderabad. While filming 'HOPE in Motion' the film crew, Jim Rennie and board member Naomi Davis all visited his village for Sabbath. The village gave a welcome and then a special Sabbath service was held in the small church.

Moses has a big ministry looking after 10 churches in a very poor area. Five widows who have very little income approached Pastor Moses to see if Asian Aid would sponsor their children who were stuck in the village with no schooling. Asian Aid arranged enrollment for them in an Adventist boarding school 30 miles away. The women were very appreciative and in tears when told the news.

Pastor Moses has been doing some village outreach and Asian Aid has supplied Bibles in the native tongue. Pastor Moses said more than 40 people have accepted Christ.

The commitment of the sponsor of Moses as a child is now bringing many people to know Jesus. Sponsorship not only benefits the child but continues to reverberate through that child's achievements for generations.



Important Headmaster Meetings in India

Recently Asian Aid held three regional meetings with more than 100 headmasters and church leaders in India. Asian Aid International Project manager, Quentin Campbell, Asian Aid USA CEO Jim Rennie and Asian Aid India staff used the meetings to remind schools of their obligations with child sponsorship. The basic information required and the yearly calendar were also outlined.

The importance of communication for the sponsor was presented along with child protection and audit requirements. "This was an excellent opportunity for us to outline our expectations and listen to the needs of the schools" said Jim Rennie. Each school was required to sign a new memorandum of understanding for having Asian Aid students and to act as a clear agreement for the use of funds and procedures required. It is a huge logistical operation to distribute and manage a program with more than 7,000 children in over 120 schools, but these *should* improve the outcome for the sponsored children.



Women's Safe Haven Nepal

In a town in central Nepal lives a dedicated pastor who has been working in many areas to support his fellow Nepali people. Asian Aid is supporting the Women's Safe Haven project that is designed to prevent the horrible and life destroying practices of trafficking women for the sex industry.

From his home Pastor Rajendra Gautam has been producing radio and television broadcasts that spread stories and awareness of trafficking so that vulnerable families in remote areas know not to sell their daughters to rich businessmen who offer them a 'better life.' As well as preventing the problem, Pastor Rajendra is housing women who have escaped or been freed from the traffickers and his team at Three Angels Nepal is counseling, training and teaching new skills to these women so they can earn a legitimate income and build self esteem rather than living a life of degradation.

Asian Aid has supported Pastor Rajendra with funds to house the women and would like to continue and expand this work in Nepal. We would appreciate any support you could give.



Special India Mission Trip

Asian Aid is giving a limited number of supporters an opportunity to go on a very unique mission trip. In April 2011 an Asian Aid group will visit India to assist the Sunrise children with running a VBS in a local village, support medical checks and distribute education supplies in the area.

The trip will include:

- Visiting Elim Orphanage in Hyderabad
- Visiting the Vizak slum school located in the center of the coastal city of Vizak to deliver school supplies
- Staying in the guest quarters at the Bobbili blind school and meeting the special children there
- Visiting the current Sunrise orphanage and taking a trip to the exciting new building and Agriculture project
- Spending evenings with the Sunrise kids as they participate in a VBS in a local Indian village
- Assisting with some distribution of basic medical supplies
- Taking a unique journey to visit the Jeypore School with more than 700 students
- Visiting some village schools where Asian Aid students attend and assist with distributing school supplies.

Participants will be joined by Asian Aid Co-founder Helen Eager who, with over 70 trips to India, will share unique experiences with you. Three days of sightseeing will also be included.

To record your interest so that we can send more information about this unique mission trip email us at support@asianaid.org **OR** fill in the enclosed card.

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Gift Annuities

Asian Aid has teamed up with the Western Adventist Foundation to be able to assist in making faithful gift planning simple. Western Adventist Foundation on behalf of Asian Aid offers a full professional service including consultation, legal expertise, access to investment advisors and state of the art security systems.

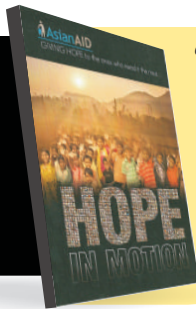
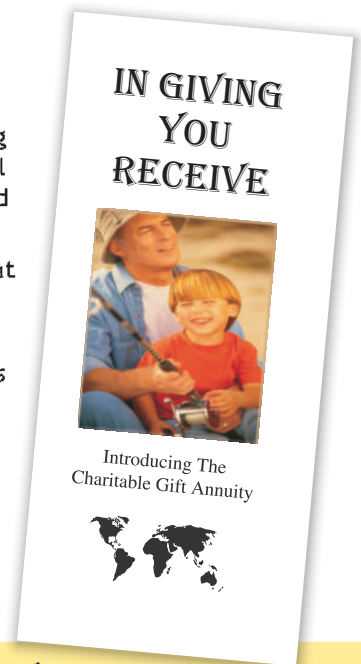
The Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) is a planning tool that, at its heart, recognizes the fact that the rewards of giving begin with the desire to make a gift.

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In addition to the satisfaction inherent in the act of giving, the CGA adds a tangible benefit in the form of an attractive annual income payment.

Contact us in confidence for information:

Call Anne Binette at Asian Aid **Toll Free: 866-569-7933** or at support@asianaid.org to arrange for a professional advisor to call you.



'HOPE in Motion' full DVD set

Our new 3-disk DVD set of the complete 'Hope in Motion' series is now available! This inspirational series will make a great gift for the holiday season. For only \$10 you have the opportunity to see the places we've been talking about in these newsletters and the faces of the children you are affecting by your support.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW !!

THESE CHILDREN URGENTLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT



Anil is a hard working boy. He is in grade 2. When he goes home for the holidays he works in the fields and earns a little money to help his parents. He is a very active and thoughtful boy. He likes to play cricket. He has one sister. His father is a day laborer who cannot find work every day.

\$35 Boarder
Id: **IONG011**



Koramana Lavanya is in grade two. Her father works carrying sand and bricks. She is a good student who listens carefully to the teacher and attends school regularly. She would like to become a teacher.

\$30 Day Student Plus
Id: **IVZK076**



Ajin George Philip is from a very poor family. His grandparents and his parents live together in a small house. His father is a painter but this is a very seasonal job. They wish Ajin to receive a proper education but cannot to pay the school fees. Ajin has one brother.

\$23 Day Student
Id: **IKTK013**



Davika Shree is in the 7th grade. She is an orphan at the Sunrise Orphanage. Her parents were fighting so much that they eventually separated and then deserted her. Davika was brought to the orphanage by her village. She is a good girl and a good student.

\$45 Boarder Plus
Id: **ISS0003**



Kavitha Kunchapu is in the 3rd grade, she has one brother. When her father died her mother could not support both children as she is a day laborer and struggles to pay for the necessities. Kavitha lives at Elim Home Orphanage and is a good student.

\$45 Boarder Plus
Id: **IELM057**



Abishek A is in the first grade. He has one brother and lives in a small rented home with his family. His father works as a day laborer. He is an excellent drawer. He studies well and enjoys cricket.

\$23 Day Student
Id: **IRJP031**



Prudhiv Raju Barla is in the 4th grade. He is from a family of three children. His father is a day laborer and makes very little money. He is very active and studies well. He is ranked third in his class. He likes to help other students and friends with their school work. He is a happy child.

\$35 Boarder Plus
Id: **IZHB038**



Deexith Raj Kodavati is in the 4th grade. His father is paralyzed and unable to work. His mother works for daily wages and struggles to provide for the family's basic needs. He has one sister. Deexith is studying well at school.

\$30 Day Student Plus
Id: **IMDP055**



Niharika Palleti is in the 3rd grade. She is from a village 3.5 miles from the school. Her father is deceased and her mother works as a house servant. She is struggling alone trying to provide for her family.

\$30 Day Student Plus
Id: **IMDP046**



Sunita Bahadur is in 7th grade. Her grandfather is a refugee from Nepal, her father is a day laborer while her mother washes dishes and clothes in another home. Sunita is an active girl with a beautiful voice. She sings in church. Her health and grades are good. She wants to become a doctor.

\$35 Boarder
Id: **IZHB046**

GIVING HOPE to Children, Families & Communities in Nepal, Bangladesh, India & Sri Lanka