



# Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Last month it was my privilege to visit Bangladesh. The capital is Dhaka and it is one of the most densely populated cities in the world. The traffic is just terrible from early in the morning until dusk. While traveling to the seminary we were stuck in the city traffic for over three hours.

**We have heard reports about the severe flooding Bangladesh suffered last year and how food prices have increased in rural areas. I wanted to see the impact this crisis was having on our sponsored students.**

I travelled north to a large school at Monosapara and visited several smaller Adventist mission schools while on the way. These mission schools, some large and some small are providing needed education to very poor rural children as well as being a key evangelistic outreach in the community. When I visited these schools, I discussed with principals how their school is operating and what challenges and needs they face. As I spoke with them it became very evident that the schools were struggling with the cost of food and the students were struggling to have enough to eat. The small mission school students are not getting sufficient food at home and the larger mission schools with boarders are struggling with higher food costs to feed the boarders. This is impacting their ability to operate the day to day costs of the school. We have decided to launch a special appeal to purchase sacks of rice. Each sack weighs 110 pounds and provides approximately 105 meals. We normally don't do food appeals but after what I saw we need to help these students and bring financial relief to the school.

I travelled to visit the village homes of some of our sponsored children. It was moving to walk into their village and see the very poor, rural village they call home. Many children are living with their grandparents while their parents have moved into the city to find work since there is no rural farm work for them. As I sat with the grandparents and saw how close they were to their grandchildren, I was touched at the welcome and hospitality but could see the struggle in their faces. We must help!



**Child Impact has added another 50, or more, Bangladesh children in need of an education. If you can help in anyway with our "Where Needed Most fund" or this special "Bangladesh Rice appeal" or if you can sponsor a Bangladesh child, you will impact not only their lives but an entire village.**

This was a demanding trip that not only showed me the immediate need for food, but it reinforced the huge impact you, our supporters can make. I am humbled by the work the staff in the mission schools do and touched at the difference we make.

**Jim Rennie** CEO Child Impact International.

## **"Oh, that You would bless [us] and enlarge [our] territory!"**

**Changing our name gave us the flexibility to help children throughout the world – as a result, we've met Aaron, a 15-year-old boy from Kiunga, Papua New Guinea.**



Aaron had been praying for a place to stay and go to school. One Sunday morning he prayed and turned up at the Life Born Free Sanctuary. He was emotional when he came to this safe-haven for neglected and abused children, teens, and youth. He captured our attention as he told us of his struggles to survive in the big city.

Aaron comes from a broken home. His father was murdered one day as he was fishing to provide for his family in a local swamp. Authorities still have not found his murderers. Aaron lived in a home where he went hungry from time-to-time. He longed to be in school with friends, but couldn't afford the bus fare, so he walked nearly six miles to get to school. Trying to be closer to school he found himself bouncing from house to house trying to find a bed and food for a night.

**At 15 he was unloved and unwanted!  
He had lost all hope and dignity!  
Worst of all, he didn't know  
about the Father who loved him!**

**Until now!** Operation Food for Life, a ministry we support in Papua New Guinea welcomed Aaron to the Life Born Free Sanctuary with unconditional love and open arms. He has finally found a home with 23 brothers and sisters, all with similar tragic stories. Some of whom who would not be alive today had it not been for the Sanctuary.

Aaron now attends school and is doing very well; scholastically, emotionally and spiritually. He is a bright student with dreams of being a pilot, someday. Aaron is learning nothing is impossible with his Heavenly Father.

**Please pray for the children in Papua New Guinea, who like Aaron, are encouraged to invite God daily to be their co-pilot in life.**



**IMPACTING THE LIVES** of Children, Families & Communities in Nepal, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka & Myanmar



## Meet Mommy at Sunrise Home

The author, Harriet Beecher Stowe once said, “Women are the real architects of society.” Mrs. Lalitha Varma, the Director of Sunrise Children’s Home, is the embodiment of this quote.

Lalitha has tirelessly loved child after child, year after year, for 30 years, in the home she has created in Bobbili, a small rural town in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India. She did not construct the home, the sponsors paid for it, the construction workers put cement and brick together, but Lalitha is responsible for filling it with love and care.

Growing up, little children were always welcome in her parents’ home. She believes the nurturing spirit in her to be a blessing from God and also as a result of their kind and loving character.

In 1991, she joined Elim Adventist Home in Hyderabad where she took up various roles including Dean, Cashier, Accountant, and Associate Director for Adventist Child Care Agency (Asian Aid).

In 2000 Asian Aid USA, now Child Impact International, asked her to start a home for the many deprived children in Bobbili, many of whom were homeless. Along with her husband, Raj, she answered the call and began Sunrise Home with four children in their house. Today, Lalitha and Raj are mommy and daddy to over 120 children.

Lalitha has spent 30 years working in children’s homes  
**17 of them at Sunrise Home**

When asked how she manages to love so many children and care for them every day of the year, she says, “God has given me so much love in my heart, there is room enough for all of them.”

Lalitha wakes up every day with three goals; to make sure 120 orphans – disadvantaged children, children from railway stations, and from slums – feel at home, loved, and needed.

Recently, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, India presented Lalitha with two citations – The “**SPOORTHY Award**” and the “**Best Mother (orphan children) Award.**”

Lalitha points to God for His strength and wisdom. She is also grateful to the Child Impact donors who established and continue to support Sunrise Children’s Home.

**Spoorthy means inspiration**  
Lalitha “mommy” Varma is indeed an inspiration

# School for the Blind



## New Equipment for the children

Recently, because of your gifts, Child Impact was able to provide some much-needed equipment to enhance the program at the School for the Blind.

Your gifts provided ten new Dell desktop computers with a special program that reads all information on the screen for the computer lab, and eight CD players for the library.

The new resources may not seem very exciting to us, but to a school that has all it can do to provide the necessities, the new classroom additions seem almost luxurious.



## Chandhu

Through generous donations, Child Impact International is the sole supporter of the School for the Blind in Bobbili, India.

Chandhu is one of the many children who attend this Adventist boarding mission school, and sponsorship has changed his life.

Parents often believe having a blind child to be a curse of the gods, they are embarrassed, and they perceive the child to be a burden, not a blessing.

Chandhu’s father earns about 3,000 Indian Rupees each month (about \$46), and considering the state of their poverty, providing the extra care and attention needed for their son’s education was impossible. However, because someone decided to be a sponsor with Child Impact, Chandhu has the chance to make something of his life. His father says, “If he weren’t at the blind school, he would be a burden at home. His mother and I are so grateful to his sponsor.”

**His family is proud of him. Chandhu is the first in his family to get a proper education. One day, he will be able to help provide for himself and his family. He wants to help other blind children one day as well.**

**Sponsor a child in need TODAY**



# School for the Deaf



## Pathfinder Club

Child Impact is proud of the all of the children, in all of the schools and homes that we sponsor with your help. Did you know, sponsoring a child provides more than just an education? In many cases, it also allows the child to be a member of a Pathfinder club.

On March 20, 2018, The Silent Warriors Adventurers and Pathfinders clubs (children from the School for the Deaf in Kollegal, India) had their investiture. Just like the investiture programs in your church, the children took part in the activities; from presenting arms to reciting the pledge and law. After an inspiring address from the Youth Director from the South Central India Union, the children demonstrated some of the honors they had worked on as a club. The children receiving the first-aid honor presented a skit showing off some of their newly learned skills.



## Padma and Jyoti

**Padma and Jyoti are sisters who attend the Institute for the Speech and Hearing Impaired (School for the Deaf) in Kollegal, India. Their older sister, Rani attended the school as well.**

The girls come from a single parent home. Their father died in 2005 of throat cancer. Their mother, Lakshmi, also deaf, did all she could to support her girls, and if it were not for her mother, she would not have had the ability to survive. The most that mom and grandma could do is provide food and shelter. Education for these differently-abled children was entirely out of the question. Then one day, another villager with a deaf child asked if they had heard of the Seventh-day Adventist School for the Deaf. This neighbor told Padma and Jyoti's mother that she should take her girls to the school; that a sponsor had provided the means for their son to attend.

Today, Padma and Jyoti are in the 7th and 10th grade, respectively at the School for the Deaf. Their older sister graduated in 2014 and is now completing a degree in Computer Science.

**Thanks to sponsorship, like their sister, Padma and Jyoti now have hope for a future; they want to be teachers of differently-abled children.**



## Greeneville SDA Junior Sabbath School Class

When faced with saving her birthday money to buy something for herself or helping rescue a girl from the brothels of India – she chose selflessly to help someone else.

This is just one of the stories related by Laurie Cover, Assistant Junior Sabbath School leader, at the Greeneville, TN Seventh-day Adventist church.

When the Sabbath School leader learned about Child Impact International she wondered how her class could get involved in the rescue of children. She wondered if the kids, 10-13 years old, would even care what happens half-way around the world. **They cared!**

**The class has 12 members and with the help of some older siblings and support from their parents, they decided to raise \$2,000.**

“The main method of raising money has been from directly asking people to support our project. Some children felt most comfortable making phone calls, while some approached friends, family, and neighbors face-to-face.”

The children transformed peanut butter jars into rescue jars, and placed them with willing people – mostly in doctors' offices and small businesses. They found that people in the community really warmed up to children asking them to place a jar, and these silent missionaries did their work as more people learned about the project than we could have reached personally.

To date they have exceeded their goal of raising \$2,000 to rescue a girl and are now working on raising another \$2,000!

What did the 11-year-old girl sacrifice when she selflessly gave her birthday money? A puppy – she was saving to buy a puppy!

Suffer the children to come unto me – forbid them not – for such is the Kingdom of God! Inasmuch as these children did for the least of them – their brothers and sisters, whom they will never meet on this earth – they did it for Jesus.

**Until He comes – may we learn from these children, and work together to rescue children (of all ages) for His Kingdom!**


**Your sponsorship has an  
IMPACT in so many ways**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Child Impact's 3ABN time is every Friday at 8:30pm PT, 9:30pm MT, 10:30pm CT, and 11:30pm ET.

## Missed an episode on 3ABN?

Watch them all at your convenience on our website ([www.childimpact.org](http://www.childimpact.org)) under "Resources" and then click "Video Library".

Like us on  [facebook.com/ChildImpactInternational](https://facebook.com/ChildImpactInternational)

For more information, articles and videos on our sponsorship program and the many projects we support please visit our website

[childimpact.org](http://childimpact.org)

## Attention Sponsors

During the first quarter of 2018, 83 families started sponsoring about 150 children. For different reasons, people stopped their sponsorship, as well – change of income and age are two of the key factors. We thank God for both the 83 families that became sponsors this quarter and for those who have been faithful sponsors, but had to stop—we understand.

**Even though 150 new children were sponsored, Child Impact still has about 600 children that need a sponsor. In the coming months we anticipate adding between 50 and 100 children.**

**Please ask your friends at church and your family members to join you by becoming a sponsor. It's easy and you will be passing the joy you receive on to them.**

If you are able to sponsor another child or if you are able to give a special gift to the **Un-sponsored Child fund**, we would be appreciative.

## Leaving a Legacy

*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:*

Matthew 6:19 KJV

The treasures of Earth – cars, houses, fine clothes – are temporary. A life saved for the Kingdom is an example of laying up treasures in heaven.

As you make new plans or review current estate plans, I encourage you to consider Child Impact as a recipient of your legacy giving.

**If you have any questions, please call or email me:**  
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**Rob Raney**  
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Child Impact

## JUST A FEW OF THE 600 CHILDREN NEEDING A SPONSOR



**Mangraj** loves school and is very attentive in class. He is friendly, obedient and very helpful boy who likes to play with marbles. He wants to grow up to be a Police Inspector.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U19044**



**Chaithanya** reads Bible every day, likes to play with his friends, and works hard in school to make good grades. He wants to be a Police Officer when he grows up.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U18538**



**Naw Htoo** has one brother and her parents make little money. She enjoys singing and playing football, but Naw Htoo needs help with her tuition fees to fulfil her ambition to be a Preacher.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U19743**



**Sunil Kota's** father earns little as a day laborer while his mother takes care of their small home and four sisters. He likes to play cricket and would like to study to become a Doctor.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U18850**



**Mi Aye** enjoys playing soccer and reading. Her favorite subjects in school are Math and English. She would like to become a Teacher when she grows up.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U20085**



**Nikhesh Kumar** studies a lot and has good grades in all subjects at school. He loves attending church and singing hymns. He would like to be a Pastor when he grows up.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U20540**



**Sue Wout's** father is gone and her mother doesn't make enough for tuition fees. Sue sews and plays football, loves to study Bible and wants to do God's service.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U19740**



**Nikhil Teja** has a supportive brother and sister. In his free time he likes to play volleyball and draw. He is a very good student, studies hard and has an ambition to be a Doctor.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U18309**



**Aye Chan's** parent's farming income is not enough to support their family's needs. Aye likes to sew, play football, and skip. She enjoys studying Math and Biology in school.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U19676**



**Vijaya Raju** studies well and has good grades. He likes to draw pictures, read and takes an active part in the school and church activities. Vijaya wants to grow up to be an Engineer.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U20650**



**Madhu** reads the Bible and likes to memorize Bible verses. He enjoys caring for the younger children and reading storybooks. Madhu studies well and works hard to become an Engineer.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U18513**



**Sudheer's** father is a truck driver and his mother is a day laborer. Sudheer likes being active in Sabbath activities, listening to music, and would like to be a Teacher one day.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U17021**



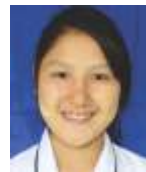
**Naw Chai** has three brothers and three sisters. She likes studying Math in school and enjoys playing the guitar and badminton. She wants to keep studying to become a Doctor.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U19888**



**Saw Nyi Nyi** lives with his low income parents, three brothers, and two sisters, so it is difficult for the kids to study. He likes singing, volleyball and wants to stay in school and be a Doctor.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U19806**



**Ma Shellar** has five siblings and her parents can't support all of them with their small farm income. She plays the piano, studies math at school, and wants to be a Businesswoman.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U18868**



**Ravi Kumar** likes to read Bible stories during the morning and evening worship. He is helpful, good in his studies, and can sing well. He likes to draw and wants to become a Pastor.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U18493**



**Saw Lwel's** father died and his mother has been struggling to support the family. He likes studying Science, reading, and football. Saw Lwel wants to be a Manager when he grows up.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U19952**



**Phyu Phyu's** family is very poor. She likes cooking, playing football and wants to finish school to be able to support others in the same situation when she becomes a Teacher.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U19757**



**Aye Than's** father died two years ago and her two older brothers help care for their elderly mother. There is no one to pay for Aye's school fees so she can become a Teacher.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U18858**



**Sudheer Babu's** father is an electrician but earns very little. Sudheer helps to his family and smaller children. He is involved in church and school activities, and would like to be a Teacher.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U18491**