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Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

It's another year and as I look back at 2018, I am very grateful for the Lord's blessings and the huge generosity of you, our supporters.

Late in 2018 we made a special appeal as we were short of our targets and our needs. I want to thank you for your outpouring in December. We met our objectives and did not have to touch reserves for which I am very grateful.

Child Impact and the children we serve say, **"Thank You."**

Bangladesh

In early January, I had the privilege of accompanying Child Impact's Board Chairman, John Truscot (pictured), on a quick trip to Bangladesh. John served in the Mission Office in Bangladesh many years ago and was excited to visit again. We traveled south by car, crossing the largest river by ferry to visit Kellogg Mookerjee Memorial Seminary. This Adventist boarding school has over 500 students. It was enrolment time and I was shock to be confronted with the poverty in that area. Many parents are honest, poor field laborers who struggle just to feed their families. This SDA boarding school not only educates, but it ensures that the children are fed. It was very emotional to face these parents as they begged Child Impact to sponsor their children. Child Impact has and will continue to add new sponsorships at this school.

We also saw the huge impact our Emergency Rice Appeal has had. These mission schools are in the poorest rural areas and struggle to collect school fees. Child Impact's Emergency Rice Fund ensured the children ate but it also gave critical financial relief to the schools. We are truly thankful for your support.

Blind & deaf schools

As we start a new year, we must ask for funds to run the special blind and deaf schools in India. These are SDA Church run schools, but budget needs are funded 100% with sponsorship through Child Impact. With over 250 blind and deaf students we need about \$75,000 to meet this year's needs. Thank you, if you can prayerfully consider this.

As always, the children we serve are very grateful for your continued support.

Jim Rennie CEO Child Impact International.



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

URGENT: Real Need

Special blind and deaf schools in India

In India there are two very special Adventist schools. Owned and run by the Adventist church, they are now funded 100% by Child Impact International. Funding is by sponsorship of the children and then an operation contribution is required as sponsorship does not fund each school in total.

These schools service rural India where the families are very poor and only work when they can find day work. Any special needs child born into these poor families is almost always rejected by the people around them and often, families even see a blind or deaf child as a curse.

One year, the blind school staff found a blind girl chained to a post in a downstairs room. The parents had no idea how to help her and this was the only way they knew to keep her safe. She is at the blind school now and is a very bright, eager student. The dynamics of the family have changed and now, they now are proud of her achievements. Child Impact and the Blind School have given her and her family HOPE!

Often a deaf child in the poor regions can only do simple, menial work or they are put in the fields and used for cheap labor. The parents want their children to succeed but simply don't know how to achieve this.

The Bobbili Blind School is located in a rural setting 10 minutes outside of the town of Bobbili, Andra Pradesh, India. The school was built by a USA donor and opened its doors in March 2004. It now has over 145 students that attend special classes to help

facilitate their learning begin with the first grade and continue to the 10th grade. After a child finishes 10th grade, they attend local tertiary colleges but still board at the school.

All students are boarders. The current Principal Surya Ray was an orphan sponsored by then Asian Aid and now, a sponsored child is a leader for the special needs school.

The Kollegal Deaf school is located south of the city of Bangalore just outside the town of Kollegal. It has over 75 pupils and covers Pre KG to 10th standard. All children are boarders. Jacob Baggom is the Principal. Along with his wife Shiney, They provide strong leadership to the school.

These schools were jointly funded by another Adventist ministry which has now withdrawn support. Child Impact CEO, Jim Rennie, has visited these homes many times and comments, "This is really the mission field as we give hope to these poor children, introduce them to Jesus and give them a future.

I am grateful for our donors who support these schools and humbly ask you to help us to ensure these schools continue to operate. **We need support now for this coming year.**

Thank you."



Bobbili Blind School



Christmas celebration

at Fjarli Academy of Seventh-day Adventists Darsi India

The Fjarli Academy located in Darsi India has over 400 students of which 150 are sponsored by Child Impact sponsors. On December 20, 2018, the school celebrated its Christmas Program. The students depicted the Birth of Christ in a skit form and bible stories were told. Many parents attended the program and there was a special meal for all the students, staff and parents sponsored by Child Impact. The Principal Mr. Prasad thanked God for all the care and protection given to us and how grateful he is to the sponsors of these very needy children throughout this year 2018.

Child Impact CEO Jim Rennie commented "This school is one of the largest of our numbers of sponsored children. It serves a very poor rural community and carries a key role in giving a Christian education. Sponsorship is also a key revenue for the school and its operation and we are proud of the work of the Principal and his staff."

Found but not Lost

Fifteen years ago, on a cold, black night, a newborn baby girl was found in a trash can. She had been dumped on the side of the road in an isolated area of town in hopes she would not be found alive. Crying, shivering and with ants covering her tiny body her fate seemed certain. A sympathetic man passed by and heard her cries and rushed to pull her out of the trashcan. She was struggling to breath, and very, very cold. He took her into his home where he cleaned the ants off, covered her in warm clothing and fed her. He and his wife fell in love with the young girl and decided to adopt her. At three, her adopted father died and her mother remarried. Through this second marriage, she had a son. As tradition* in India, the mother's new husband now had a son and no longer wanted the young girl so they left her at a government orphanage. By the age of four, this tiny girl had been abandoned twice.

Sunrise Home was contacted and of course Sunrise Director Lalitha and her husband Raj Varma would take this child into their loving home and provide not only a home, but Christian love and a future. God had a plan for this young child, even though she started in a trash can! She is now fifteen and a beautiful young woman who wants to serve her Lord by becoming a teacher and helping other young girls find what she found at Sunrise: love, a family, and a Heavenly Father who does not abandon His children.

** In India, the preference is to have a boy because a son will allow them to live with them after retirement, a son will carry forward the business, family property and will become valued as a potential heir for family matters where a girl child will be married off and not take care of her parents economically. This makes girls extremely vulnerable in Indian society.*

Child Impact and its supporters fully funds Sunrise home both with sponsorship and operations funds giving hope to special children like this.



OPERATION CHILD RESCUE TRAFFICKING & ORPHAN RESCUE

Assists Papua New Guinea project



Operation Child Rescue is partnering with an Australian Adventist charity supporting and educating very poor children in Papua New Guinea. Many of these children come from the poorest and destitute areas, including those who live on trash dumps. Most would not get an education and would be exploited in some way.

Operation Food for Life have established the Rob and Jan Patterson Literacy School to give these kids hope. Chairman Denis Perry said that his organization is grateful to Child Impact's program **Operation Child Rescue** for its critical support.

Sarita is a happy 10-year-old girl with just a hint of a smile on her face. It is difficult to see how brave and courageous she has been to overcome many trials and losses before she arrived at the Sunrise Orphanage India.

When she was a small baby, her father died from HIV. Soon after, her two older sisters contracted the disease and died, too. This left her and her mother in a very vulnerable position. The villagers and distant relatives were afraid of their disease and mistreated them. Sarita was only four and did not understand death. Now Sarita's mother was her only hope, but that hope dimmed as she, too, contracted the deadly disease. By age seven Sarita was alone, with no family. She was emotionally devastated and could see no future.

Distant relatives decided to take in Sarita. She was too young to realize but the relatives wanted her because the property that her father owned was in her name. As jealousy grew toward Sarita, they decided to kill her. Sarita overheard their planning and was shocked. She did not want to leave the only home she had, but she knew she could not stay. Though just nine, Sarita was brave enough to plan her escape. She gathered her strength and fled on the darkest of nights. She ran for her life, far away from the small village.

She took refuge at a bus stop where the police found her sleeping under the bus shed and brought her to the station. They listened to her frightening and sad story and immediately knew what to do. They knew well of the loving couple, Lalitha and Varma who ran the Sunrise Orphanage. They brought Sarita - with all the necessary papers for her to stay - to the Child Impact Sunrise Orphanage.

Even though she has lost her family, today she is happy for she has found a family where she is safe and secure. She is getting an education and has learned about a Father that will never leave her and will always care for her. Her wish is to one day meet her sponsors who helped her out of a desperate situation and gave her hope.

Sunrise home is fully funded by Child Impact donors is giving hope to girls like Sarita.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our TV program on 3ABN will have a **new 15 minute format** and a **new Saturday time slot begins March 1st.**

“Hope in Motion” on 3ABN USA times
Friday nights at 10:30pm, CST.
Saturday afternoon 4:30pm, CST.

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



Attention Sponsors !!!

We are very grateful to our sponsors for supporting one or more children. Sponsors impact the lives daily and give real hope to the child and their family.

We currently have over 500 unsponsored children and need your help to find sponsors or support them.

Please tell your family and friends about Child Impact and the need.

They can sponsor a child or give a donation to the **Unsponsored Child** fund and help these children.

JUST A FEW OF THE 600 CHILDREN NEEDING A SPONSOR



Abilash comes from a poor family, his father died in an accident. His hard working mother and three boys are living with grandparents but she still can't afford schooling.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U14872**



Jahnavi is a clever, talkative girl in UKG, she is quick answering in the class. She has a brother and they care for each other. Jahnavi like to be a nurse and serve the sick.

\$32 Day+ Student
ID: **U20293**



Upoma is a smart and quiet girl in the second grade. She attends her classes regularly and is beloved by her teachers. Upoma loves to read books and has a dream to be a nurse.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60024**



Oishe is just starting the nursery program. She loves her boarding school very much, her favorite subject is English, and enjoys listening to stories and coloring. One day she plans to be a nurse

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60062**



Sasi lives in the crowded, poor slums of Vizak. His father is a fisherman, but does not earn much. Sasi is a pleasant young boy and enjoys school and playing with his friends.

\$32 Day+ Student
ID: **U16953**



Bikrobahu is an intelligent third grade boy who loves to learn. He is a very obedient, faithful in his studies, loves his teachers, and enjoys sports. Bikrobahu hopes to become a teacher.

\$19 CHILDASSIST Student
ID: **U50019**



Shewly is a responsible girl studying in the third grade. She has a thirst for knowledge, perfect attendance, and always does her homework. One day Shewly hopes to be a teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60051**



Stuti is an adorable girl with a servant's heart just starting in the nursery program. During her free time she likes to play dolls with her friends. Stuti hopes to become a nurse.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60066**



Mangraj is a very happy, helpful and obedient boy who likes to study. He loves going to school and is very attentive in class. Mangraj wants to be a police inspector

\$19 CHILDASSIST Student
ID: **U19044**



Mario is a hardworking and kind student who loves to study and does well in school. He enjoys gardening, his favorite season is winter (because that's when vegetables grow).

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U50025**



Asivantazin is a cheerful girl just starting in kindergarten. She is attentive in class, respects her teachers and can recite rhymes and poems from memory. She dreams of being a nurse.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60052**



Sujana is a friendly girl in third grade, diligent in her studies and obedient to her teachers. Sujana enjoys coloring and playing with friends. In the future she hopes to be a nurse.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60067**



April's favorite subject in English. She likes reading and listening to music. April's favorite sport is football, and when she grows up, she would like to help the needy.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19127**



Jeshal has the dream of getting an education. He is in the third grade and loves rhymes, stories, and poems. Jeshal listens to his teachers and always finishes his homework.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U50045**



Ronpaw is an energetic girl just starting first grade. She works hard and her favorite subject is math. Ronpaw enjoys reading, listening to moral stories, and dreams of being a doctor.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60055**



Tumpaw is a sweet and honest girl starting in the nursery and studying hard to learn new things. In the future she hopes to become a nurse with the help of your sponsorship.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60068**



Chit Su has one brother and two sisters. In her spare time, Chit Su loves reading, playing the piano, and playing soccer.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19131**



Tufan is smart boy. He listens attentively to his teachers. His favorite subject is math. He is a healthy growing boy, loves playing cricket and would like to be a college professor.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U50054**



Valley is a cheerful girl starting kindergarten. During her free time she likes to play with her friends, read books, and help to keep the school yard clean and tidy. She wants to be a teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60056**



Trivikram is a good student and interacts well with the other children. After the tragic murder of his mother, he dreams of becoming a police officer and making a difference.

\$48 Boarder+
ID: **U60124**