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# Newsletter

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Dear Supporters,

Again, I am grateful to you, our Child Impact family for your outpouring of support of our Bobbili Blind School and the Kollegal Hearing Impaired school. We continue to need help supporting these special schools. It's not too late to assist us.

I know many of you attend the ASI National Convention. It will be in Louisville Kentucky, July 31 to August 2, 2019. Please visit us at our booth where we will be making a major announcement.

**On Friday August 2, at 7:30a.m., in the Galt Hotel, we will be having a special breakfast for our Child Impact Family. I would like to personally invite you to attend. We will need you to confirm your attendance so please contact Cheri Gardner (423) 910-0667 or CGardner@ChildImpact.org.**

**I hope to see you there for our big announcement.**

**Operation Child Rescue** is now a key part of Child Impact's program. In Bangalore, India, our partner continues to be very active rescuing girls from brothels. These girls can be as young as 11 or 12! The size of the problem in India is beyond comprehension. The home we sponsor gives a number of trafficked girls real hope. We are very grateful to Voice of Prophecy who are partnering with us to fund this project.

Please tell others about Child Impact and if they can't sponsor, they can always contribute to the **'Un-sponsored Child'** fund. Call us if you would like some promotional flyers to help share the work we do.

I am so grateful for the continued support of our Child Impact family of donors. You make our work of supporting 3,000 children possible. We are grateful for you and the blessings of the Lord.

**Jim Rennie** CEO Child Impact International.



In recent weeks, the team in Bangalore, India has conducted another rescue where 11 girls under the age of 18 were rescued. Seven of them were trafficked from Nepal into India. There is a complicated process to get the girls back home to Nepal, but the rescue team is working with the Police to try and achieve this.

The rescue home has been very busy and has started a training course in baking for the girls. They visit a commercial bakery where they learn to bake bread, increasing their chances of getting work when they are ready to leave the home.

Child Impact CEO Jim Rennie commented, "We are very excited to be able to support this rescue home. We are also grateful to our partner Voice of Prophecy who believe in and support this home."



The Operation Child Rescue project also supports a baby rescue project in Bangalore, India. The Ashram Trust rescues abandoned babies from the streets. They also receive babies from the local police and hospitals where desperate parents abandon them. Operation Child Rescue has just assisted the rescue center with medical supplies, baby supplies, powdered milk and baby food. These key supplies were delivered at a much-needed time since the home has had an increase in the number of rescued babies. Child Impact is grateful for our family of supporters who donate to Operation Child Rescue. You help support these needy babies.



## The Journey of Ramesh

Ramesh was born without sight to a very poor family. Being poor, they did not have access to a doctor. His parents loved him but could not help him see. When a relative told them about the Bobbili Blind school run by Child Impact International, Ramesh's parents knew they must find a way for Ramesh to attend this school.

They worked hard to save so Ramesh could attend. Ramesh loved school and understood his life would be so much better with an education! He learned many valuable skills and even joined the school choir. He loved to sing and when he sang, it was like an added jolt of happiness for him.

As he was finishing his 10th grade he got notice that his father had died. He returned to his village only to find that his mother was also dying. His heart was breaking as his dream to finish school was vanishing. As he thought about his life, he was filled with disappointment and rage. He was just 16, an orphan and blind. What would he do?

To survive, he began begging for food in his village when elderly man who was a friend of his grandfather came and rescued Ramesh from the streets and took care of Ramesh. He was poor and had little, but they worked together on his small farm to earn a living. There were days when they went to bed with on an empty stomach. Going to school was not an option.

Going to school seemed an impossible dream. But when someone from the Bobbili Blind School visited to find out why he had not returned to school. they told Ramesh he could return to school where a sponsor would pay for his education, his dismay turned to joy. Today, the special education sponsorship program is supporting him so he can finish his education. He loves his sponsors and is grateful for them. Though he cannot see them, he is thankful for the opportunity to have a better life. He wants to continue his education and become a teacher to help other blind children.



## Deafened but not defeated

**For fifteen years old Sneha, the Child Impact family of sponsors has played an incredible part in her life. Now, no physical disability can stop her from chasing her dreams.**

Life wasn't easy for Sneha. As a deaf child, she struggled to 'fit in' so she spent her time helping her mother with daily chores. Her parents could not afford to send her to a special school. She attended a hearing school but after three years, she was not progressing so she left the school. As a result, she stayed home with a sad face and an uncertain future.

When a teacher told the family about the Child Impact family of sponsors at the SDA School for Speech and Hearing Impaired in Kollegal, Sneha and her parents were excited. Today Sneha is in the 10th grade and loves her school and her sponsors. When a girl is unable to communicate, she is at risk of exploitation, disease, and abuse. At the Child Impact school, she has learned sign language and now communicates well with her classmates. She is so grateful to her Child Impact sponsor family for giving her a chance to become a productive person.

**Child Impact sponsorship makes a difference in her life, and now happiness has replaced sadness in her face as she looks forward to a bright future.**



## Cyclone damage Orisa India

On May 4th one of the largest cyclones in India's history struck the north east section of India. Thousands lost their homes as often they are just thatched roofs and stick structure. A large Adventist boarding school at Khurda located near the city of Bhubaneswar was hit badly.

The school had beautiful large trees and most of these were ripped out of the ground. All PVC water tanks were blown away, both dormitories were damaged, a tree hit the worship hall and the computer room where all the computers were damaged.

Child Impact sponsors over 100 children at this school. Fortunately school was not in session so no children or staff were hurt. Child Impact immediately sent US\$5,000 to help.

**If you would like to help repair this school please donate to the 'School development' fund with Child Impact.**





# Making India Real

**Josue Gelabert**, Child Impact Donor Relations Coordinator  
Violinist with the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra

In March, I spent two weeks in India, traveling and visiting as many Child Impact International sponsored schools and children as possible. I visited our field office in Bangalore, met the staff of **Helping Hand Welfare Society** including the field officers who make Child Impact's work possible. This trip was rewarding in so many ways. It is easy to forget the impact sponsorship makes on a child's life while working in the office in Tennessee. Being in the field and visiting the schools made Child Impact's work real.

While in Bangalore, I visited the **Sunshine Home** on the same campus as **Helping Hand**. I took my violin and happily played for the entire school. I quickly realized that these children are truly special. They are so full of joy and potential!

I continued my trip to the **SDA School for the Speech & Hearing Impaired** in Kollegal. This was probably the highlight of my trip. The children are so full of love, they instantly started teaching me Sign Language. I quickly learned to sign with them and even though they could not speak or hear, they were the most communicative children that I visited.

The rest of my trip took place in Andhra Pradesh, one of the largest states in India. The food was particularly spicier, and the temperature was already over 100 degrees and rising but that did not stop me from enjoying the visits to the schools. The most special place I visited in this region was the **Sunrise Home** in Bobbili. This orphanage is truly an oasis for these children. It is run by Lalitha and her husband, Raj Varma. They are wonderful and the home truly feels like a family for these children. I soon felt a part of this big family and got to share incredible moments with my brothers and sisters. As I returned to my desk at Child Impact, I realized that I miss India and the children. Visiting made the kids real and energized me to keep working for them at the Child Impact office.



Staff at Sunrise Home India have just completed new veranda covers on the boy's dormitory. They will give the boys some cover from the hot India sun. Sunrise home children are grateful for the Child Impact family who continue to support their home.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ASI National Convention Louisville Kentucky July 31 to August 3, 2019

**Child Impact Special Event, 7:30a.m. breakfast Friday August 2, 2019**

Contact Cheri Gardner (423) 910-0667 or CGardner@ChildImpact.org for information or to book.

Our TV program **“Hope in Motion”** on 3ABN has a new 15 minute format on **Saturday at 4:30pm (CST)**

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

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**childimpact.org**

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### Attention Sponsors !!!

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

**We currently have over 500 un-sponsored children and need your help to find new sponsors to 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 **Un-sponsored Child** fund and help these children in need.

### What is your legacy?

Most of us give very little thought to this.

**We know our reward is eternity spent with Him and are satisfied to bask in that.**

However, until our Savior returns, we have the opportunity to use our assets to maximum capacity through a well thought out, planned allocation of our estate to benefit the lives of others.

If you believe in the work of Child Impact in the future of many children's lives, why not consider an estate gift or designate all or a portion of your will to advance the mission of caring for underprivileged children?

Because Child Impact is a ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, you can accomplish this through your local Conference Trust Department, or with the assistance of your Financial Adviser.



**Thank you for your careful consideration**

Please contact us for more information:  
Call toll-free **866-569-7933**  
or email **support@childimpact.org**  
to arrange for a professional advisor to contact you.

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



**Athini** is a bright student who gets outstanding grades. She is the youngest in her family of six. Her dream is to one day become a doctor to help all those who are sick.

**\$25 Day Student**  
ID: **U60226**



**Kavibo** is one of the smartest boys in his class, he is smart hard-working, and studious. He is a great role model for the other boys and a source of joy and happiness to his family.

**\$25 Day Student**  
ID: **U60241**



**Prachurjo** is in second grade, he is diligent in his studies, respectful to his teachers and the hope they give him. He hopes to be a police officer and protect the people of his village.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U60079**



**Thu** is a book-worm and can always be found under a fruit tree reading something. Her favorite subject is English and wants to become a teacher and teach other children how to read.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U60364**



**Asivantazin** is just starting in kindergarten. She is attentive in class, loves Bangla and can recite many rhymes and poems from memory. One day she hopes to become a nurse.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U60052**



**Kenedy** is a kind boy in third grade, attentive in class and respectful to his teachers. His favorite subject is English and enjoys drawing. In the future he hopes to be a doctor.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U60078**



**Radha** is in fifth grade, diligent in her studies and loved by her teachers and classmates alike. She enjoys gardening, playing with her friends, and dreams of becoming a nurse one day.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U60063**



**Tovito** is in the second grade, enjoys reading and writing, and is very helpful not only with his parents but also his teachers. Tovito wants to continue his education to become a doctor.

**\$25 Day Student**  
ID: **U60240**



**Estifan** wishes to become a teacher and help the children in his village. He wants to keep going to school but his mother's health condition may limit him from attending.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U60244**



**Kimbirth** is very interested in learning new things at school. He enjoys playing Simon Says with his friends. He wants to be a teacher when he grows up to teach more kids in his village.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U60265**



**Rijen** enjoys playing football with his new friends at his boarding school. He is in the third grade, loves his teachers, very eager to study, and hopes to graduate and become a police officer.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U60081**



**Umasai** is just starting kindergarten. She is attentive in class, works hard, and likes to read books and skip rope. When she grows up she wants to be a police officer.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U60077**



**Jeshal** is proud to be a student at Monosapara school. He is in the third grade and loves the rhymes, stories, and poems in his Bangla class. Jeshal wishes to join the army.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U50045**



**Mamoni** is very happy at school and attends regularly. She appreciates her school, its surroundings, and the learning she receives. Mamoni wants to become a nurse.

**\$25 Day Student**  
ID: **U60214**



**Saw** has five siblings, his father is very ill, so his mother is the only one working. Bible class is his favorite subject in school. He wants to become a Pastor and spread the gospel.

**\$25 Day Student**  
ID: **U60358**



**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**



**John** is in first grade, studies and attends classes every day, his favorite subject is math. In the afternoon he enjoys playing football and tending the garden. John hopes to be a pastor.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U60073**



**Megla** is much loved by her classmates and teachers. She is glad to be in school, always does her homework, loves roses and helping her mother. She wants to be a teacher.

**\$25 Day Student**  
ID: **U60251**



**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**



**Valley** is a cheerful girl starting kindergarten. Loves her friendly teachers and new friends. She reads books, keeps the school yard tidy, and dreams of going to university to be a teacher.

**\$38 Boarder**  
ID: **U60056**