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## Make Your Voice Heard

You may have heard of “Godpods”, solar powered audio Bibles that have been distributed to thousands of isolated and un-entered people groups all over the world. Asian Aid is planning to send 100 Godpod devices to the Blind school children. These solar and battery powered devices will be loaded with the Bible and 10 Bible stories, all in both English and Telugu (the Indian language common in that area) so that the blind students can hear what other children have the privilege of reading every day. Will you sponsor one Godpod today? Make your voice heard with your \$39 donation towards one Godpod, and you can change the life of a blind child in India.



Jim Rennie (Asian Aid USA CEO) demonstrates a Godpod to students at the Blind School

**Imagine this:** You're thirsty. It's India, it's hot, and the sun is scorching down on you in the middle of nowhere. You stumble across a village, but when you ask for water, they lead you to a muddy pool where the cows are drinking and the women are washing their clothes. You decide to continue on thirsty. After hours of walking you spot another village. As you enter and the people crowd around you, something shiny catches your eye.

**A WELL!** Soon cool, fresh water is gushing into your hands. You gulp it down, douse your face, and are thankful for those who have given the gift of clean water in these remote parts of India.

**Villagers had to walk far from their village to get water from a stream.**



## You Brought Water to the Thirsty

Over the last couple months, Asian Aid has dug 12 wells in remote tribal communities in India. One of these was Kangu Valasa, an area in a largely inaccessible part of the mountains where villagers trekked with their water pots to the outskirts of town to scoop drinking water from a stream.

Now, with a new bore well installed in the middle of their village, their water is closer, cleaner, more dependable, and tastes better! Thank you to those who have sponsored water wells with Asian Aid. You are making the promise in *Isaiah 43:3* real for villagers in India:

**“For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground”**

*The new bore well will provide clean drinking water for the whole village.*



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

Garwin McNeilus is greeted by students at the Blind School



## Garwin McNeilus Celebrates with Blind School

**“The faith of a blind child cannot be explained, you need to come and feel it.”**

*Garwin McNeilus*

Asian Aid’s School for the Blind in Bobbili, India, was built in 2004 by the Garwin McNeilus family. An Adventist businessman, Mr. McNeilus has been interested and involved in the work in India for many years and has been a strong supporter of many of Asian Aid’s projects.

Asian Aid sponsors all 160+ children who currently live and study at the Blind School. It is a special school that reaches out and embraces children who have significant hurdles to overcome and are often rejected by their communities. Because of your help, these children are pursuing their dreams and becoming teachers, businessmen, and health professionals.

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receive from him an affirming pat on the shoulder.

Mr. McNeilus said, “I think of the Blind School if not daily, then several times per day.” He then went on to tell the story of a little blind boy he had met on his trip to India. He had taken time out to play with the young man, and one day the boy had gone in for eye surgery. The next day when they were to take the bandages off,

Mr. McNeilus was with him. After they carefully peeled the dressings off his eyes, the doctor asked, “Young man, can you count my fingers?”

**“One...two...three...!”** exclaimed the boy with growing excitement.

He had no mother and his father sitting next to him was a poor day laborer wearing only a dirty piece of cloth around his waist and tattered slippers on his calloused feet. The little boy’s face broke into an exuberant smile and as he turned to his father next to him, their eyes met in a moment of pure joy and with a father-son bond of love. Mr. McNeilus says, “That father fell and wrapped his arms around my feet and just sobbed and sobbed. Then he went over to his boy and they embraced.” How that boy must have longed to see the face of his father! It makes us think, how much do we long to see the face of our Heavenly Father? “For now we see through a glass darkly” but oh for that day when we shall see Him “face to face”! (1 Cor. 13:12)

Thank you for your support of Asian Aid’s Blind School. Because of you, children with physical blindness are receiving sight, but more importantly, children in darkness are receiving the spiritual eyesalve that they may truly see.

**“The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.”**

*Matt. 4:16*

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**We Want YOU!...to join us on a trip to India that you will never forget!**

Come with Asian Aid in November to experience this beautiful and exotic land, meet the children and schools where the seeds of young hopes are planted, and visit villages where Asian Aid is investing in the potential of underprivileged communities.

You won’t want to miss enjoying a picnic with the children at the Vizak Slum School, delivering “Godpod” Bibles to Bobbili Blind School, spending the Sabbath with the smiling children at Sunrise Orphanage, and driving up mountainous roads and through tribal villages to Jeypore School. End your journey with a few days sightseeing in New Delhi where you can snap pictures with the magnificent Taj Mahal.

**Would you like to come along for the trip of a lifetime? Contact us for more information or visit our website for details.**



# Things are Getting “Corny” at Sunrise



Jim (CEO) and Carl (Board Member) are towered by Sunrise's corn field.

## What can be better on a hot day than to crunch into sweet juicy corn picked fresh from the garden?

Thanks to your support of Sunrise Home, the farm is thriving and has recently harvested a huge field of fresh corn. Part of the corn will be used for Sunrise's cafeteria, and part will be sold to support the home's income.

Carl Ginger, Asian Aid USA Board Member, visited Sunrise to conduct a review of Asian Aid's projects and was impressed with not only the thriving farm, but also the whole campus.

Keep tuned for more updates on Sunrise Home throughout the year!



## URGENT Need! School Development

Asian Aid sponsors children in over 100 Adventist schools in India, Nepal, and Bangladesh.



Asian Aid needs \$120,000 to meet current school needs. Please consider donating towards Education Development and you can change the life of a child, school, and community.

These vary in size from small village schools to large colleges. Some are facing financial difficulties and have urgent needs for building and classroom resources. Here are just a few of the challenges:

- **Sewer:** We have a large school facing major health problems as the sewer system floods and overflows into the playground. To avoid the school being closed we have staff currently working on the issue, but funds are needed to complete the project.
- **Buildings:** Many schools lack basic structural school requirements, such as toilets.
- **Water:** A number of schools either do not have safe water or need a new water supply.
- **Supplies:** Smaller schools lack basic supplies like pencils or slates for the non-Asian Aid students.
- **Libraries:** Many schools are fortunate if they have a very small school library. Basic books are a necessity for education but are often absent or scarce.
- **Lab equipment:** Some colleges lack the science equipment required to meet government curriculum standards.

Sponsoring children is a wonderful way to change lives. However, you can also improve a child's environment, and consequently, their health, attitude, and education.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Asian Aid continues to air on Saturdays at 8pm PT, 9pm MT, 10pm CT, and 11pm ET.

**Missed an episode on 3ABN?**

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

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**Attending your local camp meeting?**

Asian Aid will have a booth at 15 camp meetings this summer and we would love to meet you! Come by and say hello, get an update on your favorite project, and take materials home to share.

**Thank you for your gift**

To the School for Hearing Impaired in memory of her grandmother - *Tara Cross*

## Charitable Gift Annuities

Asian Aid has teamed up with the Western Adventist Foundation to make faithful gift planning simple. Western Adventist Foundation on behalf of Asian Aid offers expertise in gift planning from consultation to implementation and management of your gift plan.

The Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) is a popular way for our donors to provide income to themselves or their loved ones for life as well as to support the ministry of Asian Aid. The Charitable Gift Annuity is a planning tool that, at its heart, recognizes the fact that the rewards of giving begin with the desire to make a gift.

The Gift Annuity marks this decision with two things: the transfer of an asset from the donor(s) to the charity, and the signing of a contract in which the charity agrees to make payments to the donor(s) for life.

In addition to the satisfaction inherent in the act of giving, the CGA adds tangible benefits by providing an attractive income payment, with a significant portion of each payment being income tax free, and an immediate charitable income tax deduction for a portion of the gift. Your annuity payment is determined at the time your gift is made and will not fluctuate with the market.

**Contact us for information:**

Call toll-free **866-569-7933**

or email [support@asianaid.org](mailto:support@asianaid.org)

to arrange for a professional advisor to contact you.

Charitable Gift Annuities are NOT AVAILABLE in the states of AL, MD and WA. Annuities to benefit Asian Aid for CA and IL residents are provided by the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; for HI residents they are provided by the HI Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Annuities to benefit Asian Aid in all other states are provided by the Western Adventist Foundation.



## THESE CHILDREN URGENTLY NEED YOUR SPONSORSHIP



Hasiya likes to read, write, and play shuttle cock. She would like to become an engineer or doctor.  
**\$23 Day Student**  
ID: **U08943**



Kalyani is in the 4th grade and is good at drawing. She loves to read storybooks.  
**\$23 Day Student**  
ID: **U16073**



Joseph's father works as a driver and earns very little. Joseph likes playing cricket.  
**\$23 Day Student**  
ID: **U17467**



Sinchana is very quiet but likes to sing. She will be starting 1st grade.  
**\$23 Day Student**  
ID: **U17471**



Sharon's father works but does not support the family. Sharon would like to become a nurse.  
**\$23 Day Student**  
ID: **U17473**



Oviyashree likes to play with her dolls and practice her handwriting skills.  
**\$30 Day+ Student**  
ID: **U17267**



Kavyashree will be starting 2nd grade. She enjoys drawing.  
**\$30 Day+ Student**  
ID: **U17273**



Amuda is very attentive in class and wants to become a teacher when she grows up.  
**\$30 Day+ Student**  
ID: **U17275**



Avinash is quiet but can be a little mischievous. He would like to grow up to be a police officer.  
**\$30 Day+ Student**  
ID: **U17276**



Nivedha's father works in a fruit shop and supports with family of four plus the elderly grandmother.  
**\$30 Day+ Student**  
ID: **U17280**



Bashing lives and studies in Bangladesh. He loves playing football and hopes to become a doctor.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **U15419**



Ankon likes reading and wants to become an engineer. He goes to school in Bangladesh.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **U15426**



Deepak will be starting 6th grade at Jeypore school. He would like to become a pastor.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **U16638**



Dengel is a very good artist and is always happy. His parents work as day laborers.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **U16872**



Sakthi's father abandoned the family so his mother works as a tailor to support Sakthi and his three siblings.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **U16899**



Akhil likes collecting coins, stamps, and bird feathers. He would like to grow up to be a physics teacher.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **U17131**



Neni was saved from a bad accident and realized that God protected him. He wants to use his life for God.  
**\$80 Bible Worker**  
ID: **U16737**



Methuselah would like to serve God in his state of Assam in NE India.  
**\$80 Bible Worker**  
ID: **U16747**



Lalchhar was born in Burma but her family moved to India as refugees. She would like to become a missionary.  
**\$80 Bible Worker**  
ID: **U16749**



Vanlalruat wants to learn more about the Bible and God so she can share it with others.  
**\$80 Bible Worker**  
ID: **U16750**