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Newsletter

CHILDIMPACT
INTERNATIONAL

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Dear Supporters,

Suddenly our world has changed and we simply take one day at a time. At our office in Ooltewah, TN, our staff are working from home which has gone fairly smoothly and now all the countries we operate in are also shut down. Millions of low paid workers have lost their jobs in India and Bangladesh and, with no assistance, are struggling to survive.

We face challenges but can be grateful. Inside the newsletter I have given an update on the schools.

We launched our “Rice & Health” appeal a few weeks ago and I am very grateful for your support. We have sent food and soap to the schools for the students and staff and are planning for supplies to be ready when the schools open.

Child Impact is making some senior staff changes and we are excited to announce Chris Smoot as the new CEO while I will be taking the senior role in field management. This will add much needed resources to the organization.

This is a difficult time for us, our schools, our children and also our donors so we must be constant in our prayers for each other. We are praying for you.

Regards,

Jim Rennie CEO Child Impact International



Anand's story

When CEO Jim Rennie visited Elim home in India over twelve years ago, he met a boy who had contracted Polio at the age of three and was left with such a twisted body that he couldn't walk upright. He had to walk on his hands and feet. Even though the doctors never gave Anand any hope, he was



determined to stand upright. As Anand grew older, he discovered and engaged in various exercises which, coupled with his laser-focused determination, eventually made it possible for him to stand upright. He went on to marry a young girl, Mary, who also lived at Elim home and became a teacher. Anand and Mary now have two children.

During Elim home's celebration in February 2020 for Co-Founder Mrs Eager, Jim had the pleasure of seeing Anand again and meeting his lovely family.

Anand now walks upright with a brace and has a successful career with a large medical company as an IT development officer. It was very exciting to see the improvement in his deformity, how his determination was rewarded, and his blessings of a lovely family and a successful job.



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Your hand in giving HOPE every day!



PRESS RELEASE:

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As of June 1st, 2020, the Child Impact International board announces a change in the role of CEO.

Jim Rennie who has served as CEO for 12 years and has led significant growth of the organization will be taking what is a new role of Vice President Field Development and will focus on the development of Child Impact International's programs in the various countries. His vast experience will allow strong development and focus on its programs. He will also support the incoming CEO in a smooth transition of roles and will continue to assist with marketing and other functions as required. The Child Impact board acknowledges the huge contribution Jim has made to the organization and is excited that he will now contribute in a new key role.



The Child Impact board is very excited to announce the appointment of Chris Smoot as the new CEO.

Chris Smoot has specialized in leading international humanitarian efforts that engage communities, build infrastructure, and restore a sense of normalcy so that families and individuals affected by unforeseen disasters, health epidemics, social injustices, and economic upheaval can begin to heal, rebuild and thrive. For more than two decades, he has directed day to day operations, funding support and large-scale programming for global humanitarian initiatives: Alight (formerly the American Refugee Committee) as the Vice President of International Programs, World Vision



Africa/Somalia/Mauritania, and the Adventist Development & Relief Agency South Sudan/Bangladesh.

His leadership experience ensures implementing and evaluating day to day operations and humanitarian programming with a solid foundation in international management. He has served in Bangladesh, Kenya/Southern Sudan, Mauritania and Somalia, but also dealt with humanitarian issues in Myanmar, Pakistan, Syria, Rwanda, Uganda, Sudan and Liberia.

He has four children and is married to Noemi Smoot. Noemi is a certified family and mental health therapist. She is also a newly certified Marriage Coach.

Chris states *"I have always tried to follow God's leading in my professional life using my skills and abilities for a position where I could contribute to the ministry of compassion field. I am excited to take on this role at Child Impact International and look forward to serving the children, our supporters, and seeing what plans God has for the growth of this organization."*

This key appointment will add strength to the Child Impact leadership team and create a renewed focus on improving organizational outcomes and enable the organization to be in a position for continued future growth.

Child Impact International Coronavirus Update

The crisis facing the world is having a dramatic affect in the countries we serve. Child Impact management are in daily contact with India, Bangladesh and twice weekly with Myanmar. In these three countries it is now the time of the main school holidays. Schools did close very quickly one to two weeks before the holidays and would normally open mid-June. India is in a very severe closedown with any travel outside the home banned with limited travel for shopping. Bangladesh and Myanmar are in lockdown also. Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries in the world and millions of laborers and factory workers have lost work and are without assistance.

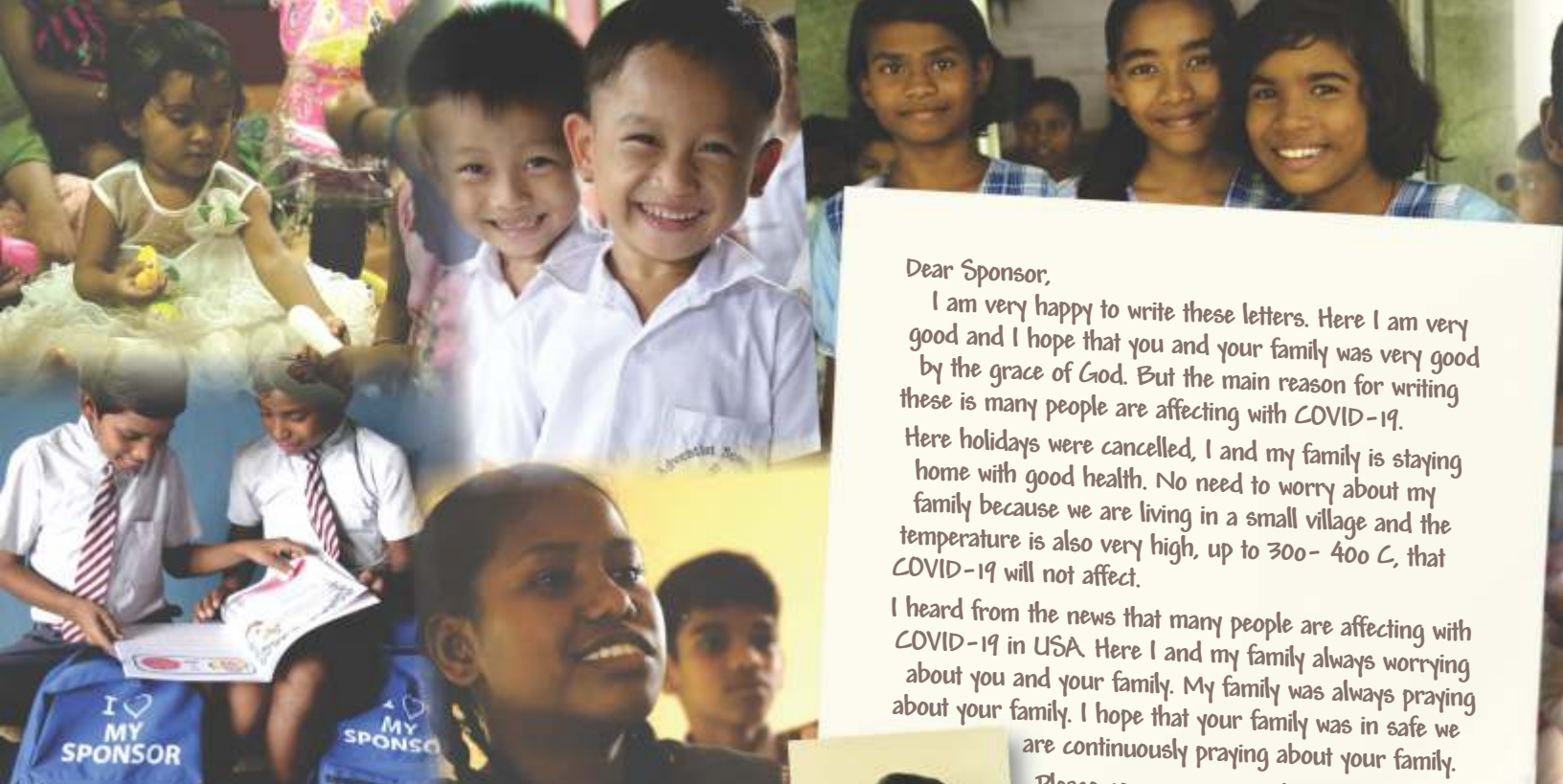


Normally below the poverty line, they are struggling harder to survive.

Child Impact field staff have rushed rice and food to most large schools in Bangladesh to help the children and staff who are at the schools.

We are making plans for when schools re-open to ensure food and soap supplies are available. Please pray for the families of our children who are struggling in this crisis.

Unfortunately, work has stopped on the KMMS building project. Piling was in progress. Work will restart the moment the government restrictions are lifted.



GOVERNMENT TAX ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are extremely difficult times for everyone, and we want to keep you up to date as best we can on the latest developments in giving opportunities. The recent CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) of March 27, 2020, offers some great opportunities for supporting Child Impact International.

Here is an outline of those options made available only for tax year 2020:

- You may be able to deduct up to 100% of your adjusted gross income on gifts made to Child Impact or other charities. Deductible amounts are normally limited to 60% of adjusted gross income (AGI).
- Even non-itemizer individuals are eligible for a \$300 charitable deduction (\$600 for a couple) for gifts made to Child Impact This deduction reduces taxable income thus reducing taxes paid.
- Qualified Charitable Rollover (QCR) remains unchanged. Required minimum distributions (RMD) are waived for most qualified plan participants for tax year 2020. Even without a required minimum distribution, qualified charitable distributions offer tax savings for most.

If you need further clarification on your tax or income situation we encourage you to speak with your financial advisor or accountant.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of Child Impact International

Dear Sponsor,

I am very happy to write these letters. Here I am very good and I hope that you and your family was very good by the grace of God. But the main reason for writing these is many people are affecting with COVID-19.

Here holidays were cancelled, I and my family is staying home with good health. No need to worry about my family because we are living in a small village and the temperature is also very high, up to 300- 400 C, that COVID-19 will not affect.

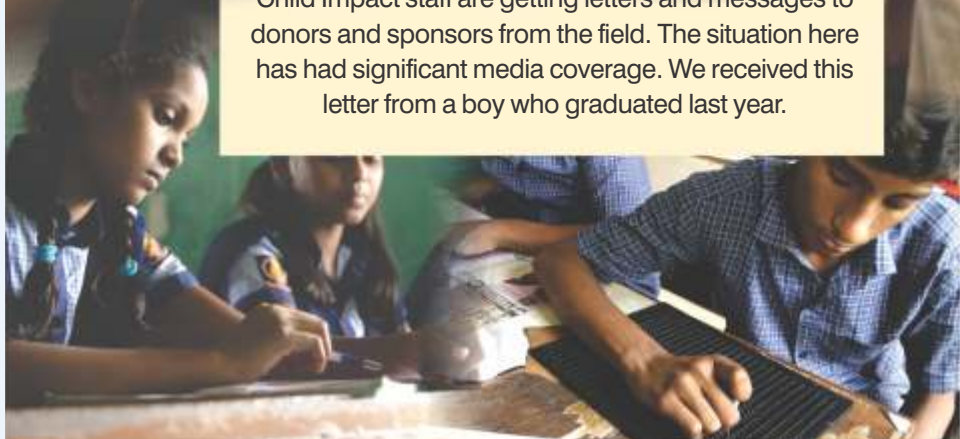
I heard from the news that many people are affecting with COVID-19 in USA. Here I and my family always worrying about you and your family. My family was always praying about your family. I hope that your family was in safe we are continuously praying about your family.

Please convey message that your family was in safe condition.

Thanking
From your loving child,
Praveen Velugula



Child Impact staff are getting letters and messages to donors and sponsors from the field. The situation here has had significant media coverage. We received this letter from a boy who graduated last year.



Tornado damage

On Sunday night April 12th areas around Chattanooga were struck by numerous tornadoes. Over 150 homes were totally lost. The Child Impact office in Ooltewah was struck by a tree causing some damage to the roof. Three more large trees came down in the tornado but missed the building.

Child Impact is grateful for God's protection.



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Hi! I'm from Bangladesh and my school is Kellogg-Mookerjee Memorial Seminary, also called KMMS. My dad died 2 years ago and my mom struggles to find work in the fields. It scared me when 2 girls were trafficked from my village last year. But in this school, I feel secure, I'm fed, and I get an education with a future.

We love this school, but we didn't feel safe in the old building. It was really dangerous and one of our friends was hit by falling concrete. We were excited to see it pulled down and surprised how quickly they did it.



Our new building will have eight classrooms, a science lab, library and administration offices. A pre-school will be at the front for younger kids, and will help to bring in extra money for the school.

We are thankful for people like you who care – even when you are far away. We can hardly wait for this to happen!

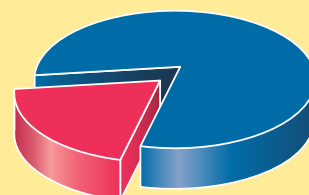


We need your help! Please.

OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO RAISE **\$590,000**

GENEROUS DONATIONS TO DATE **\$460,000**

NEEDED TO COMPLETE THIS APPEAL **\$130,000**



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or Phone: (423) 910-0667

How do we help each other during this crisis?

Every day Child Impact is monitoring the impact both on giving and the emergency requests coming from the field.

How can we help you?

Are you having payment problems?

If you are having difficulty meeting your monthly sponsorship we understand. Please contact us and we are happy to discuss a solution so you can keep your child. If you have to cancel the child they will still be sponsored from our "Un-sponsored Children fund."

How can I help Child Impact in this crisis?

We ask that you pray for our organization and the people we serve. That's critical right now.

Yes we urgently need funds and if you can help in anyway these are our priorities.

- **Where Needed Most Fund:** The best way is to contribute to the Child Impact "Where Needed Most Fund." This can help us to continue to run the organization and meet emergency requests.
- **Rice & Health appeal:** This appeal helps us ensure boarders at Adventist mission schools in India, Bangladesh and Myanmar have food and are supplied with soap and health instructions. This fund is a huge help right now.
- **Un-sponsored Children:** Some sponsors cannot continue payment and Child Impact always has un-sponsored children. Supporting this fund ensures no child is sent home from their school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our TV program **“Hope in Motion”** on 3ABN has a **new 15 minute format** at these times:

Friday nights at 10:30pm CST
Saturday afternoon 4:30pm CST

Like us on **facebook** 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



Attention Sponsors !!!

We are very grateful to our sponsors for supporting more children! Sponsors impact children's lives daily, giving 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 500 CHILDREN NEEDING A SPONSOR



Ankit attends day school from a remote village. She is very obedient for her teacher. Her favorite subject is English, enjoys coloring-in pictures, and would like to be a nurse

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60179**



Eunice is a smart, kind and quiet girl. Her favorite classes are Math, English and her favorite pastimes are football, netball, singing and helping her parents around their home

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60755**



Luyando is a quiet, friendly girl who loves to sing and play ball when she isn't busy. At home she washes dishes, sweeps the yard, fetches water, and helps to hand wash all their clothes.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60693**



Tithi is always happy, attentive, obedient, and loves to study in her classes. She is helpful and respectful to her teachers and classmates, and wants to be a nurse when she grows up.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60176**



Baishakhi likes studying and is happy to be in school where she has lots of friends and enjoys playing with them. Her hobby is drawing. She wants to study to become a nurse

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60164**



Sian's father is much too old to work so his mother tries to meet the family's needs. With your sponsorship Sian can get back into school so he can work for a better life and future.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60985**



Judith loves to tell stories, sing and draw pictures. She helps her mother wash clothes and dishes. With your sponsorship Judith can get an education and make her mother proud.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60692**



Shohag's father works two jobs to support an extended family, his sister is at school and he would like to join her. He loves studying English and wants to be an English teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60159**



Atul is a kind and loving boy. He is attentive and enjoys all his classes. He loves to play football, help his parents, and spending time with his friends. Atul hopes to become a doctor

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60883**



Ebadod does all his school activities faithfully. His hobbies are gardening, football and he likes to read animal picture books. He wants to be a teacher and serve his people

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60896**



Santosh is active, caring and always smiling. His father is a day laborer but his mother has health issues. He is a model student, enjoys singing, and wants to learn about Christ.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60296**



Sagor is from a poor village, his parents are illiterate and have dreamt of their son having an education. He pays attention to all of his lessons and desires to be a teacher when he grows up

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60158**



Chechena's father died and her mother is illiterate, no job, and the family go hungry for days. The church is assisting them, but still needs help to support Chechena's education

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60260**



Faith's parents have left her to live with her aunt, uncle and five cousins in three rooms where she helps by washing dishes and pretends to cook with pots she makes from dirt.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60756**



Saranya talks to everyone and is respectful of elders. Her mother's income doesn't meet the basic necessities. Saranya talents are writing, reading and she dreams of being a doctor.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60309**



Tisha has a very quiet, calm personality, loves star gazing and listening to stories. Her favorite subject is English and she wishes to become a nurse when she grows up.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60196**



Dipto lives in a mud hut with his parents who cannot meet all of the family's needs. He is very smart and wishes to become doctor so he can serve the people in his village.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60992**



Olipah is very quiet, but enjoys making new friends, playing netball and jump rope. She loves to sing the songs from her church while she works and wants to become a doctor.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60697**



Raj Varma is an intelligent boy who enjoys school, learning about the Bible is his favorite. He likes to help others and his parents who struggle with paying for basic necessities.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60316**



Riya enjoys attending school, likes to play skipping rope with her friends, and learn to cook. She wants to continue her education to become a kind nurse when she grows up.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60216**