



# Newsletter

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## Letter from Jim Rennie

During the 14 years that I have been in the role of CEO, I have had many highlights. I've learned to trust in the Lord and in what we do, and I have seen countless blessings that he has provided the organization and to the people and children that we serve. I'm amazed at the generosity and commitment of our sponsors and donors, and I am humbled and grateful for their support.

One of the greatest highlights was the construction and ongoing management of the **Sunrise Home in India** where over 120 orphans are housed. It has not been easy, but the dedicated staff of Raj and Lalita Varma and their staff have ensured that hundreds of children have been given a home and hope. It has also been exciting to be involved with the **blind and deaf schools in India** and to see the change brought to special needs children. The project that we are completing at KMMS in Bangladesh is our largest school project ever undertaken. While progress has been slow due to the Covid pandemic, it has managed to make significant progress over the past few months. The expansion into **Myanmar** was very exciting. Unfortunately, there has not been any further growth since the army coup in the country. Our partnership with **Riverside Farms in Zambia** is exciting and already is leading to over 100 children being sponsored.

I will be moving back to my home country, New Zealand, and continuing in the role of managing special field projects as Vice President of Special Projects. I am very excited about the transition of the organization's new CEO, Tom Evans. He will have my ongoing support as well as the support of our team. We face many challenges with the pandemic, in most countries where we operate so we ask for your continued prayers for these challenges and for the transition of management at Child Impact International. I am grateful for the Lord's blessings and for your generous support.

**Jim Rennie** Vice President of Special Projects,  
Child Impact International



## Letter from the CEO

Our family is excited to call Tennessee our new home. This summer we welcomed into our family two amazing boys from an orphanage in Latvia. The sacrifice of time and resources has been worth it to see these boys begin to flourish as part of our family in a safe and loving environment. There is a strong alignment between our personal calling as a family and the new role at Child Impact. Child Impact is all about giving children a chance, an opportunity.

### This is our calling as followers of Jesus

*"Defend the defenseless, the fatherless and the forgotten, the disenfranchised and the destitute.*

*Your duty is to deliver the poor and the powerless..."*

Psalm 82:3-4a.

As I am becoming more familiar with all that Child Impact is involved with, it is truly inspiring. Jim has led with passion, tenacity, and a clarion focus to help children. I'm looking forward to partnering with you in making an eternal difference in the lives of children globally.

**Tom Evans** CEO, Child Impact International



## India's COVID orphans face trauma and trafficking risks

The government has approved Sunrise Home to accept up to 40 Covid orphans. India estimates over 5000 orphans have lost both parents due to the pandemic. In addition to the thousands that have lost both parents, thousands of others have lost at least one parent; and they have been unable to meet the needs to support their children. It is impossible at this time to come up with a realistic count of how many children will be affected, but efforts are being made to face the many issues that arise for these unfortunate children. Serious threats to their mental and physical well-being are becoming a reality. Sunrise Home is continuously working with local government officials to select the children to be accepted into the home. Children are Covid tested prior to being selected, and so far over 12% have tested positive and have had their admission delayed until they receive a negative test result.

The government performs an assessment at the end of three months where a decision will be made as to whether the child will stay at Sunrise Home and ultimately attend a mission school. Child Impact International will fund, not only these children, but the Sunrise Home staff and they will also monitor their health, their education, and their food needs.

Many of the children are so excited to be at Sunrise Home, on the same token, many others are still adjusting to what has happened after losing one or both parents to Covid. The memories of parents leaving to the hospital and never returning has been engrained in their minds. Sunrise Home continues to face immediate and long-term challenges.

Please consider giving to the **“Blind, Deaf & Orphans”** fund to support this emergency project.

### Expansion into Kenya

Child Impact is excited to announce that it has extended its sponsorship program to Kenya. The first 40 children will be students from Kingsway School, an existing Adventist school with over 300 children currently enrolled. Child Impact hopes to expand the partnership with Kingsway School in 2022. The first children should be available for sponsorship late September.

## Field Updates

Currently, all schools are closed because of the Covid virus, but it is anticipated that India will open in two to three weeks. The virus in **Bangladesh** and **Myanmar** remains severe and no date has been set for a school opening. The children in Bangladesh are currently on a routine school break.

We do not have any updates from **Nepal**, but our schools there remain closed. The children are still on their routine school break in **Zambia** and it is anticipated the schools will open on time.

**We have appreciated the cooperation of our sponsors and we are continuing to pay the schools as advised. We believe it is important to keep the schools open by supporting them financially as they have no other income. It is important now that Adventist mission schools stay open for when the virus is back to a safe level.**



## Sunrise Home Sustainability Project

A portion of land was allocated to build a large vegetable garden to help provide essential food resources for the children and staff. The soil was thoroughly analyzed and given the appropriate nutrients prior to seeding. The student, teachers and staff took turns spreading seeds that would yield a variety of vegetables. Any surplus to what is cultivated will be sold to the public so that they can maintain the gardens for many years to come. The pandemic has increased prices of many resources including food so this will help sustain the school's efforts and the families they support. It has proven to be means for self-sustainability and responsible agriculture.



## Your Impact in India

With the help of supporters like you, Child Impact International was able to respond to the Covid-19 crisis in India in 2020 and early 2021, impacting thousands across our mission areas.

The Covid pandemic has overwhelmed areas in India where many of our mission schools and their students and families are located. In a small area of Bobbili we were able to help many who are affected by the pandemic. Over 200 Bags of rice were delivered and distributed to 40 families. Family attendants and relatives were able to receive and deliver the resources directly. Everyone was grateful for the support that was extended.



## Mission Schools Appeal

### Our mission schools need help

**The KMMS School** is a key mission school in Bangladesh and has had a massive impact in the surrounding communities. It houses 500 children of whom 100 are supported by Child Impact International.

A current project at this location includes the construction of a multi-purpose building which includes a pre-school, library, and additional science rooms.

**The project currently needs \$50,000 to complete the development**

**The Bobbili Day School** is an Adventist mission school that serves as the main school for Sunrise Home students. The school was recently approached by the government to complete classroom requirements. The school is currently under renovation with classrooms being added to the top floor. The school urgently needs a new computer and science classroom along with technology to fulfil the conditions set. Construction is due to be completed by December 2021.

**The project currently needs \$30,000 to complete the expansion**

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You can help more families by donating to the Child Impact International **Rice, Health & Education fund**



## Un-sponsored Children

Currently we have over 100 un-sponsored children in our database that are in need of sponsorships. Your support changes the lives of children around the world and impacts their lives forever.

Visit us at [childimpact.org](http://childimpact.org)  
or scan this QR code to view additional children available for sponsorship.



# HOPE IN MOTION

View our TV program on 3ABN during these times:  
**Friday nights at 10:30pm CST**  
**Saturday afternoon 4:30pm CST**

## What is your legacy?

Most of us give very little thought to this. We know our reward is eternity spent with Jesus 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 for 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?



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

**Please contact us for more information:**  
Call (423) 910-0667 or email [info@childimpact.org](mailto:info@childimpact.org) to arrange for a professional advisor to contact you.


















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# 20 CHILDREN TO SPONSOR TODAY!

 <p><b>Megha</b> is a kind and beautiful girl who loves going to school and enjoys learning new things. Her dream is to be a nurse, provide for her family and serve her community. <b>\$32 Day+ Student</b> ID: <b>U61530</b></p>	 <p><b>Sejuty</b> is a smart girl though her parents are struggling to pay for her education. They have taught her that education is a valuable tool for her to be a nurse and a light in this world. <b>\$32 Day+ Student</b> ID: <b>U61537</b></p>
 <p><b>Rocky</b> is a caring, outgoing and hardworking boy who loves to learn and always does his best. He likes soccer, gardening, helping others, and hopes to be a police officer someday. <b>\$32 Day+ Student</b> ID: <b>U61591</b></p>	 <p><b>Laldiklian</b> loves to learn, goes to school every day and enjoys reading stories. His parents are very poor but he would like to become a doctor so he can support them and his people. <b>\$38 Boarder</b> ID: <b>U61564</b></p>
 <p><b>Simeon's</b> favorite activities are reading stories, reciting poems, and counting numbers. He wants to be a teacher and pass along all the knowledge his teachers have given him. <b>\$38 Boarder</b> ID: <b>U61575</b></p>	 <p><b>Nitay</b> is an enthusiastic boy who is always eager to learn. His favorite class is math as he enjoys solving problems, loves reading books, gardening, and would like to be a teacher. <b>\$38 Boarder</b> ID: <b>U61583</b></p>
 <p><b>Lipi</b> is a hard-working girl who is motivated to continue her nursing studies and complete her Diploma in nursing. Your financial support will give her, and her patients, a better future. <b>\$120 Nursing Student</b> ID: <b>U60669</b></p>	 <p><b>Singmrani</b> is a good, honest girl who is doing well in her studies. She believes nursing is one of the best ways to serve needy people in her country and to preach the love of God. <b>\$120 Nursing Student</b> ID: <b>U60688</b></p>
 <p><b>Sein</b> lives with his parents and three brothers. His parents cannot afford to keep sending him to school which he loves, especially History. Sein wants to study to become a Pastor. <b>\$38 Boarder</b> ID: <b>U19955</b></p>	 <p><b>Samir</b> is a quiet, hardworking, and loves making new friends. His favorite subject is math, his activities include cricket and he would like to help others by becoming a teacher one day. <b>\$25 Day Student</b> ID: <b>U61351</b></p>
 <p><b>Bikash</b> is a caring, hardworking and active boy who loves to learn, especially math. His favorite pastimes are listening to music, dancing, and hopes to become an actor someday. <b>\$25 Day Student</b> ID: <b>U61337</b></p>	 <p><b>Sanjit</b> is a quiet, respectful to others and diligent in his studies. His favorite activities include playing badminton and helping others. Sanjit hopes to become a professional artist. <b>\$25 Day Student</b> ID: <b>U61353</b></p>
 <p><b>San</b> comes from a poor family that doesn't earn enough to put him through school. He would like to further his education to become a doctor and help everyone in his community. <b>\$38 Boarder</b> ID: <b>U18818</b></p>	 <p><b>Ye Yan's</b> parents are elderly and poor. He is active at school, enjoys playing football and the guitar. Ye Yan would like to continue his studies so that he can be an engineer one day. <b>\$38 Boarder</b> ID: <b>U19798</b></p>
 <p><b>Abir</b> is a friendly, smart young man who enjoys reading and playing football. His love for learning increases each day and has led him to pursue an interest in becoming a doctor. <b>\$48 Boarder+</b> ID: <b>U61727</b></p>	 <p><b>Bishal</b> is hardworking, has many friends in school, and helps others in need. His hobbies are gardening and playing soccer. Bishal wants to be a teacher so he can help other children. <b>\$38 Boarder</b> ID: <b>U61607</b></p>
 <p><b>Hilton</b> is a great student and always applies himself in his classes. His favorite pastimes include playing football and reading books. Hilton hopes to become a teacher someday. <b>\$38 Boarder</b> ID: <b>U61599</b></p>	 <p><b>Tuli</b> is a hardworking student and always cheerful in school. She likes to play jump rope, cook, and work in the garden. Tuli wants to be a nurse so she can help her family and others. <b>\$32 Day+ Student</b> ID: <b>U61409</b></p>
 <p><b>Geeta</b> is a cheerful, outgoing and caring girl who loves spending time with her friends, cooking, drawing, skipping rope, and gardening. Geeta hopes to become a nurse. <b>\$32 Day+ Student</b> ID: <b>U61431</b></p>	 <p><b>Aporna</b> is a caring, hardworking girl, loves to learn and is always an active participant especially in her Morals class. She hopes to be a nurse and provide care for her family and community. <b>\$32 Day+ Student</b> ID: <b>U61427</b></p>