

New Logo

This newsletter reveals the new branding for Asian Aid world wide. With offices in Australia, USA and India it was decided a new, fresh and modern logo was required. The new brand reflects the wider work Asian Aid does and the byline 'Give Hope Today' reflects the wide range of people to whom Asian Aid gives hope. It will allow us to better describe the wide range of work Asian Aid does which includes 'Giving Hope to Children', 'Giving Hope to Women', 'Giving Hope with Water' and 'Giving Hope to Villages'.



GIVING HOPE with Education and Food

Costs in India

In the last two years there has been a large increase in the cost of living in India. The cost of basic food like rice has increased over 65% in the last 6 months. Asian Aid has had no sponsorship fee increase for over 6 years. The schools are struggling with increased costs and Asian Aid must increase child payments to all the schools.

In the next month we will be asking our sponsors to reach a little deeper to continue to provide for our needy kids. We will write to you shortly about this. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions.



International Programs Manager Appointed

Asian Aid is pleased to announce that Quentin Campbell has been appointed International Programs Manager based in Australia.

After completing his Bachelor of Arts with double majors in International Development Studies and Communication at Avondale College in 2003 he worked for ADRA in Laos as an intern for two years.

Upon his return to Australia in 2005 Quentin took on the role of International Program Coordinator at ADRA where he was responsible for overseeing project funding to several countries including Mongolia, Laos, Burma and Sri Lanka.

His great passion throughout his career has been to support children in need with the gift of an education.

Quentin is 33, his wife is Kelly and they have two young children.

May 2010 Newsletter

The beginning of 2010 has been busy. The film crew spent another 4 weeks in Nepal and India with Helen Eager. Kerryn Patrick from the Australian office also joined the group. I was sorry to miss out on Nepal but got to visit some exciting parts of Asian Aid's work in India I had never seen.

The progress of the corn crop and other vegetables on the Sunrise land was exciting to see and it is always a huge delight to visit the children. Their need is real and I hope we can start the new orphanage soon.

We are in the planning stage for the ASI meetings and the General Conference. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can at these events.

Please pray for our work and the 6,000 children we support with your help.

Jim Rennie CEO Asian Aid USA



GIVING HOPE with a New Home

Sunrise Orphanage Update

During the January visit to India, AA USA's CEO, Jim Rennie, founder Helen Eager and the film crew had the opportunity to visit the Sunrise orphanage in Bobbili again.

The children were so excited to see 'Mummy Eager' and also the film crew who have started to get to know many of the children. "These kids are very special, bright and happy and love the Lord" says Jim Rennie. He goes on to say "Every time I come here it's a delight but when I see where they live and the demand to help other homeless children I realize what an important challenge we have."

The team visited the land where the new orphanage will be built and were delighted to see the newly planted corn and other vegetable crops that were flourishing. In April the corn will be used for food at the orphanage and some will be sold for funds.

One of the key benefits of the crop is that the children have been able to participate in the planting and growing. Mrs. Varma, the director says that this has had a very positive effect on the children. She thanks the supporters for the land and looks forward to the new home with room for the children and the many new children for whom Sunrise can make a difference. Full plans and costing are now being prepared.



PLEASE SUPPORT THE SUNRISE BUILDING FUND!

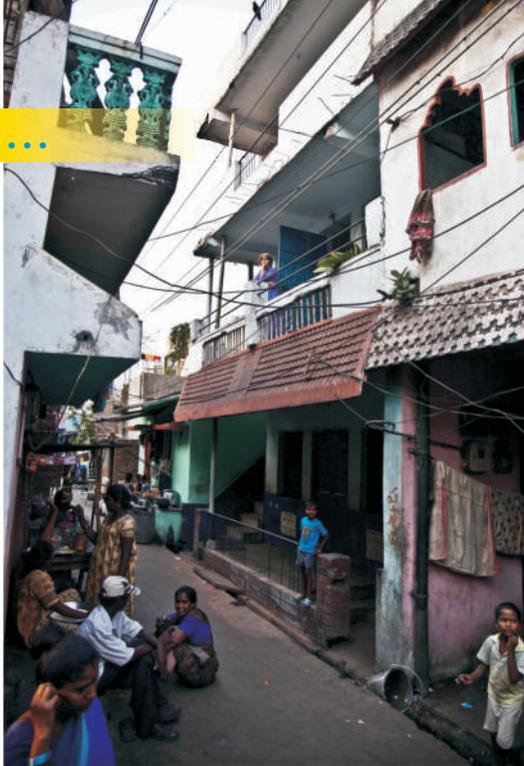
GIVING HOPE in Slums ...

Vizak Slum School

Our film crew, Mrs. Eager and Mr. Rennie scheduled a visit to a special school in the slums in Vishakhapatnam (Vizak) a major port city on the east coast of India with a population of over 4 million. This school is situated right in the middle of the major slum in the center of the city. It is estimated that over 10,000 people live here in very poor circumstances. Most rooms are only 6 x 4 and have 3 - 6 people in each room. This school was started by another Adventist organization for the children of prostitutes and now has over 110 children. Some of their mothers are still in prostitution and most families live well below the poverty level.

On arrival our group was told that a decision had been made to close the school based on the proximity of another school and funding issues. After talking to the staff and seeing the real, measurable work this school is doing it only took eye contact between Jim Rennie and Helen Eager for them to agree this school must not close. "This school is what Asian Aid is all about. The reality is, if we close this school, most of the children will simply stay at home or beg on the streets. They urgently need us," she said.

The school is in a three story building located right in the slum. There is no playground. On Sabbaths, over 100 people worship in the building. Immediate plans include: Cleaning and painting the building, tiling the floors, developing safe walls and producing shade on the roof so the students will have somewhere to play, adding black boards and desks and improving food preparation and storage. Children will be given a midday meal to ensure they get some nutrition. A plan for transport and subsidy to send the older children to the high school and boarding school will also be put in place "We have to help this school. The slums are not a pleasant place to visit and yet the people were very nice to us as they truly appreciate the school," reported Jim Rennie.



Asian Aid is starting an urgent special slum fund for the Vizak School and seeks your support NOW to keep it open!

HOPE in Motion ... Asian Aid's new TV Series, Website & Facebook page

Asian Aid's new TV series called *Asian Aid ... Hope in Motion* will premier on 3ABN in early May at these times:

Friday 5:45pm CST (6:45pm Eastern)
Sunday 9:00am CST (10:00am Eastern)
Wednesday 11:15pm CST (9:15pm Pacific)

In our next newsletter we will advise how you can get copies on DVD.

Meanwhile our new web site ...

www.asianaid.org

... and Facebook page will go live in early May.

GIVING HOPE to Women

Film crew and Mrs Eager in Nepal

Helen Eager and the film crew visited Nepal. They had an opportunity to see the amazing work that Asian Aid is doing with women's health programs. Asian Aid has sponsored over 5,000 women's prolapse operations. This is a major health issue for women in this region and the work that Asian Aid is doing is giving hope and a new life to these women.

Asian Aid Audit Complete

The board of Asian Aid USA is pleased to report that a full independent audit has been completed for the accounts of 2009.

It was a clean audit report and copies are available by request.

It will also be posted on the new web site.



Triplets and twins in one family

While in Baljipeta School in India we had the opportunity to meet the triplets and twins from the Naidu family. Mr. Raman Naidu is a poor laborer. In 2003 his wife gave birth to twin girls Renuka and Jeevana. Two years later his wife gave birth to triplet girls! Sadly, the mother died from complications at their birth. Daughters in India are a huge burden to parents since custom demands that new

parents provide a dowry. Mr. Naidu has struggled to raise his daughters in poverty. It was exciting to see the progress these five girls have made at school and meet the loyal father who really cares for these girls. He had tears in his eyes as he thanked Asian Aid and their sponsors. With an education, the hope for a better life has become more than just his dream for his daughters. It has become a reality.

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