Dear Supporters,

The last three months have been busy for our staff. We recently attended the NAD Teacher’s Convention in Nashville where we launched our new fundraising program, “My School on a Mission” which provides an opportunity for Adventist schools to collect funds for needy schools in India and also their school. The interest was remarkable and we look forward to working with schools on this project. We then traveled to Cincinnati where we had a booth at the National ASI. It was a wonderful time for networking with donors, partners and media resources.

You may have recently received a letter from us announcing the opening of Sunrise Orphanage in November and the opportunity to visit India with Asian Aid and attend this anticipated event. Visiting the children you support and seeing their changed lives will impact your life forever. Please contact us as soon as possible if you would like to join us.

I have just returned from a trip to India visiting the schools with our new Director in India, David Keeler. There are many challenges but it is always rewarding to sit with the children and see the difference your support and prayers make in their lives.

Christian regards,

Jim Rennie
CEO Asian Aid USA

Vizianagaram School

Asian Aid has started an urgent fund for the Vizianagaram Adventist School in India. This school is located one hour north of Vizak in a very poor area on the outskirts of the town of Vizianagaram. The school has poorly constructed classrooms and some have asbestos roofs which leak. There is no boy’s dormitory and the boys sleep on the floor in the church. CEO Jim Rennie has just visited this school and the need for a new classroom is urgent. We ask you to pray for this school and consider supporting this need financially.

Asian Aid needs to raise $300,000 for this project and has a donor willing to match the funds we raise up to $50,000.

Your valuable donations are stretched to double when you help this needy project!
Devoki Returns

When Jeypore School first opened, Devoki Mohoria was a small child who came from a poor village 60 miles away. Her parents were so excited that Asian Aid would sponsor their daughter in this beautiful new campus built and opened by Garwin McNeilus. Devoki was a top student, completed her studies at Jeypore School and went on to Nuzvid Adventist College where she graduated with a BA in Science. She has now returned to Jeypore as a science teacher. Arun Panda, Jeypore Principal, says that “Devoki’s return as a teacher is so exciting! She is the first student who has returned to teach”. The vision of Asian Aid co-founder Helen Eager to help children in these remote villages and the generosity of Garwin McNeilus are giving thousands of village children like Devoki opportunities to have successful careers and to experience and share Christian education.

Sunrise Orphanage Opening

We are very excited to announce the opening of the new Sunrise Orphanage on Sunday, November 4. This will be an exciting day. If you would like to come to this opening and visit some other schools including the blind school and the Vizak slum school please call us and we will arrange for your visit. Join this exciting event and get to see the work of Asian Aid.

For more information call us (423) 910-0667 or email support@asianaid.org

Sunrise girls proudly show their artwork

New Flaiz Bible Worker Program

There is a huge shortage of Bible workers and pastors in India. Asian Aid has partnered with Flaiz Adventist College in Andhra Pradesh to develop a two year Bible Worker program. Following the two year course the graduates commit to work in a church for an additional two years and are guaranteed employment by the church.

Already 33 young people have enrolled! They are excited, energetic, and passionate about sharing the Gospel. But they urgently need sponsors to be able to continue their studies. Madhusudan, one of the 33 enrolled in the program, says “God has been good to me and I have great zeal to work for God. My parents cannot afford to pay the fees. I will work hard and work to the best of my abilities.” Others, such as Gowri, have family who have given many years of service to the church. His father worked as a Bible worker and established 14 churches until he died of a stroke in June 2012. Gowri would like to continue in his father’s footsteps, but his mother works as a street sweeper so cannot help him financially.

Will you help empower students such as Madhusudan and Gowri to spread God’s Word through India?

The cost for books, tuition, boarding, food and other costs is $960 per year for two years, $1920 for the full two years, or $80/month.

You can sponsor a specific Bible worker, will receive their picture and information about them, and can pay in whichever way is best for you.

We have featured some of them on the back page of this newsletter and you may contact us if you would like to sponsor one of them or donate towards this project.

Gowri wants to follow in his father’s footsteps as a Bible worker
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“God’s love Song” is available at your local ABC or you can order online at: www.AdventistBookCenter.com.

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Growing Pains

Recently we went live with our new database which over time will improve our customer service and information from the field. With data covering over 9,000 children and thousands of sponsors in the USA and Australia, we have had a few “hiccups.” If our response has been a little slow or if you have experienced challenges with our website, please be patient with us and feel free to contact us if we can help resolve any issues for you.

With the new database is also a change in child ID numbers which will hopefully result in a better experience for sponsors. Child ID numbers provide children a unique, more accurate identification than names (which often have multiple spellings) or birth dates (as many children in India do not know their birth date). In the past, child ID numbers changed whenever the child transferred schools. However, the children now have a number which will stay with them throughout the time they are supported by Asian Aid. In the transition we will be able to find your child using either number, and you can expect to receive a notification of your child’s new number within this year. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to let us know.

If your child attends an Adventist school or you are involved with a school, please tell them about this mission fundraising program.

Visit www.myschoolmission.org or contact us for more details
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 transfer of an asset from the donor(s) to the charity, and make payments to the donor(s) for life.

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 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.