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Looking back over the last year, I am very grateful for the Lord's blessing on Asian Aid. I especially appreciate the valuable support we received from many of you and the progress it made possible for our ministry. We were thrilled with Asian Aid's growth in 2011 and are now beginning to initiate plans for 2012.

January was a busy month in our office as we processed tax receipts, started planning for the new year, completed year-end accounts for the auditor, and launched our new "GIVE HOPE TODAY Mission Project". I would like to thank Anne, Stacy, and Deborah for their hard work and dedication to those we serve.

We are excited about the new "GIVE HOPE TODAY Mission Project" and ask that you see how your church or church group can participate. If you own a business, we will also be happy to work with you to use your project as PR and as a staff incentive.

We have experienced challenges this past year with our Sunrise Orphanage project, and there is a special letter from me in this newsletter addressing some of the difficulties.

I am currently on a planning trip to Nepal and India and will be meeting up with a group of Asian Aid supporters on the "Meet the Children" tour. We will share their experiences with you in the next newsletter.



In this new year, consider how you can help us help more children. Would your church be willing for us to share during their church service or mission emphasis time? Please contact us if you can help us organize this opportunity. Also, as many of you consider

your estate and investment planning, please remember Asian Aid. On the back page you can read about how we can assist you with your charitable gift annuity.

We are thankful for the privilege we have in helping "the least of these" experience true and genuine HOPE. Thank you for partnering with us in praying for these children, their families, and communities as we seek to give hope today and for eternity.

Jim Rennie, CEO Asian Aid USA



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AsianAID GIVE HOPE TODAY MISSION PROJECT

In January this year we launched a special project called "GIVE HOPE TODAY Mission Project". We are excited that Shawn Boonstra has agreed to be an Honorary Ambassador for Asian Aid and will be assisting in promoting this project.

In a recent interview, Shawn stated, "Outreach, the mission of the church, is an attribute of God. This is a great program for you or your church to serve in some way and give HOPE."

The "GIVE HOPE TODAY Mission Project" is an excellent way for you as a business, church, Sabbath School class, Pathfinder or youth group, individual or family to be involved in a mission project at a level that suits your resources. There are a wide range of projects in many needy areas such as child sponsorship, education, orphans, community development, and agriculture. Supporters can look forward to receiving reports and photographs of the positive changes made because of their commitment to their project.

To assist you in promoting your project, Asian Aid will provide personalized flyers and regular updates. This is an exciting way for you to have your own mission project, and we are happy to tailor a project to meet your needs.

We ask that you as a church, business, or individual participate in and share our mission project initiative with as many as you can. Please call us if you would like a booklet of the exciting projects, or visit www.givehopetoday.org

Check out Shawn Boonstra's GIVE HOPE TODAY promotional spot on YouTube: <http://youtu.be/bBTqA70sGiQ>

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

Thoughts on the Sunrise Project

Jim Rennie, CEO Asian Aid USA

Dear Asian Aid Supporters,

Early in 2010 Asian Aid made the decision to proceed with the construction of the new Sunrise home in rural Bobbili, India. With generous support from donors, the decision to commence construction was made in early 2011. Asian Aid's main focus is to support children and orphans, so we do not have our own construction staff or access to hundreds of volunteers. However, plans were finalized and a USA company which had significant construction experience in India was contracted for the project.

Unfortunately, the project at all stages has struck difficulties, and late last year after two visits we had to make some tough decisions. The challenges we faced included:

- Having to remove our contractor from the site and take over the direct role of construction using local contractors.
- Ongoing land disputes with neighbors and a local Indian priest that led to them digging up our roadways, causing workers to refuse to enter the site. We were then forced to construct a one mile road into the site.
- Getting local labor that is reliable. Some days they simply don't show up.
- The difficulty and cost of obtaining items and material.
- Getting approvals from local officials who want bribes.
- All these and other issues affecting our budget.

Last December as I looked into the eyes of the local priest and the agitated workers, for the first time in my life I realized that we were directly dealing with Satan fighting to stop the project. It hit me hard. On Friday, I sat under a tree in a field in India feeling we had let the children down, the donors down, and my mind swirling with which of multiple options to take. I called out to God asking why and asking for His help. How often we forget that the devil is here to stop us, but that "our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing".

The next day was the special baptism of 27 Sunrise children at the site. I came alive as I saw their faces reflecting happiness and the love of the Lord. These children did not come from a comfortable bed that morning but had slept shoulder to shoulder on the floor. They didn't sport flashy clothes but were dressed very tidily, and the girls in their special dresses looked beautiful. These children did not have parents sitting in the front row; their real parents had been murdered, poisoned, died of AIDS, or simply deserted them on a road. We are blessed that they have a loving home Director who helps give them a better life. I shuddered as the priest showed up to watch the baptism. He watched intently, looked me in the eye with a softer look, and then walked away. Twenty-seven beautiful children who were destined to a life without HOPE accepted Jesus. A little boy ran up to me and simply said, "Thanks, Sir". Then I knew that our challenges were only a setback, and we had to move on - for the children, for the potential to change young lives, for God and the opportunity He had given us. The new Sunrise home will give these children and over 100 more a bed, a home, and love. Right there I committed that whatever it took, we would finish it. In fact, with its fabulous agriculture and expansive property, my vision grew that Sunrise would one day even double in size.

I know that we have asked many times for your support, but as we are in need of funds to start the boys' dormitory I ask for your prayers for renewed energy and financial assistance to give these 85 wonderful kids and over 100 more orphans the home that they need. Please pray with me for The Sunrise Project.



Dining Hall brick work



Girls' dorm beginning to look like home!



Innovative Technology for Blind School

Stephen Blosser, who works for Michigan State University's Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities, recently traveled to India and visited several Asian Aid schools. "This was a journey of discovering God's plan," reported Blosser. "Asian Aid schools in India are a place of answered prayer and an oasis that stands apart from the poverty surrounding it."



Stephen Blosser with Pastor Paulson, principal of the Bobbili blind school

Working in collaboration with Andrews University, the Resource Center has been planning ways to enhance support services to students in Asian Aid. These support strategies include updating technology that enables students with disabilities to compete for employment in the modern world.

This last semester, engineering students at Michigan State University developed talking

anatomy models to assist blind students in learning how the human body functions. Twelve teams were assigned to make 3D anatomy models of one part of the body (i.e. the ear, eye, shoulder, or heart).

For freshman computer science major Jordyn, the project was especially exciting because she is a student who is blind. When she learned anatomy, she was only provided 2D pictures. "I never really got to learn anatomy myself. Hopefully I can help make it better for them because I know what works and what doesn't when it comes to learning as a completely blind person."

The anatomy models and other technology will be delivered to India this month.

Showing blind students a talking pen



Women's Health Nepal

This January to June 2012, Asian Aid USA is carrying out a special project in the rural Gorkha district of Nepal. Based on a needs assessment conducted in 2008, it was found that uterine prolapse was most serious in villages in this area. Uterine prolapse, a painful and debilitating condition in women where the uterus protrudes out of the body, is easily resolved by a surgery which most poor Nepali women cannot afford. Consequently, these women often suffer their whole lives from both the physical pain and the social stigma it brings.

Because of those of you who have contributed to the Nepal Women's Health Project, Asian Aid will be entering the villages of Jaubari, Shrinathko, Kerabari, Bhakcheck, and Hamsapur to give 100 women suffering from 3rd degree uterine prolapse a new life. Besides surgery and follow-up, the project will target providing education and awareness of the root causes of the condition to the communities.

Asian Aid thanks those of you who have made this project possible!

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Raghavendra: Learning the Language of Hope

Deafness is difficult to deal with under any circumstance, but in a poor Indian village where there is little education, barely enough food, and very little understanding of deafness, the hardship is even greater. Raghavendra, who was born completely deaf, grew up using makeshift hand gestures to communicate. He was faced with a future of hard, low-paying work and the continuation of the cycle of poverty.

When Raghavendra was ten, he went to study at Asian Aid's School for the Hearing Impaired. There, he learned sign language, which he taught his family at home. He is now eighteen years old and recently lost his father to sickness. His mother now relies on him for financial support, and very holiday he works to earn some money for her. However, because he is gaining an education, he is hopeful for a bright future and opportunities that his family



never had. Raghavendra plans to continue his studies at a university and earn a business degree so he can run a fabric company. Despite his challenges, he is becoming a capable and independent young man who is bringing hope to his future and the future of his family.

Through special-need schools, Asian Aid gives hope to children often faced by the harshest of difficulties.

Dedicated teachers, holistic and specialized teaching methods, and patient and loving hearts are helping to transform deaf children like Raghavendra into the promising young man he has become.

"Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not . . . He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing." Isaiah 35: 4-6



HOPE in Motion full DVD set

Our new 3-disk DVD set of the complete *Hope in Motion* series is now available! This inspirational series will make a great gift for friends and family. For only \$10 you have the opportunity to see the places we've been talking about in these newsletters and the faces of the children you are affecting by your support.

PLEASE CALL TO PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3ABN Broadcasting Times: This March, Asian Aid will begin its new 30-minute series on 3ABN. For those of you who have enjoyed watching the *Hope in Motion* episodes every Friday evening, you definitely don't want to miss these brand new stories of how God has been working through Asian Aid's ministry this last year. Asian Aid continues to air on Fridays at 5:30 PDT, 6:30 MDT, 7:30 CDT, and 8:30 EDT.

Visit Us: Come by our booth at conventions we will be attending this year.

We would love to meet you!

ASI Conventions	Southwest Columbia Southern Mid-America Atlantic North Pacific National	Joshua, TX Vienna, VA Decatur, GA Denver, CO Newport, RI Boise, ID Cincinnati, OH	March 1-4 March 8-11 April 12-14 April 19-22 April 20-22 April 26-29 August 8-11
Teacher's Convention		Nashville, TN	August 5-8

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

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 SUPPORT



Dipti's father is a tailor. When he doesn't have work he catches fish to sell so he can buy rice. Dipti wants to become a teacher.

\$35 Boarder
ID: **IEMN298**



Rubel lives in a house made of mud and tin in Bangladesh. He is in 1st grade and likes to play football.

\$35 Boarder
ID: **BSA094**



Tania likes skipping and playing handball. She is in 7th grade and would like to become a nurse so she can help the people in her village.

\$35 Boarder
ID: **BSA183**



Binoy goes to school in Bangladesh where he is in 7th grade. He likes to play football and would like to become a businessman.

\$35 Boarder
ID: **BSA187**



Kanaga's father works as a coolie but is also an alcoholic, so his family struggles to be able to care for the 3 children. Kanaga is in 4th grade.

\$35 Boarder
ID: **ICHT036**



Rakshitha is in 5th grade at the deaf school. She likes to draw and wants to become a teacher.

\$45 Boarder Plus
ID: **IDD121**



Tharak's father died and his mother works for daily wages. Tharak is in 6th grade.

\$30 Day Plus
ID: **ISNG071**



Ajay's mother's leg is affected with polio, but she still tries to work along with Ajay's father as a coolie. Ajay is in 1st grade.

\$30 Day Plus
ID: **IBBD055**



Lakshmi is in upper kindergarten this year. Both her parents work hard to care for their children and other family that depend on them.

\$30 Day Plus
ID: **IBBD050**



Kanaka's father is an alcoholic and doesn't work to support the family, so his mother works as a house maid to earn some income.

\$30 Day Plus
ID: **IBBD045**



Koteswara is in kindergarten and has one sister. Both his parents are field laborers.

\$30 Day Plus
ID: **IBBD044**



Ankit's father is a painter but is often sick. His mother works as a house maid. Ankit is in kindergarten and has one brother.

\$30 Day Plus
ID: **ISNG068**



Siddhartha's father died in 2009, so now his mother works to support Siddhartha and his brother.

\$30 Day Plus
ID: **ISNG069**



Ranjitha is in her 1st year of nursing school. She is a good student and likes to read the Bible and sing. She is also good in sports.

\$80 Tertiary
ID: **INPRD033**



Gogam is in nursing school and has one year left. He works hard and enjoys reading.

\$80 Tertiary
ID: **INRS0087**



Vijay is in her 1st year of nursing. She likes to read the Bible, listen to music, and is a Sabbath School leader.

\$80 Tertiary
ID: **INNRS081**