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Talking with their best Friend

## Week of Prayer Changes Lives

***“If there were more praying among us, more exercise of a living faith, and less dependence upon someone else to have an experience for us, we would be far in advance of where we are today in spiritual intelligence. What we need is a deep, individual heart and soul experience. Then we shall be able to tell what God is doing and how He is working. We need to have a living experience in the things of God; and we are not safe unless we have this.”***

(EG White, Prayer, p. 20)

This experience is what the students at the Bobbili Blind School were seeking after and what many experienced in their Week of Prayer, presented by Pastor Vara Jacob. His messages, based on the week's topic *‘My Best Friend Is ... Jesus’*, resulted in special prayer bands throughout the day and the decision of seven students to give their lives to Jesus as their best friend.

Continue to pray for these seven students who have made their stand for Christ and that many others will have this essential “living experience in the things of God”.



Blind School baptismal candidates

Dear Asian Aid Supporters,

At this time of year we see the APR's (Annual Progress Reports) coming in for the children that many of you sponsor. Each one has a different story and it gives you a perspective of the thousands of lives we touch and the difference you as sponsors make in the life of a child each day. We really do our best to get an APR for each child, but sometimes schools are slow or miss one so we ask for your patience with this process.

I have just visited the Sunrise Orphanage site in India again and we are getting closer to finishing various buildings. Final tiles are going down in the girls' dormitory and the inside of the kitchen is being done. This week we hope to complete paths, and the walls of the staff houses should be complete soon. It's the start of the rainy season so some days it's difficult to make progress. If you can please help this project, we are collecting funds for a small vehicle and all the furnishing.

As many of you are aware, Shawn Boonstra who now works at the NAD Ministerial Dept. is helping us as an Honorary Ambassador. He is promoting our ***‘Mission Project’*** campaign which is a great way for a family, Sabbath School group, church, business or any group to be involved in a real mission project. Please read the project catalog we have enclosed to see how you can be involved.

Despite all the challenges with funds and management we face, every time I go to the field and sit down with the children it thrills my heart to see the difference you make in their lives with your support.



I thank the Lord for His leading and for your prayers and support.  
**Jim Rennie, CEO Asian Aid USA**



Totally blind Appalachari commits his life to Jesus

# Bindu & Bimala Prepare For New School Year

With the turn of the Nepali New Year, as temperatures begin to rise and locals prepare for the coming monsoon season, students from all over the Kathmandu Valley are readying themselves for another Nepali school year. Bindu and Bimala, sponsored children of Asian Aid USA, are getting back into familiar rhythms with their uniforms pressed and school books in hand as they kick off the new school year at Asian Aid supported 3 Angels International Mission School.

Bindu comes from a remote village of the Tanahu district. After losing both her parents in her first few years of life, Bindu was forced to find shelter in a rundown shed on the outskirts of a nearby village. Her only form of sustenance was food given to her by a generous Hindu priest. Thankfully, the local government was alerted of Bindu's situation and brought her into a life of newfound security with Asian Aid partner 3 Angels Nepal (3AN). Bindu is now living in one of several children's homes run by 3AN, with dedicated house parents, Ramesh and Basanti Pandey.

"Bindu is forever dancing," say Ramesh Pandey. "She has a real love for it! And when there is activity in the kitchen, you will find Bindu ready to help cook. Quite the team player!" When asked the question, "If you could have any animal in the world as your



pet, what would you choose?" Bindu answered shyly, "A rabbit." It is this gentle spirit that makes this young lady a pleasure to have as part of the Asian Aid and 3 Angels Nepal family. Similar to Bindu, the story of Bimala begins in a remote part of the Sindulapchwok District. After her father died and her mother deserted her to be remarried, Bimala was left to fend for herself and her younger sister. The generosity of her elderly grandmother sufficed for the sisters for some time, but with no means to work, her grandmother was unable to send the children to school. After being transferred between government offices, searching for a suitable place for Bimala to be raised, the Kaski District office requested the support of 3 Angels Nepal. Since

becoming part of the 3AN family, Bimala has continued to excel in her studies and has even begun to show a real talent for singing. The opportunity to play a part in providing these young girls the chance of a promising future is one that both Asian Aid and 3 Angels Nepal are proud to take on. There are more promising children like Bindu and Bimala that have been born into disadvantaged situations that are counting on your support to turn their lives around.



Prabita now has a reason to smile

## A Safe Haven For Prabita\*

**Prabita was 15 years old when she first grasped the meaning of justice – by experiencing the painful reality of injustice.**

Prabita was born into one of the most well-known areas for trafficking in central Nepal. Prabita's father was a refugee, working as a laborer while her mother stayed at home looking after the children. The tribe her family belonged to strongly adhered to what she describes as 'jungle living', where every asset is considered to be common commodity for the villagers – including wives and daughters. Women and young girls were being shared among the men of the village.

One day while Prabita was attending public school, she was trafficked by a man from a neighboring village. He kept her captive in his home for several weeks where he promised Prabita that "marrying him would mean a better life and future."

To Prabita's horror, her parents agreed to this arrangement thinking that it would benefit their daughter and their family. Prabita soon found herself in an abusive situation with this man and learned that he had plans to sell her into India. Knowing she had few options left, Prabita managed to flee from the man's home and returned to tell her family the truth about her ordeal. It was then that Asian Aid partner, 3 Angels Nepal (3AN), was notified of Prabita's situation and was able to bring her into the security of the Women's Safe Haven (WSH) program. Prabita now studies at a local government school where she is in grade six. She is also learning new skills in knitting, sewing, and computer literacy as part of the WSH vocational training program.

It is estimated that up to 15,000 Nepali girls are smuggled over the border into Indian brothels every year. The Women's Safe Haven rescues and provides a safe place for girls and women who have been involved in this trafficking process. It is with the help of Asian Aid donors and supporters that this work can continue, and that young women such as Prabita can be given a new life of hope, security, and opportunities.

\* Pseudonym



Raj Varma (middle) with the couple

## Wedding Bells Ring

When Sujatha lost both her father and mother at the age of three, it seemed that her life was doomed to a desperate struggle for survival. However, after finding a home at Elim Orphanage with Asian Aid sponsorship, she also found a father. Raj Varma, Asian Aid field officer working with the orphanage, took her under his care and gave her the fatherly love and mentorship that every little Indian girl needs and craves. It was like a dream come true for a girl who had early met with such poor circumstances.

Another little girl dream came true this April when wedding bells rang for Sujatha. Proudly escorted down the aisle by her childhood 'father', Raj Varma, she was married to Chandra Sekhara Rao, another Asian Aid sponsored student who had studied at Spicer College and now works for the SDA Conference Office in North Andhra Pradesh.

This would not have been possible without the generosity of Sujatha and Chandra's sponsors who have given two lives endless potential and fulfilling lives - not only as individuals, but now united in service.

## No Ordinary Job

By: Anne Binette, Asian Aid USA Office Manager

When I walked into the Asian Aid office for the first time nearly three years ago, India was merely a place on the map to me. I had prayed for a fulfilling job, but I was unaware of God's plan for me. This was no ordinary job. This job would begin my total immersion into Asian Aid's vision to stop the cycle of poverty through education and to reach India's children with Jesus' beautiful story of redemption.

In March, I was honored to visit India and see first-hand the work we are doing. As I walked onto our school campuses I was thrilled to see the faces of so many children who before were only photos that came across my desk.

Sirvilli is an albino at the Blind School whose photo tugged at my heart as I entered her into the Asian Aid sponsorship program about a year ago. I am proud to be her sponsor and was excited to be able to meet her and talk with her. Albinism is prevalent in India and the children are not taught to protect their skin nor their eyes from the sun. She is already struggling with her vision and the large sun spots on her arms and back are precursors for future skin cancers. I brought her sunscreen and good sunglasses - necessary items for albinos. I told her how happy I was to sponsor her and how much I wanted her to do well in school. She comes from a Hindu family and her education at the Blind School may be their only hope to learn about Christ.



Anne with Sirvilli

I met a young mother whose husband discarded her because she has tuberculosis. She has no home, no money and a young son, Samuel, for whom she must provide. They beg on the streets! I met them midmorning and after talking to her realized that neither of them had eaten that day because they had no food. Samuel is now an Asian Aid sponsored child who will get food and an education. We are working to provide his mother with a place to live, food and the medication necessary to prevent her from dying. These are not unusual stories. These stories are on every street corner in India.

At the Flaiz School we learned about an exciting program beginning in June. They will be offering a two year theology program designed to educate Bible workers. In return for completion of this program, each Bible worker is required to then serve for a year as a Bible worker for the Union. Asian Aid has agreed to help find sponsors for these young people. Please let us know if you would like to sponsor a Bible worker. We have many churches in India that could be filled with people if there was a Bible worker in that church.

Yes, working for Asian Aid is no ordinary job. Asian Aid is meeting God's challenge to reach "the least of these" and I am humbled to be a part of His plan.



Samuel with his mother

# SUPPORT OUR EXCITING PROJECTS

**WHERE NEEDED MOST / URGENT NEEDS: \$50,000**

Asian Aid has to fund the management of its USA office and pay the management of the sponsorship and projects in India and Nepal. Help ensure that Asian Aid's mission can be carried out and emergency needs can be met.



**SUNRISE ORPHANAGE: \$50,000**

The new Sunrise Orphanage in Bobbili India is now well under construction. Funds are still needed, however, for furnishings such as beds, mattresses, tables, and chairs; kitchen and farming equipment; and motor vehicles.

**WOMEN'S HEALTH NEPAL: \$35,000**

Asian Aid is partnering with the Adventist Hospital in Katmandu to do prolapse uterus operations for needy women in the community. Operations cost approx. \$350 and at least 100 need to be scheduled.



**SLUM SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT: \$20,000**

Asian Aid is working in Vizak and Bangalore to develop schools and sponsor slum children's education.

**VIZIANAGARAM SCHOOL: \$125,000**

At this Adventist school, the classrooms are in disrepair, the children sleep on the floor, and the sanitation is poor. The object is to build 10 new classrooms, a boys' dormitory, a small kitchen, and improve the sleeping facilities.

**SCHOOL COMPUTERS/SCIENCE EQUIPMENT: \$25,000**

Many Adventist schools in India lack necessary computers and basic science equipment to deliver quality and competitive education.

**ASIAN AID TV SERIES: \$50,000**

Asian Aid's 'Hope in Motion' television series is a key factor in helping Asian Aid grow and expand its ministry. This fund will not only help produce the TV series but also support time on 3ABN.

**UNSPONSORED CHILDREN: \$25,000**

Once Asian Aid accepts a child their support is guaranteed. This fund covers children who are awaiting sponsorship or whose donors cannot afford to sponsor them any longer.

If you would like to be a part of any of these important projects, we would love to hear from you! Please call us or send your donation with the project name specified.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**3ABN Broadcasting Times:** Asian Aid has begun 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 4:30 PDT, 5:30 MDT, 6:30 CDT, and 7:30 EDT.

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**Visit Us:** Come by our booth, we'd love to meet you:  
**Teacher's Convention** Nashville, TN August 5-8  
**ASI National Convention** Cincinnati, OH August 8-11  
**Asian Aid's Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held July 7, 2012 in Collegedale, TN.  
 If you are interested in attending, please contact us.

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## 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.

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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



Vinathi's father is a volunteer pastor. He is in 4th grade and likes to play cricket.  
**\$23 Day Student**  
 ID: **IHP455**



Chakravarthy's father deserted the family. He has an older brother and sister and likes cycling.  
**\$23 Day Student**  
 ID: **IRJM126**



Surya is in lower kindergarten, is quiet, and likes to draw.  
**\$23 Day Student**  
 ID: **IRJM116**



Satish's father is an alcoholic, but his mother wants him to have a Christian education.  
**\$23 Day Student**  
 ID: **IRJM112**



Dhanush is in 1st grade and likes drawing and singing.  
**\$23 Day Student**  
 ID: **IRJM100**



When Uday was three he was badly burned when a pot of daal on the fire fell on him.  
**\$23 Day Student**  
 ID: **IRJM045**



Suresh's father is uneducated and works as a coolie to support his four children.  
**\$23 Day Student**  
 ID: **IKNT455**



Rubel is in 2nd grade and lives in Bangladesh.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
 ID: **BSA094**



Prem Sai's father spends all their income on alcohol. They live in a one room house.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
 ID: **IHP458**



Ruphaz Kumar's father is a volunteer pastor for three churches.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
 ID: **IHP468**



Janaki's parents are both day laborers. He is in 4th grade and studies well.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
 ID: **IHP460**



All of Prasad's twelve relatives live together in a two room house. He is in 4th grade.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
 ID: **IHP459**



Both of Ravi Kumar's parents have medical problems which leaves little for his education.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
 ID: **IHP457**



Praveen's mother is a faithful church member who lives near the school.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
 ID: **IHP454**



Anil Kumar is in 2nd grade and likes to play cricket.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
 ID: **IHP449**



Bickey's father works in a tea garden and his mother is a housewife.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
 ID: **INXB069**



Binoy lives and attends school in Bangladesh. He wants to become a businessman.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
 ID: **BSA187**



Sateesh is in 7th grade. Both his parents work as laborers but earn very little.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
 ID: **INSP424**



Venkatamani is in 4th grade and is a good student.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
 ID: **INSP445**



Laxmi likes to sing and read. She is in her last year of nursing.  
**\$80 Nursing**  
 ID: **INRS0106**