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Dear Supporters,

This is our final letter for 2012. We are truly grateful how the Lord has blessed us and our generous supporters this year.

I have just returned from an amazing trip to India and Nepal. Perhaps the highlight was visiting Sunrise Orphanage. Even though the official opening was postponed due to flooding and rain, it was an emotional experience to see it finally becoming a home after 3 years of much planning, time, challenges, and effort. To watch children who have slept on the floor most of their lives lie on their very own new mattress and not want to get off, show such excitement in having clean wash rooms and toilets, and beam as they climb into their new school bus makes our efforts seem so little compared to the reward on these children's faces. It thrilled my heart to see simple things that we take for granted mean the world to them. I cannot thank you enough for your support and wish each of you could have been there in person.

I also visited Nepal where the Adventist church has just been given registration to allow it to operate schools and orphanages in the country. It was exciting to visit possible locations for the first Adventist school in Nepal. Asian Aid is working with the President of the Nepal field, Pastor Chuck Jensen, to help establish a school.

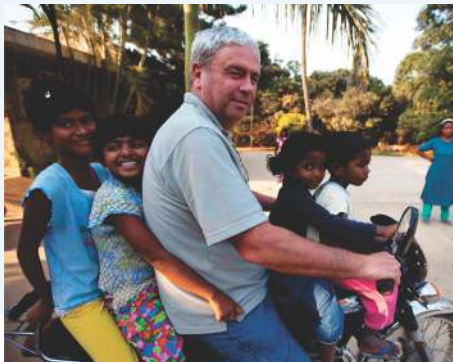
We are having a special Christmas appeal for the Blind and Deaf Schools along with our "Where Needed Most" fund. Both the Blind School and Deaf School in India have constant needs for specialized books and resources along with building and maintenance necessities. Please pray for these schools and how you can make a difference for them with your financial gift. Also, remember that any donations postmarked by December 31, 2012 will receive a tax deductible receipt for the 2012 tax year (year-end tax-deductible receipts are normally sent out in mid-January).

I, on the behalf of thousands of children and the many needy that Asian Aid represents, truly thank you for your prayers and support in 2012.

Christian regards,



Jim Rennie
CEO Asian Aid USA



Christmas Appeal

Each Christmas we have a special appeal.

**This year we have two projects
where we especially ask your help.**

Blind and Deaf Schools

We urgently need to raise \$25,000 for the Blind and Deaf Schools. These schools are run by Asian Aid in cooperation with the Adventist church in India and need specialized teaching resources, which include Braille books and other classroom materials. Asian Aid has over 300 children in these two schools who come from very needy homes.

Please help them to not only have an education but be provided the resources they uniquely need to succeed.

"Where Needed Most" Fund

Throughout the year we have special requests that come to Asian Aid from our schools and projects in India, Nepal, and Bangladesh. Helping these unforeseen requests are only possible if we have the funds available to meet these needs. Asian Aid is also faced with the basic costs to run the organization and to manage the field work.

Please help us raise \$25,000 so Asian Aid can continue to serve in its goal to "help those who need it the most".

**Please share your Christmas
with "the least of these"**



Bringing Hope to the Faces of Mothers in Nepal

Uterine prolapse, a painful and debilitating condition in women where the uterus can protrude 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.

In our Spring Newsletter, we told you that Asian Aid would be sponsoring Uterine Awareness programs for rural villages in Nepal. From June to September this year, this project was organized through Scheer Memorial SDA Hospital in Banepa, Kavre, Nepal. In village churches, community halls, and schools, programs began with a spiritual health message and prayer. Many in Nepal believe that uterine prolapse is a curse and look down on those in society who suffer from it, so this was followed by explanations of what uterine prolapse is, how and why it occurs, and ways to prevent it. On the second day of the program, the women were evaluated and given appropriate treatment or scheduled for surgery.

In total, 684 women participated in the program, learning valuable information that hopefully will prevent the number of uterine prolapses cases in the future. Of these participants, 169 received treatment for less severe uterine prolapse, and 113 had successful uterine prolapse operations, of which 50 were sponsored by Asian Aid USA. These women were as young as 18 and represented over nine different villages.

Ram Chandra Bhatrarai, coordinator for the program at Scheer Memorial Hospital, thanked Asian Aid for their sponsorship and the success of this program. He stated, “Despite varied tongues, castes, cultures, creeds and prejudices, this has become a medium through which we could reach the interior and un-entered families. We hope and pray that Asian Aid USA will give us more opportunities to do this in other districts to bring hope and happiness to the face of every mother in Nepal.”

Above: Waiting to see the doctor for evaluation

Below: A thankful post-op patient is all smiles!



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MySchool^{on}a Mission Fundraiser

If your child attends an Adventist school or you are involved with a school, don't forget to tell them about the “My School on a Mission” fundraiser. Participating schools are given a full fundraising package which includes posters, flyers, collection envelopes, and a website for online giving. Half the funds raised go to the participating school and half for much needed equipment in underprivileged Adventist schools in India.

Bible Worker Program

Have you ever had the desire to dedicate part of your life to spreading the gospel through Bible work but just didn't have the time or opportunity? With the new Bible Worker program at Flaiz Adventist College in India, you can sponsor a Bible Worker for two years of training and accomplish your dream through dedicated young men who are passionate about sharing the gospel in India. The cost for books, tuition, boarding, and food is only \$960 per year for two years. Call us to sponsor a Bible Worker today!



Showers and Blessings at Sunrise

Sunrise Home's official opening was scheduled for Sunday, November 4. The weeks before were busy with preparations and last-minute touches on the new dormitory and campus. Excitement was in the air and it was hard for the children to hold back grins of eager anticipation. Sunny skies greeted Angela, an Asian Aid volunteer who came from Montana to plant trees and flowers and landscape the campus into a bright, beautiful home.

Unexpectedly, on Friday, two days before the opening, a huge typhoon hit the east coast of India. Six days of torrential rain caused major flooding, making roads impossible to drive, trains to be stopped, and even the little dry creek behind the Sunrise campus to turn into a wide, rushing river. With much disappointment, the Sunrise opening was postponed. The children will still move in within a few weeks but the opening ceremonies will now take place this coming January.

Amidst the torrential rain were also showers of blessings. Jim Rennie, Asian Aid USA CEO, and Helen Eager, Asian Aid co-founder, were present when the new school bus was delivered and the excitement that filled the students as they scrambled onboard was contagious! Ten acres of the school's land is currently producing a large crop of rice. After it is harvested, another crop of half corn and half rice will be planted. In addition, each dormitory room (which sleeps six children each) will have their own garden plot next to the dormitory where they can learn agriculture and tend their own plants.

Although "rain drops round us were falling", it was truly the "showers of blessings" that we needed and received. Thank you to the many individuals who have helped make this new home a reality for the Sunrise children. Please keep it in your prayers.



*There shall be showers of blessing;
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Savior above.*

*Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need:
Mercy drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.*



Cement blocks for washing clothes



*Above: Helen Eager, Asian Aid co-founder, and Victor Sam, East-Central India Union president
Below: Landscaping in front of the dormitory*



Email Address Update

With the age of modern technology making communication faster, cheaper, and more convenient, we would like to keep up to date with the email addresses of our supporters. If you have an email address that you use, please write it with other identifying information on the insert or a separate piece of paper and send it back to us (please write clearly!). We will protect the privacy of your information.

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 PST, 5:30 MST, 6:30 CST, and 7:30 EST.

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Asian Aid Sabbath - December 1, 2012
Shawn Boonstra, Divine Service
Southern Asian SDA Church
2001 East Randolph Road Silver Spring, MD 20904

Visit us at the GYC Conference
(Generation of Youth for Christ)
Seattle, WA, December 28 - January 1

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:

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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



Amulya lost her father in an accident and her mother is working as a sales girl in a saree shop.
\$23 Day Student
ID: **U15064**



Elakkuvan is in 7th grade. His father works as a ticket collector at a private bus service. His mother is handicapped.
\$23 Day Student
ID: **U11233**



Jedson is in upper kindergarten at Lowry School. His mother died during childbirth and his father works as a painter.
\$23 Day Student
ID: **U14728**



Nancy's father died and her mother is staff at Lowry School where Nancy attends. Her salary supports five people.
\$23 Day Student
ID: **U14734**



Rishitha was found by the parents she lives with now. They are laborers but unable to meet the needs of the family.
\$30 Day Plus Student
ID: **U15078**



Richee is in lower kindergarten but is eager to study.
\$30 Day Plus Student
ID: **U15081**



Prem is a clever and hardworking boy. His father died five years ago and his mother is sick and unable to work much.
\$30 Day Plus Student
ID: **U15082**



Mallela likes to read, collect pens, and help her mother in her shop. Her father has passed away. She would like to become a teacher.
\$30 Day Plus Student
ID: **U08462**



Nithin's father works as a coolie breaking stones into gravel. Nithin is in 3rd grade and would like to become a policeman.
\$35 Boarder
ID: **U15450**



Pratiya's father owns an acre of land where he grows rice during the monsoon season. They also gather chestnuts.
\$35 Boarder
ID: **U14799**



Siva's parents come from a caste who wash clothes for rich people. Siva is a good student, helps clean the campus, and joins in church programs.
\$35 Boarder
ID: **U15339**



Nalini is in 10th grade and would like to become a teacher. She likes to read and play tennis.
\$35 Boarder
ID: **U08604**



Paul's father is a lay pastor in his slum village. Paul is active in church programs and would like to become a pastor like his father.
\$35 Boarder
ID: **U15338**



Naga Jyothi has three sisters. She is in 8th grade, is good in her studies, and would like to become an engineer.
\$35 Boarder
ID: **U15367**



Amos' family are faithful church members. They want him to have a Christian education. Amos collects pictures and wants to be an engineer.
\$35 Boarder
ID: **U08741**



Nicola's father is a village lay pastor. He has three daughters to put through school. Nicola would like to work in the medical field.
\$35 Boarder
ID: **U15366**



Pennumacha attends the new Sunrise Home. Her father died and she, her mother, and sister worked as servants. She would like to become a nurse.
\$45 Boarder Plus
ID: **U08477**



Manoj is in 8th grade and has five siblings. He likes to climb trees and play cricket. His grades are excellent.
\$45 Boarder Plus
ID: **U08829**



Madhusudan is in the Bible Worker program. Both his parents are farmer and he is a hard worker.
\$80 Bible Worker
ID: **U14892**



Amulya's father died a few years ago and his mother is dependent on relatives. Amulya wants to be a Bible Worker.
\$80 Bible Worker
ID: **U14893**