



Cyclone hits Andhra Pradesh India

On October 12th a Cyclone hit the area of Visakhapatnam, India. This city of two million suffered significant damage and when writing this report the city still lacked electricity and water. The blind school and Sunrise home suffered damage to their security walls and some roofing. The biggest loss was of their trees and crops. These banana trees and the farm contribute to the health and well-being of the children so it is a significant loss.

At Vizinagarum where we are building the new boys' dormitory the building site has minor damage. The school has lost some of its roof and the Asian Aid team is responding. This school is in need of new classrooms and this storm has highlighted the need. The Slum School suffered minor damage. The parents are having trouble getting food so we are looking at a feeding program at the Slum School. We are grateful for the Lords protection as many buildings were destroyed and lives lost.

Asian Aid USA board has important planning meeting

On Saturday night and Sunday, October 18-19, the Asian Aid board met for its AGM and planning board meeting. The board is very focused on growth to place another 1000 needy children in Adventist schools in 2015. Final plans to enter Myanmar are being put in place. CEO, Jim Rennie met with Pastor Memory, president of the Myanmar Union just before the board meetings to confirm which Adventist schools will participate.

The Asian Aid USA board approved a strategic plan and is reviewing the projects which will be a priority. The theme of the meeting was "Growth and Direction." The board is very

committed to helping needy children get an education and introducing them to Jesus which is an integral part of education and the ministry. Board Chairman, John Truscott, commented, "We are very proud of the work our staff do and for the leadership of Jim Rennie, our CEO. As a board and also as staff, we have committed ourselves to the leading of the Lord in what we do." The board is made up of John Truscott, (President), Jim Rennie (CEO), Dittu Abraham, Gareth Reese, Roger Keaton (Secretary), Carl Ginger, Gail Wehling, Naomi Davis, Brenda Bryant and Patty LaVanture.



Jim Rennie CEO Asian Aid USA

Winter 2014 Newsletter

Dear supporters,

It's that time of year again when we enjoy sharing the Christmas holiday with our family and friends. I am truly grateful for your support and sponsorships. Through us, you have impacted the lives of thousands of children. We are very committed to growing our sponsorship and would ask you to tell others about how they could sponsor a child and give hope.

On October 12th a massive cyclone hit the coast of Andhra Pradesh and the major city of Visakhapatnam suffered huge damage. The blind school and Sunrise home had only minor damage. Both have lost trees and farm crops. We suffered damage at our Vizinagarum boys' dormitory building site and at the slum school. Our team is responding as quickly as they can. Please remember the children in your prayers.

We have a very important Christmas appeal for three of our funds. I humbly ask if you could support our "Christmas Gift" appeal. We can make a real difference with your support.

I just want to thank the Lord for His blessings and you for your support in 2014. Please call me anytime if you wish to discuss any aspect of our ministry.

Thank you,



Jim Rennie CEO Asian Aid USA



I am so grateful

Recently Asian Aid CEO visited Sunrise home and talked with some of the children. He sat down with Rambarki a talented young girl. She said to Jim, "I am so grateful to my sponsor for my education and my home. I wish my sponsor could visit me some day." Rambarki lost her parents at an early age and was looked after by her grandmother. She wants to become a nurse. She is very good at singing and loves her Sunrise home. Far away in Florida, her sponsor and an Asian Aid board member, Brenda Bryant, is reading Rambarki's school report. Each morning the Bryant family is making a difference in the lives of Rambarki and the many other children they sponsor. Sponsorship is a daily ministry that gives HOPE!

Asian Aid needs help with our Christmas Appeal to help thousands of children like Rambarki

Where Needed Most Fund allows Asian Aid to help thousands of children have a better life

Orphanages Fund helps those with nowhere to go and no one to care.

Girls' Dormitory Appeal will make a difference in the lives of over 250 girls.

Please support our Christmas Appeal!

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Living in slavery

Little Ashik* looks like he is about nine years old. His big, round eyes are filled with tears. He's afraid of what's going to happen to him. Like any young child, he wants his mother. He wants to go home. Ashik has been sold by his parents. His parents were given INR 2000 (USD 33) for him to work in the bag factory.

Ashik has been working there for four months now, but he has not seen a single rupee. He gets INR 2000 a month for his labor but half is supposedly deducted for food expenses and the rest he says is being sent to his parents. Ashik has not been in touch with his parents since he came to the Bangalore bag unit. He pleads to go home, back to Nepal.

Khalid* looks like he is about 15 years old, but he insists that he is 18. He is at the stage of being almost a man - still a child physically, but mentally he is very much an adult. His voice is just breaking and the beginnings of a moustache hovering over his lips. Khalid is underweight and very pallid. His height is stunted at 4 and a half feet, the result of poverty and undernourishment.

Khalid lost his father just 2 months ago and willingly agreed to travel to India and work so that his mother and 2 younger siblings would have at least two meals a day. His aged mother was given INR 10,000 (USD 164) by the local middle man in Nepal in exchange. Khalid is homesick and longs to return home, but he wants to work for another couple of months so that his mother's debt is cleared.

Khalid is still young and naïve to the trustworthiness of others. He came to the bag-making unit a month ago and believes that his mother received his first salary, though he has not seen the money. He is anxious for his family and their welfare. What does the future hold for him?

* Not their real names.

OPERATION CHILD RESCUE



Raid Rescues 20 Trafficked Children

Asian Aid's Operation Child Rescue program recently helped rescue 20 children from child labor in a bag factory in Bangalore, India.

Asian Aid's partner, Oasis (a child rescue organization based in Bangalore, India), received a tip that young children were working in deplorable factory conditions in the city and partnered with government officials to conduct a raid.

On the day of the raid, 20 children (17 of them younger than 14 years old) were found working in a labyrinth of alleyways between five different leather bag factories. Their living conditions were deplorable, extremely dirty and cramped, and the children's pallid skin and malnutrition were evidence of poor treatment. Most of the factory owners were caught and will be facing child labor charges.

The children were initially fearful, but after being given food, water, and realizing that the authorities were there to help them, they relaxed and were extremely relieved. Since many of the children had been trafficked from Nepal and other distant areas, the child welfare department will be working with each child on rehabilitation, counseling, and determining whether it will be best for them to return home.

We want to give a huge thank you to those who have given to Asian Aid's Operation Child Rescue program and helped to give these 20 young men freedom. Please pray for them, their futures, and the many other children who still need to be rescued from the injustice and despair of child trafficking.

Top Left: Deplorable living conditions.

Left: Children, many under age 14, working in the leather bag factory.

Below: The 20 boys soon after their rescue.





Vizianagaram new boys' dormitory

We are very excited that great progress has been made on the new boys' dormitory at Vizianagaram. Currently the boys sleep on the floor of the church. This new dormitory will give the boys a real bed and provide the school with a kitchen and a hall. We thank the donors who have made a difference here.

It is hoped the dormitory, kitchen and hall can be in use early December. Asian Aid USA is proud of the work their team has done at Vizianagaram. The team led by USA father and son, Wally and John Marienau, have really made a difference.

Our three Most Wanted Christmas Gifts

Please help to make these wishes come true



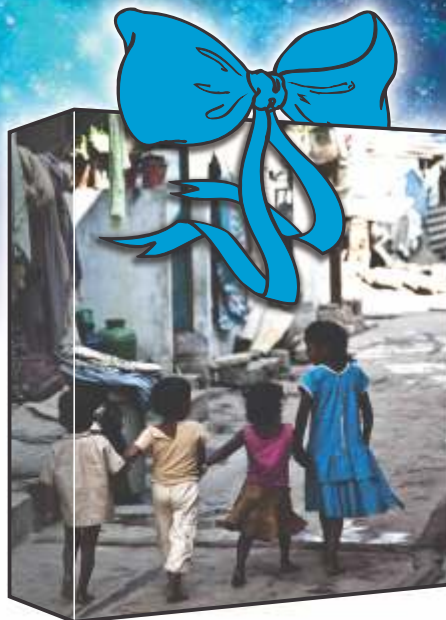
Orphanages Fund

Asian Aid funds four orphanages that are run by the Adventist church in India

The largest orphanage is Sunrise Home which you as donors have helped build over the last three years. We are so grateful for your generous support of this project. The Home continues to face additional costs of running the orphanage, such as bedding, kitchen equipment, and building maintenance.

At Sunrise, Asian Aid is working with local police to help children who are found wandering railway stations or begging to survive in the cities. Providing food and accommodation for these children requires funds, but you can make their dreams of having a home come true this Christmas.

Immediate Need \$40,000



Asian Aid Where Needed Most Fund

Ensures Asian Aid's effective operation and ability to meet urgent needs as they arise

Managing a program with up to 3,000 children in three countries requires funds for effective management and operating. We currently have a critical need for this fund in order to continue to run efficiently and meet the many unexpected special requests and needs.

Immediate Need \$30,000



Girls' Dormitory Ibrahimpatnam, India

Adventist college with over 700 students, 200 sponsored through Asian Aid

The girls' dormitory needs urgent repair. Mold and sewer issues need to be addressed as well as ventilation in cramped rooms. Asian Aid has plans to renovate and enlarge the dormitory to provide more space and ensure proper hygiene and health.

Although this is a large project, these girls need our help so they can have a safe place to live and other girls can join them in receiving an Adventist education.

Project Estimate \$110,000

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Asian Aid's new 3ABN time is every Friday at 8:30pm PT, 9:30pm MT, 10:30pm CT, and 11:30pm ET.

Missed an episode on 3ABN?

Watch them all at your convenience on our website (www.asianaid.org) under "Resources" and then click "Video Library".

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Website Improvements:

If your sponsorship payment is made via credit or debit card, it is now possible for you to manage your account, including changing credit and debit card information and updating expiration dates on our website.

Jaime Jorge Concert Schedule for December:

11th: Tryon SDA Church, Tryon, NC
 12th: Columbia SDA Church, Columbia, SC
 13th: AM Johnson City, TN
 13th: PM Hendersonville SDA Church, Hendersonville, NC
 19th: 7:00pm Houston Northwest SDA Church, Spring, TX
 20th: 11:00am Houston International SDA Church, Houston, TX
 20th: 6:30pm Killeen SDA Church, Killeen, TX

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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.

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 SPONSORSHIP



Abhishek loves planes and wants to be a pilot when he grows up. He is in 3rd grade and has one brother and one sister.

\$23 Day Student
 ID: **U17097**



Jothish's mother abandoned him and his brother so they live with their grandmother. Jothish likes to read and wants to become a doctor.

\$23 Day Student
 ID: **U16884**



Anil's father is a laborer and makes very little. Anil has one sister and likes playing games. He wants to be a teacher when he grows up.

\$23 Day Student
 ID: **U17189**



Surendra wants to be an engineer. He has one brother and his mother works as a maid to support them. Surendra's father is deceased.

\$23 Day Student
 ID: **U15101**



Soumya is in 2nd grade and likes painting. She wants to be a nurse when she grows up. Soumya's father is a fruit vendor and makes very little.

\$30 Day+ Student
 ID: **U18259**



Abiram has two sisters and likes playing volleyball. He is in 2nd grade at our Slum School and wants to be an engineer when he grows up.

\$30 Day+ Student
 ID: **U18226**



Durga Rao's father is a fruit vendor earning very little. Durga Rao loves playing cricket with his brother and wants to be an engineer.

\$30 Day+ Student
 ID: **U18251**



Adyasha lives in a tribal area in a primitive hut with her parents and two siblings. She wants to be a nurse and likes reading and singing.

\$30 Day+ Student
 ID: **U18340**



V. Lalthing lian lives in a single room thatch house with her parents and brother. She likes reading and wants to be a doctor.

\$30 Day+ Student
 ID: **U16317**



Amarjith loves being active and playing sports. He wants to be a professional cricket player when he grows up. He has three siblings.

\$35 Boarder
 ID: **U18348**



Mahesh's father spends all his income on alcohol and cigarettes. Mahesh wants to be a pastor and likes taking part in church services and prayer.

\$35 Boarder
 ID: **U18410**



Asha Lata strives to be the top of her class and wants to be an engineer. She has two brothers and one sister and likes cooking and singing.

\$35 Boarder
 ID: **U18427**



Merina's father is disabled mentally and her mother is a maid supporting five children. Merina likes playing with her siblings and wants to be a nurse.

\$35 Boarder
 ID: **U18473**



Stauross has an older brother and his father is a farmer. Stauross likes reading books and wants to be a scientist when he grows up.

\$35 Boarder
 ID: **U18480**



Laxmi wants to be a nurse with she grows up. She has one brother and two sisters. Laxmi's mother works as a maid in a local hospital.

\$35 Boarder
 ID: **U08237**



Abhinaya likes playing cricket and wants to be a collector when he grows up. His father is a mason and struggles to support a large family.

\$35 Boarder
 ID: **U18512**



Soheli's father is deceased and his mother is very sick and unable to work. He wants to be educated to make a better life for his family.

\$45 Boarder+
 ID: **U16640**



Sravanthi wants to be a teacher when she grows up. She likes helping her mother in the house and playing with her sister. Her father is deceased.

\$45 Boarder+
 ID: **U18271**



Beulah was sponsored through our schools and is now working on her four year nursing degree. She likes growing plants.

\$80 Nursing
 ID: **U08222**



Vanlalruat heard about the Adventist faith and wanted to learn more. She is working on the Flaiz Bible Worker program and wants to be a missionary.

\$80 Bible Worker
 ID: **U16750**