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Newsletter

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Our children's needs!

Dear friends,

We praise God for seeing us through another year. For Child Impact it has been a year of change, including a new name. This newsletter is the last one for the year.

It's been a challenging year. We have had many urgent requests on behalf of our sponsored children, orphans, and blind and deaf students which have been compounded by other challenges.

The stories we hear remind us of the struggles some parents face as they try to feed their children. These stories reveal the importance of our ministry. Sadly, two weeks ago, a young girl tried to commit suicide as she saw her parents struggling to provide. We help families and children in situations like this girl and the many children we find living in railway stations or on the streets as they try to survive. With your help, we give them an education, a home, and their basic needs.

I wish you could travel with me; then you would better understand the profound benefits your gifts provide. They go beyond just helping the child who receives the education. Your support also gives the parents a future; when the child returns home better educated, their ability to get work improves. The extra family income helps prevent situations like the story above from happening again.

December is a time of giving – to family, loved ones and friends, and to those in need. Within this newsletter, are four projects with which we need your generous support. Each of these projects is core to the ministry of Child Impact International.

We cannot help the children without you.

You enable poor children to receive an education, graduate, find employment, support themselves and their families, and most importantly, a chance to meet Jesus.

The other big beneficiary of your giving is the Adventist mission schools, as the child's sponsorship funds are a key source of income allowing the schools to stay open.

I am grateful for your support and thank you in advance for any gift, large or small at this giving time of year. With your help and God's blessings, we will meet the challenges of caring for our children and the Adventist mission schools they attend.

Please pray for the children we serve!

Jim Rennie CEO Child Impact International.

You can make an **i**MPACT

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December is a critical month for Child Impact International. It is the month that we receive the most gifts. It's also the last month for you to give and receive tax deductions for 2017. Contributions received in 2017 allow us to make budgetary plans for 2018.



Where Needed Most

This fund is key to Child Impact being able to serve over 3,500 children when urgent needs arise. It also provides the needed resources associated with helping the children, finding sponsors, and raising money to complete projects. It also allows us to have funds available as emergency needs arrive.

**Any gift you can afford will
Impact a child's education**

OPERATION CHILD RESCUE

This project operates in India and helps rescue children from brothels and other terrible conditions in which they find themselves.



Blind, deaf and orphans

When another funding agency withdrew support, Child Impact became the primary provider of resources for four orphanages, a school for the blind and a school and deaf run by the Adventist church in India. Without the support from the other agency, Child Impact faces the challenge to meeting the needs of the children in these unique homes and schools.

Un-sponsored children

Child Impact maintains a pool of funds for un-sponsored children. These resources make it possible for us to meet the urgent needs of children needing an education. If a sponsor cannot afford to continue sponsoring a child, these funds are used to allow for the child's continued education. Giving a gift to this pool is a unique way to support a child without a monthly commitment.



- **Trafficking:** In Bangalore India, we support a team who, with the Police, raid brothels looking for young girls trapped in the sex trade. The size of the problem is enormous. Child Impact funds a rescue home for girls, giving them a safe place to live when rescued. Also, assisted are children found in slave labor in factories. Your gift is part of a real rescue !
- **Slum rescue:** Children are living in poverty with parents trapped in poverty. Child Impact gives slum children an education to help rescue them from the poverty cycle. Gifts help provide classroom instruction and a future for children in desperate need. Your gift makes a difference !
- **Baby rescue:** Child Impact works with a baby rescue operation in India. Our partners find homes and loving parents (when possible) for babies abandoned on the street, at police stations, or hospitals. Baby food and supplies ensure life for these abandoned babies.
- **Orphan rescue:** Combining forces with police and other charities we help rescue children and give them immediate help and hope for a future in an Adventist orphanage – providing a home and introducing the children to Jesus.

Your gift will have IMPACT!



Story of Shiny Bhaggien

Shiny was born in 1987 in the village of Neyveli in Tamil Nadu to a seemingly happy family. Her father was a well-to-do civil engineer and her mother took care of the children and the household. They owned cows and hens and were envied by families in their small village.

But things took a drastic turn when Shiny was 6-years-old. One day Shiny's father announced that he had met someone while on one of his business trips and was leaving his family. As a result, Shiny's mother, who had no work experience, started going around to people asking for work. She hoped to earn enough wages to feed her little ones.

Three years later, Shiny and her brother had to take a break from school. Upon noticing that Shiny started missing school, her teacher at the Seventh-day Adventist school in Neyveli made a home visit to check in. Seeing their situation, the teacher asked the mother to send her children back to school assuring her that she'd find help. She contacted the local Child Impact partner office in the hope that these two children could have their education sponsored.

As soon as she joined the Child Impact program, Shiny started shooting for the stars. She excelled academically and graduated from high school at the top of her class. With her whole life in front of her, she was ready to fulfill her dream of becoming a nurse. As a baby, a nurse gave her an expired vaccine which led to her developing a physical disability. Since then she dreamed of becoming a qualified nurse to ensure such a mistake wouldn't happen to other babies.

After missing the deadline for the nursing entrance exam, a friend suggested that she work in the Institute of Speech and Hearing Impaired for the year and earn some pocket money for herself. Shiny decided to give it a try. She first set foot on the school premises on a sunny afternoon of June 6 and now 13-years later she continues to work there with her husband, the principal, and their children.

"Before I came to this school, every day was a struggle. I often faced challenges due to my disability and found it hard to find my place in the world. But, when I entered the gates of ISHI on that sunny June day, I found my home," says Shiny. "They say God has a purpose for everyone and here I realized that this was God's purpose for me in life, to love and help these children find a life beyond their disability. Here I saw that whatever had taken place over the years, my sponsorship, my education, my ignorance of the nursing entrance exams all had a purpose."

"I have the best job, the best husband, and I have nothing to complain about. I am so lucky because in this world, it is hard to get true love from one person, but here in this place, I get true love from hundreds of children. I will continue to spend my life trying my best to serve these children through Christ who strengthens me with the hope that this blessing will pass on to them and, on to others," says Shiny.

Sponsorship making a difference "Orphan to Principal of Blind School"

In the year 1981, a little boy, Surya, was born amidst much pomp and circumstance to the Rao family in the village of Yeditha in Andhra Pradesh, India. Sadly, their joys were short-lived. When Surya Rao was just six months old, his father passed away leaving behind a wife, a son, and two daughters. Surya's mother struggled to put food on their table, let alone educate her three kids. So, to ease their mother's burden, Surya's elder sisters stopped attending school and joined their mother and worked to help little Surya attend the local village school. Though he was in school, his education was limited by the school's scarce resources.

While visiting Surya's home, a local pastor saw their living conditions and desired that at least one member of the family should get proper care and education. That way they could help usher in a better future for the family. The pastor told the family about Elim Home in Hyderabad where Surya would be able to get a good quality education and care. The family decided to use this opportunity and sent Surya to Elim Home. 12-year-old Surya began a new chapter of life at Elim Home.

"Here I got good food, a good education and beautiful clothes to wear," says Surya Rao after reflecting on his experience in Elim Home. After completing his high school education in Elim Home, Surya went on to receive a BS in Education, an MS in Microbiology and then he became a teacher in Zaheerabad. Today, he serves as the Principal of the Child Impact School for the Blind.

The 12-year-old boy who entered Elim home with little thoughts of a bright and happy future was given the opportunity to dream and the provisions to make his dreams come true. Aside from his success in academics, Surya Rao also has a beautiful wife Laliitha whom he met while working with Maranatha. They have been married since 2007 and have two beautiful daughters, Betty and Blessy.

Surya received a new beginning because of a single act of kindness. He was a young boy confined to his circumstances by the death of his father and generations of poverty with a new chance at life. While the only future he could see as a child was to till fields and tend to cattle, today he manages and lends his service to 144 blind children who are getting a new chance at life—just like he did. As a young boy, Surya Rao determined to be of service in the places where he was once provided kind and loving service. Today, he is happy to be among the rank of dedicated men and women who serve to give hope.

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THE TIME OF YEAR FOR A GIFT
TO IMPACT CHILDREN.



WHERE NEEDED MOST!

Help meet the needs of our children, their families, and the Adventist mission school they attend. Gifts also ensure the continued ministry of Child Impact International

Vision: To meet the urgent needs of our children and continue the ministry of Child Impact International.

Need: \$250,000

OPERATION CHILD RESCUE

YOUR HELP WILL SUPPORT THE RESCUE OF A CHILD!

Help rescue girls from sex trafficking, children from slums, Orphans, and abandoned babies.

Vision: To make vulnerable children safe.

Need: \$100,000



UNSPONSORED CHILDREN

Allows 500 children awaiting to start their education while a permanent sponsor is found.

Vision: To increase the number of children being served.

Need: \$100,000



BLIND, DEAF & ORPHANS

Will provide urgently needed funds for our four orphanages and our schools for the blind & deaf in India. We have a huge need for these special children.

Vision: To continue providing a home, education, and future to these extraordinary children.

Need: \$60,000



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WATCH 3ABN EACH FRIDAY AT
11:30PM (EASTERN)

Child Impact International is a supporting ministry of the Adventist church. With your help, we sponsor over 3,500 children in Adventist mission schools including special needs children & child rescue!

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Sponsor a needy child – Impact a life forever!

\$25 to \$48 per month

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Child Impact's 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.childimpact.org) under "Resources" and then click "Video Library".

Like us on **facebook** [facebook.com/Child Impact](https://www.facebook.com/ChildImpact)

Don't forget that sponsorship rates increased on July 1, 2015. New rates are:

Day: \$25 Boarder+: \$48
 Day+: \$32 College: \$65
 Boarder: \$38 Nursing: \$90

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding your sponsorship payments.

For more information, articles and videos on our sponsorship program and the many projects we support please visit our website childimpact.org

Can you help?

We are asking if you could share what you know about Child Impact International with the world.

We desperately need sponsors and you are our best Ambassadors.

Please tell others about Child Impact International and if you would like flyers or other promotional materials to distribute please contact us.

What is your legacy?

Most of us give very little thought to this.

We know our reward is eternity spent with Him and are satisfied to bask in that.

However, until our Savior returns, we have the opportunity to use our assets to maximum capacity through a well thought out, planned allocation of our estate to benefit the lives of others.

If you believe in the work of Child Impact in the future of many children's lives, why not consider an estate gift or designate all or a portion of your will to advance the mission of caring for underprivileged children?

Because Child Impact is a ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, you can accomplish this through your local Conference Trust Department, or with the assistance of your Financial Adviser.



Thank you for giving this careful consideration.

Please contact us for further information:

Call toll-free **866-569-7933**

or email support@childimpact.org

to arrange for a professional advisor to contact you.

THESE CHILDREN URGENTLY NEED YOUR SPONSORSHIP



Sanjit has two loving sisters. He is very happy boy, active in class and very hard working. When he grows up he wants to be a laboratory technician.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19025**



Wine's parents are divorced and his father abandoned the family. He likes playing music and cane-ball. Wine wants to go to school, enjoys his Bible class, and aims to be a Pastor.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19672**



Sandeep is an outstanding student in class, attends church regularly, has great love and concern for his family. He enjoys playing cricket and football, and has ambitions to be a teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U18391**



Ramu is an intelligent girl and does her very best in studies. She is extremely active, has a very friendly nature, always happy and forever smiling.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U16229**



Dibakar is the eldest of two children, he is in grade LKG, loves coming to school, active and hardworking in class. He would like to grow up to be a teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U18982**



Mg La is from a farming family of six brothers, and one sister. He likes to read, study English, play football and wants to be teacher when he grows up so he can help educate others.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U18921**



Mi Nge Nge likes playing the guitar and tennis. She wants to gain education and become a teacher so she can help other children like herself.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U20002**



Syed has three brothers, his father is a day laborer on little pay while his mother looks after the home. He enjoys playing cricket, reading, drawing and would like to work as a doctor.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U17239**



Ruth is in grade 2, she is active in class, studies well, likes to dance and play with her friends. Ruth likes to take part in all church activities and wants to be a doctor.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U20250**



Mangraj loves going to school, in class he's friendly, obedient, attentive. At home Mangraj is very helpful and likes to play marbles. He wants to grow up to be a police inspector.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19044**



Sam's father doesn't get regular work as a car driver, so can't pay for his education. Sam is always smiling, plays the thbala, sings and takes an active part in all church and school activities.

\$32 Day+ Student
ID: **U18702**



Guna enjoys going to school, does well in all his subjects and enjoys spending time reading and playing cricket with his friends. When Guna grows up he wants to be a police officer.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U19600**



Ganta's family lives near the sea where his father is a fisherman. He likes to sing, and play cricket with his friends and older brother. His ambition is to be a teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U18440**



Rasmita enjoys school as she learns new things, especially at story time and playing with the toys. She has a sister and a brother, they help each other. She would like to be a teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U20469**



Deepika is in grade 6, likes to study and works hard. She also takes part in all school and church activities. Deepika would like to grow up to be a doctor and serve the poor.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U20121**



Daniel's father, the family's only source of income, suffers from back problems. Daniel likes to open up electronic goods to see how they work and wants to be a pilot.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U17661**



Soe Min hasn't been able to attend school in three years because his family is very poor. He enjoys drawing and playing football and wants to be a doctor and help others.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19651**



Ashish is the eldest child and has a younger sister. He is an excellent student and is also good at both cricket and football. He would like to become a doctor when he grows up.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U18479**



Mi Aye's favorite subjects in school are Math and English, she also enjoys reading and playing soccer. Mi Aye would like to be a teacher when she grows up.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U20085**



Yeshwant is a bright child and loves to play with his car toys. He likes to go to school regularly, he's quiet and attentive in class, and enjoys listening to stories told by his teachers and mother.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U19359**