

October 2010 Newsletter

Greetings from India!

With today's technology I am able to write this in India and have it to you in a matter of hours. I arrived in Bangalore where I had a day with our office staff and friends. The next morning, I flew to Hyderabad for meetings and to visit the Elim Orphanage.

Jashira Nieves, our volunteer from Southern Adventist University spent most of her time at the Elim Home. The children were disappointed that she had not come with me but I was able to share a gift parcel from her. It was good to see Keerthana again. She is the orphan who arrived while we filmed Hope in Motion. When she arrived, her life was in turmoil but now she is a bright happy student who is doing well in school. Asian Aid has given her HOPE!

Next I flew to Vizakhapatnam (Vizak) which is located on the east coast. I visited the Vizak slum school (see story) and then traveled three hours by road north to the Asian Aid Blind School in Bobbili. The students always make me feel welcome. I met the new students in the story below. It was very emotional to see the change in these children. Thank you for the difference you make to students like these.

My escort for this part of the trip is our Senior Field Officer, Mr. Raj Varma who looks after all our projects in the area. His wife, Lalitha is the Director of the Sunrise Home. They each serve Asian Aid and all its sponsors in a very dedicated way. When you meet their 74 orphans at Sunrise, you can see by the students' behavior and demeanor that they do an amazing work. Please pray for Raj and Lalitha as they work in difficult circumstances. I have brought a suitcase full of special gifts for each Sunrise child. We packed each a pencil case with pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, stickers and other items. It is amazing how excited they are with this small gift. Tomorrow night I am going to show them the Hope in Motion program about them. On arrival, they wanted to know when Mr. Terry, the Hollywood filmmaker, would be back. Terry Benedict, who made the series, told me he saw how special these children are.

Please support the Sunrise Building Project so we can build a new home for these kids. I am not proud of where they live now but am always moved by their happiness and faith in Jesus.

Jim Rennie CEO Asian Aid USA



GIVING HOPE to the Destitute

Vizak Slum School

CEO Jim Rennie has just completed a visit to the Vizak slum school to see the progress with the school repairs. Jim says, "The change is amazing. They no longer have only one toilet. They now have a shaded play area on the top floor and the entire building has been tiled and painted. This school with 110 pupils is in the middle of the slum. I was touched as I saw these children arriving in clean, neat uniforms from their single-room squalor where they live! We are making a difference here. We are giving HOPE. Those who have supported this project can know that in the slum, the worst area in Vizak, they have made a difference. We are still \$3,000 short of our need here, so if you can support the Vizak slum school you will be giving HOPE."

AMAZING HOPE in motion at the blind school

Pastor Paulson, the principal at the Bobbili Blind School reports on two children and their journey to a better life:

On a trip into one of the villages, a staff member was told of a young girl who was blind and being kept at home. When they entered the home, they found a girl of about 10 years. She was blind, dirty and in poor mental and physical health. She had lived her entire life tied up under the steps. Her blindness caused her to be treated as an animal, with no hope of a better life. Today, she is at the Blind School where she smiles, is clean and fed and learning to speak. Most importantly, she is learning about Jesus and His plan for her. How many more girls like this are in the villages that we can reach? How many more 'of the least of these' are within our reach?

Blind and left by the side of the road by his mother, a new born baby boy cried in despair. When a loving but poor man heard a baby's cry, he found this beautiful baby discarded and left to die.



He brought the child into his home and provided for him with love and stability. Bobbili Blind School found a donor for this boy and with the help of the local SDA hospital, he was able to gain partial sight with surgery. He is now studying at the blind school.

These two children have been GIVEN HOPE by Asian Aid sponsors. HOPE for health, HOPE for education and HOPE for eternal life through Christ.

HOPE in ACTION!

Leper Colony Food Program

Over ten years ago, Asian Aid and the Indian Government built a special village for lepers in Vizak. In recent years, the need has grown. Asian Aid has started a meal program to help those who are not getting sufficient food. A special meal is prepared daily and served in the village. Some can walk while others arrive in carts, as the picture shows. Providing food is Giving HOPE to this leper village.



Sickness Emergency at the Deaf School

The Asian Aid deaf school at Kollegal and many other schools in the area were badly affected by a flu virus. Initially the concern was that it might be the H1N1 strain. After consultation with the health authorities it was decided to close the schools in the area for two weeks. Tests showed that it was not the H1N1 virus but one serious enough to affect many parts of India. Asian Aid immediately responded with new warmer clothing for the children, new bedding and new mosquito blinds. The school has reopened and is fully operational. Please pray for the children at this school.

PLEASE HELP Asian Aid to grow and GIVE HOPE to more children

We desperately need to promote Asian Aid.

We need your help distributing flyers and promoting Asian Aid. We have just produced a Hope in Motion promotional DVD with:

- A 6 minute Asian Aid Introduction
- Four 1 minute stories of real Asian Aid children
- Two 15 minute programs from the Hope in Motion series.

Please request this DVD and show it in church, Sabbath School, pathfinders or anywhere you can. Please be an ambassador for the children. Simply fill in the enclosed card and we will send you this DVD and some flyers.

PLEASE do something to help more children!

HOPE in Motion TV series:

The special TV series is now on air!

The series has been filmed and produced by Terry Benedict who also produced the *Desmond Doss* movie.

Hope in Motion is showing on 3ABN at these times:

Friday 5:30pm CDT
 Sunday 9:00am CDT
 Wednesday 11:00pm CDT



YOU can GIVE HOPE every day to a child Children need sponsors!

These are just some of the children who urgently need sponsors. Individuals, families, Sabbath schools, Pathfinders, school classes are just some of the people or groups who could make a difference with a child every morning of their lives. Give HOPE today!



Aneyla Lepcha is from a Christian family. Mother is unable to work due to health and father is a day laborer who struggles to feed his family.
\$23 Day Student
 Id: **ISKM012**



Marshal Murmu's father was addicted to alcohol and died. Mother hung herself. The aunt hung him to Sunrise. He is a bright, healthy boy.
\$45 Boarder Plus
 Id: **ISSR058**



Pravatica Sangemola's mother is very sick and the father struggles to pay for healthcare for her. There is no money for schooling.
\$35 Boarder
 Id: **IZHB043**



Bonam Hima Bindu's parents are both day laborers with a large family. She would like to become a teacher.
\$35 Boarder
 Id: **IRJN093**



Angali Raju comes from a very poor SDA family who struggles to have food. She is very bright and deserves an education.
\$35 Boarder
 Id: **IKTK002**



Bharathi Baroor is a hard working girl. The family cannot educate three girls. She is in good health and bright.
\$35 Boarder
 Id: **IZHB045**



Rajan Swaminathan is a bright student. His family is very poor and he will not be educated without Asian Aid's help.
\$35 Boarder Plus
 Id: **IEDT059**



Kishan was abandoned by his mother and father, left on the streets to fend for himself. He is gaining strength and his health is improving.
\$35 Boarder
 Id: **IBRB071**



Pramodh Setti's father works far from home and only returns every 3 months. His job does not pay enough to support his family. He wants to be a pastor.
\$35 Boarder
 Id: **IONG092**



Vijay Babu is from a family of four children. The parents find it difficult to support the family. He is a smart, well behaved boy.
\$35 Boarder
 Id: **IONG107**



Prasanna Geddala is from a very poor family. They live in a small thatch house. The family cooks and sleeps in the same small room.
\$35 Boarder
 Id: **IONG089**



Murthuraj M has one sister and his family live in a small rented home. His father only works when he can find work.
\$23 Day Student
 Id: **IRJP030**

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or email us at support@asianaid.org

to get information and support a child.

We now have a DVD with the first six TV programs. You MUST get a copy of this to see the exciting stories and the way your support is helping those in need.

The cost including postage for the DVD is \$5.00, or you can make a donation of any amount to the Operating Support Fund and we will send you a copy.

Watch HOPE in Motion now on-line at www.asianaid.org