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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



Bindu

Bimala



Bimala with friends at 3 Angels Home

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 Sindulapchok 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.

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 "she would have a better life."



Prabita now has a reason to smile

No Ordinary Job

By: Anne Binette, Asian Aid USA Official
When I walked into the Asian Aid office years ago, India was merely a place of a fulfilling job, but I was unaware of an ordinary job. This job would begin my vision to stop the cycle of poverty that India's children with Jesus' beautiful faces of so many children who before me.

In March, I was honored to visit India as I walked onto our school campus. I was proud to be her sponsor and talk with her. Albinism is a condition that is not taught to protect their skin from the sun. They are already struggling with spots on her arms and future skin cancer. I met a young mother because she has money and a young girl provide. They bring medication necessary for these stories are on a street corner in India. At the Fliaz School we learned about an exciting program beginning in 2017. They will be offering year theology programs designed to educate workers. In return for completion of this program each Bible worker is required to then serve a year as a Bible worker.



Anne with Sirvilli

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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

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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Teacher's Convention Nashville, TN August 5-8
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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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to arrange for a professional advisor to contact you.

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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**