



Educate MYANMAR

Sponsorship in Adventist schools

Urgent need for Myanmar children and schools!!

It has been a year since Asian Aid responded to a special request from the Adventist church in Myanmar to assist in sponsorships.

As government schools became free, it became important to the Adventist church that our Myanmar Adventist schools also be free to poor parents. We welcomed over 600 children into the Asian Aid family who are able to learn more about Jesus in a country where evangelism is limited. We look forward to building the program in Myanmar as time goes on. With a new program come opportunities to develop new relationships and gain knowledge on their culture. In June CEO Jim Rennie will travel to set up the management process to help us attain our goal of 1,500 children in the program in two years. For our mission schools, the consistent resources will be a huge blessing. To most children coming from poor families, this is a great chance to attain a quality education.

Please consider sponsoring a Myanmar child or contributing to the Asian Aid “Educate Myanmar fund”

Nepal: A Year Later the Need Continues



It has been a year since Nepal was devastated by two earthquakes. Together - Asian Aid with your help - provided over \$350,000 to support Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital which provided emergency medical care free to the earthquake victims. Thank you for your support!

The effects of the two earthquakes in Kathmandu were felt as far as Mount Everest - 99.5 miles away. The death toll was over 8,600 and more than 21,000 individuals were injured. Although it's been a year, basic healthcare remains a major concern; many women do not have access to necessary health services.

This year the hospital will expand their services to include:

- Enhanced prenatal education, care, and screening for mothers
- Upgraded mother and baby labor and delivery services
- Lactation services
- Pelvic Organ Prolapse education, screening, and treatment
- Cervical cancer screening and treatment
- Breast cancer education, detection, and treatment

Since these services are so critical, equipment needed includes exam tables, birthing beds, ultrasound equipment - all of which total approximately \$56,000 we need to raise.

I know you care deeply about the people of Nepal and understand the importance of women's health. Please consider a gift of \$100, \$250, \$1,000, or whatever you can do to help.

I can't wait to tell these special doctors that donors like you want the best medical care to be available and are doing something about it.

Thank you for giving today,



Jim Rennie AAUSA CEO

AsianAID worldwide celebrates 50 years!



Asian Aid is proud to celebrate 50 years of giving hope! From our humble beginnings to impacting over 50,000 children, Asian Aid has grown to touch so many lives.

It all began in **1963** when founder Masie Fook saw an ad in a magazine to sponsor children in Asia. She wrote to an orphanage in Korea and began to sponsor two children. Three years later, Masie visited her two sponsored children and decided to adopt them. Upon her return to Australia, she convinced a group of friends to help her and her husband Denis to start her own organization. **With only \$2,000 and a ton of faith, Asian Aid was born.** The first sponsorships were in Vietnam with 750 children until the fall of Saigon in **1975**. So, in **1977** work began in India and **1987** work began in Bangladesh.

In **1981**, Helen Eager was appointed to the board after becoming very active in the organization as a volunteer. Over the next 30 years, Helen and others worked tirelessly in India and Bangladesh as well as Nepal and Sri Lanka. Working with donors around the world, like Garwin McNeilus from the US, schools, such as Immanuel School in Jeypore, India, were built and developed throughout India. Immanuel School is still one of Asian Aid's largest schools. Another one of our schools established was the School for the blind in Bobbili, India. In **1986**, Masie retired and Helen continued to nurture the work in the various countries. By **2000**, Asian Aid's donations totaled \$1.7 million with over 4,000 sponsored children. Sadly in **2002**, Masie passed away leaving a legacy of introducing thousands of children to Jesus.

Special thanks for Mrs. Helen Eager for her leadership and all the sacrifices that she has given to over 50,000 children.

Helen will be visiting the USA August 3 - 6 for ASI National.

In her honor we will be having a special luncheon Friday August 5, at 12 p.m. If you would like to attend the luncheon, please email us at

support@asianaid.org

Space is limited, so respond quickly!

In **2001**, Asian Aid USA was formed by a group of passionate volunteers that grew the organization to 600 children. In **2009**, Jim Rennie was appointed CEO and developed a growth strategy that included moving from Nebraska to Collegedale, TN and creating the **"Hope in Motion"** series. With **"Hope in Motion"** airing on 3ABN and travel around the country sharing the message of child sponsorship, donations in **2015** excelled to \$2.4 million with over 3,500 children. Combined Asian Aid Australia and Asian Aid USA have \$6.6 million in support and over 9,000 children sponsored in Adventist schools!

For those in the Washington D.C. area, the special thanks will continue with a church service at Southern Asian Church Sabbath, August 13. Please join us for church and lunch provided afterwards.

OPERATION CHILD RESCUE IN ACTION!

Child labor rescue

In February, OCR alongside India partner Freedom Project India carried out a child labor rescue raid in two locations in Bangalore India. Many children in India are forced into slave labor by working long hours seven days a week. After receiving a tip about child labor practices in the area, the team assembled with police officers and for two days had these businesses under surveillance.

The team and police then raided the locations. That day the children had been working since 6:00am and were prepared to work a 12 hour shift stitching bags. The raid was successful in rescuing 12 boys between the ages of 12 and 16. The boys were checked out by medical staff and then interviewed by the team. Altogether, three employees of the bag manufacturer were arrested.

Child labor continues to be an issue in many countries including India.

We are grateful to "Operation Child Rescue" supporters who help make it possible for us to end these heinous practices.



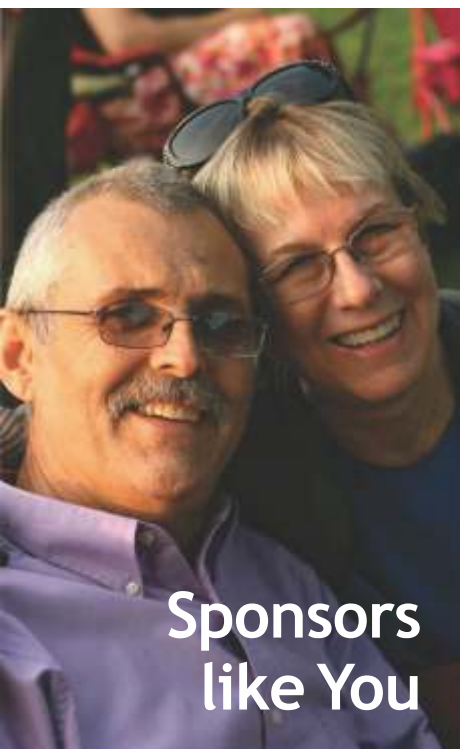
Kids Helping Kids

For most 11 year olds, birthdays mean cake, gifts, and lots of fun!

Instead, for Rebecca Mercado, it was an opportunity to raise money for Asian Aid. In December 2015 Rebecca, her mother Connie Mercado, and 19 others boarded a plane from LAX airport, in Los Angeles, to India. Rebecca was excited for her two week adventure!

Rebecca quickly came face-to-face with the unique beauty and culture of India. Arriving at Bobbili Blind School she was welcomed with rose petals and bouquets. At Sunrise, they greeted her with a large welcoming banner. She met so many new people, put on a Christmas program, and enjoyed playing on the same grounds as our Asian Aid children. All too quickly the trip came to a close.

Arriving back in the USA, India lingered in her thoughts. She recalled playing outside one day and falling. It hurt because of the tiny sharp rocks. Realizing that not every child at these two schools had flip flops, she wanted to do something about that. Why should they get hurt the way she had? When her birthday party came around, she asked friends and family to bring a donation for Asian Aid instead of a gift. Held at the beach with a flip flops theme, Rebecca raised over \$400 and \$650 in total the weeks following her party. Now 12 years old, Rebecca can look back with pride on the impact she made in India - 280 little feet say thank you!



Sponsors like You

Meet one of Asian Aid's wonderful sponsors Debbie Stack who has been sponsoring with us, alongside her husband Frank, since 2012. With six children in India, Debbie has made a great impact on their lives over the past four years. After becoming acquainted with Asian Aid through the Hope in Motion series on 3ABN, she was immediately hooked - hook, line, and sinker! She loves that she receives regular updates twice a year from the schools as well as letters and handmade Christmas cards from the students. The students always say thank you for the special gift they receive at Christmas which definitely makes her think of them as "our" children. Her students share when they have been sick, how they like their school, and about summer and Christmas vacations. Debbie's "children" pray for her EVERY day and ask that we pray for them and their families as well. They are very open writing about God to us. These letters make their

lives at school very real to us because we can "picture" their world. A world where their parents are proud their children are receiving the education they never attained—says one of the blind girls Debbie and her husband sponsor.

Finally, Debbie shares how easy it is to work with Asian Aid staff that are always very helpful, knowledgeable, and friendly if they have questions. She takes advantage of the hassle-free to automatic payments, updated pictures as their "children" mature.

"We have sponsored a child in another organization but had never received this much communication, updates, or pictures. We plan to continue our sponsorships for many years to come," said Debbie.

Thank you Debbie for your support and we also look forward to serving you for many years in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Asian Aid'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.asianaid.org) under "Resources" and then click "Video Library".

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

asianaid.org

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Can you help?

We are asking if you could share what you know about Asian Aid with the world.

We desperately need sponsors and you are our best Ambassadors. Please tell others about Asian Aid 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 impact Asian Aid is having on so 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 Asian Aid 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@asianaid.org
to arrange for a professional advisor to contact you.

THESE CHILDREN URGENTLY NEED YOUR SPONSORSHIP



Eh Thayu Paw attends school. Both parents are sickly and don't work often. She likes to sing and sew and wants to become a teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19841**



Than Than likes to sew and plant flowers. Her family is poor but she has a dream of being a doctor. She is in the 6th grade at a school in Myanmar.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19842**



Khin Mar wants to be a teacher. Her parents are poor and don't get work often. Her favorite subject in school is Math and drawing.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19649**



San Win's father passed away and her mother is the only income. Her favorite subject at school is Hygiene and she wants to be a seamstress.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19879**



Naw Ta's parents want her to go to school but they cannot help her with tuition fees. She enjoys singing, playing football and wants to be a teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19823**



Kyaw Shane wants to become an educated man and a school teacher. He likes to sing and play football. He is in Grade 5 at Myanmar SDA school.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19829**



Mg Nyunt lives with his ailing father and eight siblings. He is in the 2nd grade, enjoys cooking and playing football and wants to be a school teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19818**



Samuel Win enjoys singing and playing football. He likes Science school and be a school teacher so he can help other kids like him.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19830**



Saw Klu is a 5th grade student in Myanmar. He likes playing the guitar and football. He would like to be educated and become a teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19828**



Saw Eh's father passed away and his mother is ill so he needs support to go to school. He likes to play the guitar, caneball and wants to be a Pastor.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19822**



Saw Day's father deserted the family of five children. He is in the 2nd grade but needs help to stay at school. He would like to become a teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19817**



Saw Yo Shu's mother died and his father is struggling to care for four children. He is in the 2nd grade, his favorite class is Bible, likes reading and football.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19816**



Mu Dar Khu's family is too poor to send her to school but she wants to finish her education and become a teacher. She sews, sings and plays the guitar.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19852**



Thet Hnin Aye would like to become a doctor. Her family is very poor and can't afford the school fees. She is in 6th grade at Pyin Oo Lwin SDA school.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19784**



Zwe Ni Ni Tun wants to finish school and be a doctor but his parents can't afford tuition fees. He likes singing and playing football.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U19783**



Swaroop lives with his parents and goes to school in the slums of Visag. School is the bright spot of his day as he can learn to become an engineer.

\$32 Day+ Student
ID: **U16956**



Penumaka is in the 3rd grade at the Khurda School in India. He is a quiet student who enjoys reading and wants to be a Pastor when he grows up.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U17705**



Sri Ppujitha is in the 5th grade at Imbrahimpattam school in India. She is very tidy, loves music, singing and wants to become a school teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U18515**



Ragini lives in the slums of Vishakapatnam. Since her father died her mother can't support her two girls. Ragini loves to read and wants to be a teacher.

\$32 Day+ Student
ID: **U16959**



Jyothi is in the 3rd grade at the Khunti SDA school. She is from a Hindu family in a remote village. She wants to be a teacher when she grows up.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U14281**