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Asian Aid USA has Moved

Without fail, God provided a place five minutes from the old office
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On May 19, 2009, Asian Aid USA moved from Auburn, Nebraska to Collegedale, Tennessee with growth in mind. Eight years later, Asian Aid has outgrown its small office space. With six employees, it was time for a larger space. After much searching and prayer, God led us to the perfect location.

We purchased a two-story home that is now our commercially zoned office building. It allows for each staff member to have enough work space, plenty of storage, parking and room for growth. We are grateful for this gift from God and invite you to stop by for a visit. Our phone number **(423) 910-0667** will remain the same as will as our email, support@asianaid.org.

Dear Friends of Asian Aid,

Every week we hear amazing stories about children and the impact your sponsorship has on their lives. Without your support, these children wouldn't have the same story. However, there are so many more stories that we have yet to hear. In India, we have appointed a communications officer who will visit with our sponsored children and schools to collect their powerful stories. This means more opportunities for you to connect with the children you support.

What about the children yet to be sponsored? What about their stories? We want to hear their testimonies as well, but it all starts with you. **Right now, we have over 500 unsponsored children including those with special needs at our blind and deaf schools.** Please consider sponsoring a child, sponsoring an additional child or sharing this need with your friends, colleagues, or family. We have enclosed cards of the profiles of children who need help living in Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, or Sri Lanka. If God is leading you to give the gift of hope to a beautiful child in an Adventist

mission school, give us a call. If you can't commit to sponsorship, a donation to the **Unsponsored Child Fund** will support all the Asian Aid children currently without a sponsor. **You can give HOPE – TODAY!**

Thank you for your continued prayers and support,

Jim Rennie AAUSA CEO



GIVING HOPE to Children, Families & Communities in Nepal, Bangladesh, India & Sri Lanka

OPERATION CHILD RESCUE

Operation Child Rescue partners with The Freedom Project India to provide rehabilitation for the survivors of human trafficking. The Freedom project established the Azadi Home in early 2016 to address the gap between intervention and rehabilitation so survivors can successfully assimilate back into society.

On March 8, in celebration of International Women's Day, the Azadi Home wanted each woman to feel special for such a memorable day. Various activities and events were organized throughout the day such as making personalized crowns for each woman to wear to express their strength and worth as women, mothers, wives, and daughters.

In the upcoming months The Freedom Project will be working with the local government and police to develop a transfer process for women from the local government home to the Azadi Home. The local government has come to rely on the expertise of Azadi director, Anita, and her staff to help improve their programs. Anita and her team will be collaborating to help organize therapeutic programs for women as well.

In addition to working with the local government, Azadi Home will continue to work closely with each woman and their rehabilitation plans.

Thank you for your continued support of Operation Child Rescue which aids The Freedom Project. Because of your generous gifts, Azadi Home continues to grow and serve the women within its walls.



Sunrise Home Sports Week

April 9-15, Sunrise Home held a Sports Week for all its children. Whether young or old, tall or short, every child participated in a variety of individual games and team activities. With the school year coming to an end, it was the perfect time to stretch some muscles and relax the mind.

Varma and Lalitha, directors of Sunrise Home, were thrilled to watch the children relax and enjoy being kids. All week the children participated in activities such as volleyball, track and field, lemon and spoon, musical chairs, and more. Every afternoon they built leadership skills and learned how to work together as a team. Outdoor activities are not only great for the body they also help children build confidence and social skills. We are thankful for Varma and Lalitha's great leadership and look forward to future fun weeks they plan for the Sunrise Home children.

Without your sponsorship and support, Sunrise would not exist. Thank you!



A Young Girl's Escape from Death

Nine-year-old Soniya Thapa is from Sindhupal Chowk, a small remote village about four hours from Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital. Sindhupal Chowk is situated in a region that is close to the epicenter of the earthquake that devastated Nepal a little over two years ago. April 25, is a day Soniya will never forget because it is the day that she almost died.

On the morning of April 25, 2015, Soniya was washing her hands in a sink outside of her home when suddenly her feet began to shake. Before she could figure out what was going on, she heard someone shout "earthquake!" She panicked and instead of running to a safe place outside, she ran back into her home. Instantly, the roof above her gave in and buried her feet under debris.

Through the debris, she could hear her grandfather calling her name. She tried to call out to him, but he was not able to hear her. Nearby, Soniya's parents hadn't yet realized she was missing. But it was her uncle who finally heard her voice trying to break free from beneath the debris.

With his bare hands, he began to remove all that was between him and his niece. Soon others joined in the rescue for time was of the essence. As Soniya faded into unconsciousness, the rescue continued. Two hours later, she was freed and transported to a car

to begin the four-hour journey to Scheer Memorial Hospital.

Soniya underwent five surgeries for multiple injuries and it took over three months for her to recover. All the while she was at the hospital, her mother was by her side. During this time, Soniya's mother was also able to get a job in the hospital cafeteria and came to learn about the school behind the hospital.

One day, Soniya's doctor asked her what she wished for in her heart. She quickly responded, "I want to go to school". This was a wish that could easily be granted. The doctor spoke to the school principal about this eager-to-study girl who was still hopeful despite all that she had been through.

After her recovery, she was admitted to the ESA Memorial School. Today, Soniya is thrilled to be able to attend her first-grade classes. She is a student — just like she wished.





Our special needs children

Try going a whole day without your cell phone. For many, that would be next to impossible yet there are those who live without something more precious than a cell phone—sight or hearing. Asian Aid is very proud of two specific schools in India that provide education for children who are blind or deaf. Asian Aid’s School for the Blind is in a lovely rural setting in the northern part of the state, Andhra Pradesh. The School for the Hearing Impaired is in Kollegal, south of the city of Bangalore.

Children born into poverty do not always get the opportunity to go to school. Compound poverty with blindness or deafness and the likelihood of receiving an education drops even lower. For the students at Bobbili Blind School and the deaf school in Kollegal, they now have the chance to go to school despite their special needs. They are surrounded by staff and teachers who love them, understand them and find creative ways to help them learn instead of sitting at home doing menial tasks. They are building confidence for a better and brighter future.

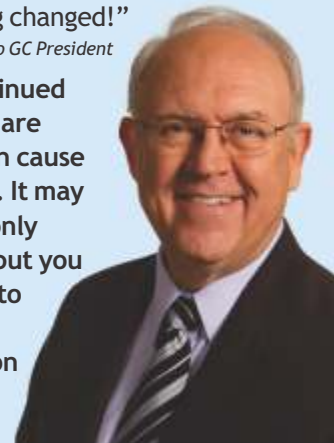
It does not stop there. Parents of our special needs children are also given hope. They have hope knowing that there is someone who knows how to communicate with their child and resources to help them learn. Their children now have a chance at getting a job and contributing to the family in the future. With tears in their eyes, they are eternally grateful! Asian Aid Australia is no longer able to fund some these children so we have stepped in to keep hope alive. Would you consider sponsoring one of over 20 new special needs children today? Together we can continue to change their lives for the better. You can give us a call to sponsor a blind or deaf child or give a gift towards the Blind and Deaf School Funds.

The impact on the lives of our special needs children has not gone unnoticed. Larry Evans, Special Assistant to GC President, Ted Wilson, recently returned from a trip to India.

“After visiting India last month, I just want to pay tribute to Asian Aid and its supporters for the work it does for orphans and the deaf and blind. Without the support of Asian Aid, our church would not be able to carry out this key mission outreach. The GC is very aware of the support of Asian Aid to the mission of these schools, homes and mission schools in over five countries. Lives are being changed!”

Larry Evans Special Assistant to GC President

Thank you for your continued support of children that are misunderstood and often cause shame for their families. It may seem as though you’re only providing an education but you are empowering a child to see beyond their weaknesses to the person they can become.



Special Announcement

Asian Aid is comprised of two sister organizations: Asian Aid Australia and Asian Aid USA. Although both organizations share the same name, they operate and are governed independently with separate boards and policies.

This year Asian Aid Australia has started a change from the traditional child sponsorship model, supporting orphanages and special needs schools,

to working on a development model with villages and schools. Within this new model, the sponsored children represent the village and may not be educated at an Adventist mission school.

Asian Aid USA will continue to sponsor individual children and change their lives and the lives of their families through education in Adventist mission schools. Asian Aid USA CEO Jim Rennie says, **“Asian Aid USA is totally committed, as a supporting ministry of the Adventist church, to**

its sponsorship program which supports Adventist mission schools. We currently support over 3,500 children and will continue to grow, sponsor more children, and provide financial support to these mission schools.”

If you have any questions concerning the Asian Aid USA sponsorship program please contact us. Thank you for your continued support which touches so many lives.



Gardening Empowers the Mind

Planting season has arrived at Sunrise Home and all hands, large and small, are busy tending the garden. For some, gardening is a relaxing activity and for others, it can be a bit stressful. Gardening is a great way for children to learn many new skills like patience, persistence and how food ends up on their plate. They are learning about soil, plant food, sunlight and watering practices. Now, the concept of cause and effect will click in their minds as they plant seeds and watch them grow.

Science will come to life as their understanding of agriculture and weather deepens. *What an impact!* In their outdoor classroom, we are confident that their confidence will bloom alongside their fruits and vegetables. Many donors have given to Sunrise Home in hopes that each child will have the best home possible. This is a reality as our Sunrise Home children don't just get a warm bed and an education, they are loved and taught life skills.

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 to get a gift for your sponsored child living in India.

For only \$25, they'll get a memorable gift in August. The deadline is May 31.

Donate your car

and help a child in poverty by calling (877) 411-3662

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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.