

## Shawn Boonstra Becomes Asian Aid Ambassador



Asian Aid is excited to announce that Shawn Boonstra and his wife Jean are now supporting the Asian Aid team as Honoree Ambassadors. Shawn and Jean will assist Asian Aid with television and media projects and in early 2012 will be assisting in launching an exciting mission service program with Asian Aid.

Shawn and his family sponsor a child at Sunrise Orphanage and are excited about the impact

Asian Aid is making in India and other parts of the world. "A key part of evangelism is serving the needy and helping others," says Shawn. "Asian Aid is a unique ministry that works closely with the church to achieve that." Be watching in early 2012 for information about Asian Aid's new program that will provide various ways for churches, Sabbath School classes, Pathfinders, youth groups and individuals to be involved in exciting mission projects and outreach opportunities.

## Winter 2011 Newsletter

As we reflect on the past year, Asian Aid USA has been very blessed with growth both in sponsorship and in donations for our worthy projects. We are truly grateful to all our donors for their support. Sponsorship allows you to be a missionary every day as you provide your child an education and the opportunity to learn about Christ. We always have a need for sponsors because there are so many children we have not reached! The more people with whom you can share Asian Aid, the more children we can help. Please help us by arranging to have our insert included in your church bulletin. Let us know how many you need and we will mail them to you.

Every year we have children who drop out of school. This can be painful for the sponsor and we understand the frustration it can bring. Our field staff do their best to follow up on these children but it can prove difficult. Sometimes families simply move and don't tell the school, other times the child may be required to work or help in the home and the parents hide this from the school. It can be very frustrating for us as we try to find the child or the reason. I am sorry for the small group of sponsors who are advised that their child has left. However, please take consolation in knowing that while your child was at school you may have given them their only opportunity to learn of Christ's love and to receive the education they did. Asian Aid is working with its field staff on this ongoing challenge.

Asian Aid fully supports six orphanages, a blind school, and a deaf school. With over 400 orphans we have constant costs above basic sponsorship. This includes medical needs, new buildings, maintenance, staff, and many special personal needs for these children. Asian Aid has an urgent need and is making a special Christmas appeal for these orphans and orphanages. Please give a love offering to our Orphan Home Christmas Appeal to help us provide for these children.

Also, just a reminder that any donation postmarked on or before December 31, 2011 is fully tax deductible for the year 2011 for all US donors. We will be sending yearly tax receipts during the month of January 2012. If you have a question in regard to your receipt, please call our office. We are open Monday through Thursday.

Asian Aid's mission is based on the verse in Scripture where Jesus reminds us, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." My staff and I are privileged to serve in this ministry and ask you to pray for us and the people we serve. Please help us by telling others about Asian Aid and the benefits of child sponsorship.

I humbly thank you and we look forward to helping thousands more in 2012.

Jim Rennie, CEO Asian Aid USA

## Rosy: Saved from the Clutches of AIDS

Rosy's story begins and unfolds much like a modern-day soap opera. Rosy's mother married when she was very young, a common practice for many Indian girls. However, after giving birth to her first child, Rosy, her husband died of AIDS.

Rosy's mother tried to survive by wandering from place to place doing manual labor for a little money. She had multiple affairs with men, and it wasn't long before she gave birth to a baby boy, Moses. Sadly, Moses contracted HIV at birth and was diagnosed with AIDS. It wasn't long before Moses' father passed away, another victim of the rampant disease.

Now alone and having to feed two children, Rosy's mother managed to meagerly survive by again traveling from town to town doing manual labor. Young Rosy took care of baby Moses while their mother was away. However, when Moses was only two years old, their mother died - the third tragic loss for little Rosy. Now left as orphans, their aunt, a widow who earned a living selling fruit, took them under her care.



Rosy, now part of the Sunrise Orphanage family

But when it became too hard for Rosy's aunt to care for herself and the two children, a local pastor brought Rosy to Sunrise Orphanage and brought her brother to a home for AIDS children in Hyderabad.

The orphanage staff took Rosy for an AIDS test and were exuberant when the results deemed her AIDS-free! She is now under the loving care of her Sunrise family, is in good health, and is learning about her Heavenly Father who, unlike our earthly parents and their best intentions, never leaves or abandons His children.



# Orphan Home Christmas Appeal



This year, Asian Aid's annual Christmas appeal is going towards support of its orphan program. Asian Aid operates six orphanages in India and also sponsors some orphans at the Asian Aid Blind and Deaf Schools.

There are continual needs as these children who come to us with nothing require medical treatment, medicines, buildings for school and home, facility maintenance, and staff wages, just to name a few. Also, the cost of food, including basic essentials such as rice, has increased in some parts of India over 30%!



Asian Aid USA CEO, Jim Rennie, says that even though it is a constant challenge to meet the needs in the orphanages, in 2012 Asian Aid would like to increase its capacity with the new Sunrise Orphanage location and the new Dorothy Watts Home in Bangalore.

These two homes could accommodate another 200 children who currently live on the streets. Any donation, big or small, will make a significant difference in the lives of these children. As you plan your Christmas giving we ask you to please support our Orphan Home Christmas Appeal.

## Make a difference this Christmas & support the Orphan Home Christmas Appeal



*Above: Sabbath morning the children and Lalitha sing on the site of their new home.*

*Right: Dining hall (close) and girls' dorm (far) with newly mounted cement slab roofs.*

*Below: Sunrise children on top of the new water tower.*



## Special Sabbath on Sunrise Property

Recently, the director of Sunrise Orphanage took the children to the site of their new home for a special Sabbath service. The children and staff rode the bus to the property where they were able to see the progress of the buildings being constructed and even climb to the top of the new water tower.

The theme of the special Sabbath was appropriately "Peace with Jesus," as the devil has been active at the site causing delays through land disputes, bad weather, and labor issues. The children took this opportunity to recommit themselves and the project to Jesus.

Upon hearing of the special outing, Asian Aid USA CEO Jim Rennie rang the Sunrise director, Lalitha, and thanked her and her staff for the spiritual training and leadership they are giving the children.

Truly it is a monumental responsibility bringing up over 70 children in their current below-standard facilities and unsatisfactory surroundings. However, despite their circumstances, not only are the children clean, well-kept, and loved, but they also have staff who have introduced them to Jesus and given them an example of His love.

At the end of the day the children returned to their current home where many were tucked into their beds laid out on the cement floor. But they slept with the bright hope and vivid dreams of their new home which they had visited and committed into the hands of their Father.



Please support this orphanage and others by donating to our special "Orphan Home Christmas Appeal"



Six of us, Tyler, Ben, Nick, Jessi, Chris and Tara traveled to India from the US to put on a summer camp program for the children at Bobbili School for the Blind. Our objective was to show the students Christ's love through activities, worship and quality time. Our mission was to set our egos aside and to love, and love big! Our motto and theme for our two weeks was "self-LESS, love-MORE." We did crafts, nature studies, games and music which included teaching the motions to the totally blind. On our last Sabbath there, we had the honor of joining the Sunrise Orphanage in worship. The church was a room on the roof of the Seventh-day Adventist school in Bobbili. Everyone took their shoes off

## India, You Stole Our Hearts

(as told by the Heartsight Blind Camp team)



Tara with some of her new friends

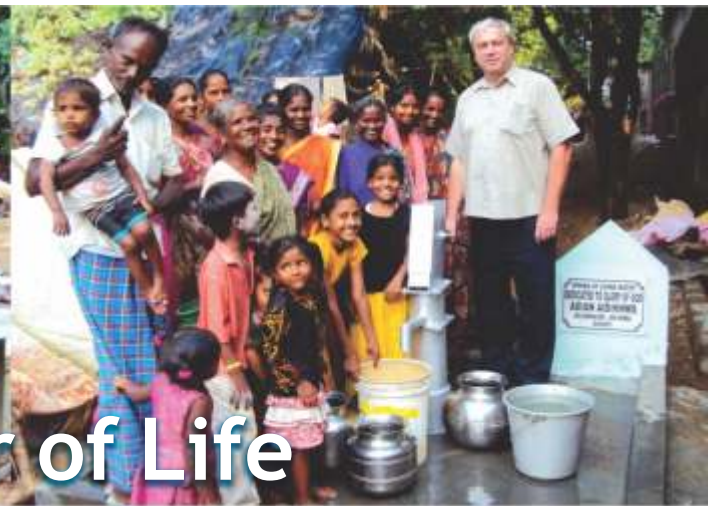
at the door and entered the one room sanctuary with a reverence that was refreshing. The windows were broken on the outside of the church... the inside was full of brokenness too, broken hearts of children who had lost their parents, broken souls full of questions, broken people who had come together to form the glue that heals only through a body of believers who understand that One can make us whole again.

This trip was an incredible success for the students and for us. We will never be the same. The love those children gave so freely was a love that can only come from Christ, and our hearts are bigger from experiencing it. India was beautiful and we loved visiting, but it's the people we want to go back to, it's the people that stole our hearts.



Vizianagaram slum

While visiting the town of Vizianagaram, India, Asian Aid Australia supporters happened across a group of destitute people living in a slum behind a group of shops in a "no man's land". This small community had lived in this slum for over 10 years, during which they had repeatedly requested the local government for a closer and safer water supply. To fill their metal water jugs they had to cross a busy road and walk over half a mile. Already two women had been killed crossing the busy road. Although it was difficult accessing the location for a well, an abundant supply of water was found, and with funds from an Asian Aid donor Asian



Bright smiles at the dedication of the well

Aid was able to put in a source for clean water right in the slum neighborhood. Jim Rennie, Asian Aid USA CEO, was present for a small dedication of the well. As the women from the slum tried out the new pump, water flowed not only from the well, but also down their cheeks in gratitude as they told Mr. Rennie how thankful they were to God that now there would be less sickness in their families. It cost just \$900 to give this small group in Vizianagaram a better quality of life. Join us in sharing the water of life, both physically and spiritually, to the many dying of thirst in India, Bangladesh, and Nepal.

**"Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17**

## Immanuel School Wins Running Shield

Each year on Independence Day in India, towns and villages have parades and competitions for local schools. In Jeypore, where Asian Aid sponsors over 700 children at the Immanuel School, Principal Arun Panda and his staff always prepare the children for this important community event. If you were to visit Immanuel School on a normal day, you would immediately notice the students neatly dressed in their sharp uniforms, and on this special occasion they are especially looking their best. This year they won the Running Shield for winning the most races and also did well in the marching competition. The sponsors of these students can be proud of their hard work and achievements.







## HOPE in Motion full DVD set

Our new 3-disk DVD set of the complete *Hope in Motion* series is now available! This inspirational series will make a great gift for friends and family. For only \$10 you have the opportunity to see the places we've been talking about in these newsletters and the faces of the children you are affecting by your support.

**PLEASE CALL TO PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**3ABN Broadcasting Times:** Asian Aid's TV series, *HOPE in Motion*, airs every Friday at 4:30pm PST, 5:30 MST, 6:30 CST, and 7:30 EST

**Dale Martin Update:** Some of you are aware that Dale Martin, our Partner Development Manager, had a very bad crash on his mountain bike when he was attacked by a dog while cycling. He was in the hospital for ten days and spent an additional six weeks recovering. Dale is now back at work networking and visiting ministry partners. Dale and Asian Aid thank you for your prayers and concern.

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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.

**Contact us for information:**

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

or email [support@asianaid.org](mailto:support@asianaid.org)

to arrange for a professional advisor to contact you.

Charitable Gift Annuities are NOT AVAILABLE in the states of AL, MD and WA. Annuities to benefit Asian Aid for CA and IL residents are provided by the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; for HI residents they are provided by the HI Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Annuities to benefit Asian Aid in all other states are provided by the Western Adventist Foundation.



## THESE CHILDREN URGENTLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT



Prem's father works as a watchman but spends most of the money on alcohol. Prem would like to become a doctor.  
**\$23 Day Student**  
ID: **ISSD020**



Ruben is in upper kindergarten. His father is a coolie but doesn't make enough money for the family.  
**\$30 Day Student Plus**  
ID: **ICHT045**



Sridhar is in 3rd grade and sings very well. His family is poor and his mother suffers from asthma.  
**\$30 Day Student Plus**  
ID: **ICHT044**



Sherlin lost her father in an accident. Her mother works as a coolie. Sherlin is in 1st grade.  
**\$30 Day Student Plus**  
ID: **ICHT017**



Kakarlamudi is in 10th grade and likes to read history books. She is good in her studies and running races.  
**\$30 Day Student Plus**  
ID: **IIHP040**



Yamuna's father died in an accident and her mother works 14 hours each day as a roadside cleaner. Yamuna would like to be a doctor.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **IBZP130**



Manikanta lives in a thatched hut by the roadside. His sister, Yamuna, also attends the same Asian Aid school.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **IBZP137**



Praveen's father is handicapped so his mother is the only one who can work. He is in 4th grade and always smiling.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **IIHP249**



Rajeshwari is in 6th grade. She likes to read the Bible and take care of her brother who also attends the Asian Aid school.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **IIHP250**



Varkalolu is in 7th grade. She is hardworking and her grades are excellent.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **IIHP251**



Rasmita's father is a watchman at the school she attends and her mother is a cook. She is shy but wants to become a nurse.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **IEMN573**



Pichia's mother is a laborer who collects leftover paddy from the fields. Pichia likes to play volleyball, draw, and collect stamps.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **IONG214**



Lalruatfail has two brothers and they live in a small tin sheet home in Bangladesh. She is in 5th grade.  
**\$35 Boarder**  
ID: **BJA011**



Selina is in the 6th grade in Bangladesh. She likes to study but the family is poor and can't support her education.  
**\$30 Boarder**  
ID: **BSA055**



Rakshitha is deaf and attends Asian Aid's special deaf school. She is in 5th grade and wants to become a teacher.  
**\$45 Boarder Plus**  
ID: **IDD121**



Konala's father is deceased and her mother abandoned her and her sister. She is in 7th grade and wants to be a teacher.  
**\$45 Boarder Plus**  
ID: **INSP137**