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Newsletter

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Letter from the CEO

We certainly have seen the entire world change so fast. We have all felt the pandemic in some way. This crisis is a big challenge for us in the 6 countries we operate in, especially being a sponsorship organization when schools are closed. The situation is very bad with high job loss, sickness, and no government support. Most mission schools are in financial trouble and many teachers are not being paid. During this crisis, we want to continue supporting the children. Child Impact has developed a strategy that will continue supporting the schools so they will be able to re-open while temporarily giving support to the students and their families at home.

Emergency Sponsorship Procedure

Child Impact International has carefully studied all options and, although any solution is not perfect, has decided to implement the following procedure beginning in July:

- In India, Bangladesh and Myanmar, Child Impact field staff have formed emergency teams who, with school staff will contact by phone the child or someone in the village to do a welfare check. Travel is not possible right now, but we believe that we should be able to contact over 90% of the children.
- The welfare check will ask: do they have food, are they getting government assistance and is the parent or guardian working? If its determined that help is required, then 50% of the child's sponsorship will be sent to the child by bank transfer.
- All children not needing or receiving assistance will have 50% of the monthly sponsorship held for when they return to school, the other 50% will still go to the school to help ensure it remains operational and can open when they return.
- In Zambia, Nepal, and Sri Lanka sponsorship will be held until schools open. Until then, students and staff are receiving rice supplies for food relief from Child Impact.
- When schools open, Child Impact International will ensure each school receives rice and food support for every sponsored child for at least 6 months.
- Child Impact International is ensuring as many schools as possible will have health education, hand sanitizer supplies, thermometers, and face masks.

Please visit our website www.childimpact.org to see the full statement.

Our Rice & Health Appeal has become our emergency fund and we have extended it to assist teachers and church workers who are unpaid.

I want to thank each of you who have supported us in this emergency. Child Impact, the children and the mission schools we serve are grateful for your support.

Thanking you,

Jim Rennie CEO Child Impact International



Sponsor a Child

Your hand in giving HOPE every day!

CEO Role

The Child Impact International board stated that Mr. Chris Smoot has resigned to pursue other opportunities. Jim Rennie was asked to resume the position of CEO and has accepted. With over twelve years of leading and building the organization, Jim's return, together with the strong team at the USA head office, will give donors and field operations in every country where Child Impact operates, the strength and confidence necessary during these challenging times.



Vizianagarum Children's Court counselling and rest room project

When in India last January, CEO Jim Rennie was invited to meet the senior staff at the Vizianagaram Child Welfare Centre. The Head Judge of the Children's Court was in attendance. The CWC committee is the government body that oversees all child activity in the region. This includes licensing and enforcement of all special needs schools and homes including Sunrise Home and the Blind School. They also operate the Children's Court.

The judge had a special request. Each Thursday and Friday they have the children's court but due to government funding cuts, they do not have a covered area for the parents, children, counsellors, and attorneys attending court. There is also nowhere for counselling. The request was for a shelter, toilets, and counselling rooms. This would not normally be an area in which Child Impact would be involved, but

CEO, Jim Rennie, said that on rainy days children were not receiving the legal assistance or counselling they need. At this pivotal stage, getting poor legal advice or no counselling puts these children at risk for many other problems. The Child Impact board voted to construct the building from its **Operation Child Rescue fund**. It is important for the children to have their parents present and access counsellors and attorneys, especially during these difficult times. The building has been completed in record time for the rainy season.



Special sewing / tailoring course for girls and women in the community

Fjarli Academy of the SDA Church is a major boarding school in Andhra Pradesh India. It is one of the major schools where Child Impact sponsors over 200 of the 550 students. The school operates a sewing & tailoring class for women in the community.

Tailoring in India traditionally is a male occupation, so women – especially the poor and underprivileged ones – are usually excluded from this and other professions. Opening this training centre and job opportunity not only provides them with a salary but also helps to raise confidence and to increase the weight of their voice and their part in the decision-making processes in their families.



Adiamma, a widow was having a hard time finding work and was struggling to care for her son. One day she heard about the tailoring course conducted in the campus and was determined to learn a skill that would help bring a positive change in her family life. With determination she successfully completed her one-year course. She says that this course was very helpful to her as she can now earn a living by sewing. She is no longer dependant on any one financially. The tailoring course provides an important skill for many girls at the school as well as parents and women from the community.

The principal, Mr. Prasada Rao, thanks Child Impact International and its donors for supporting this additional course at the school.



Sadness at Sunrise Home in India

Uma Devi, a 14-year-old girl who had been at Sunrise Home for over four years, died after being sick for a month and in the hospital for three weeks. Both her parents died of AIDS just over five years ago. Sadly, she died of a serious internal problem. This was hereditary and two of her sisters also died before turning 16.

She was a bright and happy girl who loved the Lord. It is a difficult time for Varma and Lalitha who are the house parents at Sunrise Home and love and care for all the children. Uma had the same sponsor since arriving at Sunrise and her sponsor has saved all her letters from Uma. CEO Jim Rennie called her sponsor to break the tragic news, assuring her that her sponsorship had introduced Uma to Jesus and had given her the ultimate faith and hope!



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Meet THE TEAM



Jim Rennie
CEO
(13 years)

Hi!

We want you to meet the team at Child Impact International. Our office is in Ooltewah TN.

The team is very committed to you the donor or sponsor and to the children we serve. We want you to also be part of the team and if you have any feedback or suggestions please call us!



Anne Binette
Operations Manager
(Nearly 11 years)



Stacy Jones
Financial Manager
(11 years)



Josue
Donor Relations
Coordinator
(2½ years)



Brittney Shazier
Sponsorship
Coordinator
(Nearly 2 years)



Cheri Gardner
Office Manager
(1½ years)



Andrew Suekert
Sponsorship Assistant
(6 months)

Child Impact donors sponsor agriculture projects in schools

To assist schools with self-income generation Child Impact has been investing in agriculture projects where the school or home has land. Recently two important projects were launched

Sunrise home India new rice crop planting

Sunrise Home in India is the home to 120 orphans. It has 10 acres of farmland and twice a year (some years three) they plant a rice crop which feeds the home and also generates sales for income. Planting is labor intensive but it gives work to people in the local village. A local farmer assists with tractor work. Child Impact funds the rice plants and labor to assist the home with important food and income.



Monosapara Adventist Seminary Bangladesh new power tiller

Monosapara Adventist Seminary is located in Northern Bangladesh. The school requested Child Impact to sponsor a power tiller so they could expand their garden. Child Impact with the help of donors also supplied seed and plants for a range of vegetables including Kushi, String beans (lafa), Ladies finger (daros), goard (laou), bitter goard, Greens (Puisak, data sak), jhinga, chal kumra, papaya etc.

The school has expanded its garden as vegetables have become more expensive. Students tend the gardens as a part of their work program. Monosapara has over 500 students of which Child Impact sponsor over 50. The work program is a key part of the school program and both teachers and staff participate.





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Hi! I'm from Bangladesh and my school is Kellogg-Mookerjee Memorial Seminary, also called KMMS. My dad died 2 years ago and my mom struggles to find work in the fields. It scared me when 2 girls were trafficked from my village last year. But in this school, I feel secure, I'm fed, and I get an education with a future.

We love this school, but we didn't feel safe in the old building. It was really dangerous and one of our friends was hit by falling concrete. We were excited to see it pulled down and surprised how quickly they did it.

Our new building will have eight classrooms, a science lab, library and administration offices. A pre-school will be at the front for younger kids, and will help to bring in extra money for the school.

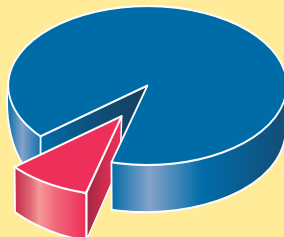
We are thankful for people like you who care – even when you are far away.

We can hardly wait for this to happen!



Thanks to your generous support we are just about there!

OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO RAISE **\$590,000**
 GENEROUS DONATIONS TO DATE **\$550,000**
 NEEDED TO COMPLETE THIS APPEAL **\$40,000**



EXTENDED!

CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY

Rice & Health Appeal

This appeal was originally designed to help the Adventist Mission boarding schools in India and Bangladesh as rice costs were rising. When the pandemic struck, we extended it to provide rice, soap, and health education for mission schools when they re-open.

Now the situation has become worse with some schools without income for their teachers and many pastors are not being paid. This fund will now:

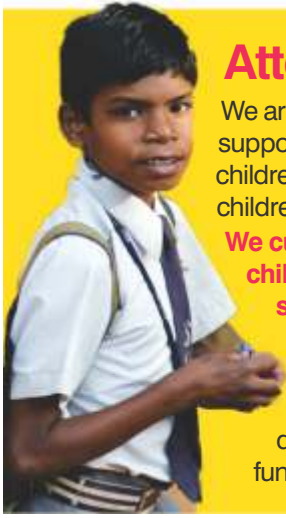
- Ensure unpaid mission teachers have food.
- Send food relief to our students at home.
- Ensure 6 months' supply for all mission boarding schools when schools open.
- Supply hand sanitizer and health education when schools open.
- If successful, extend to other schools and offer help to unpaid pastors.

THIS APPEAL IS NOW EXTENDED PLEASE HELP!



Donate Online:
childimpact.org

by Mail: Child Impact, PO Box 763,
Ooltewah, TN 37363
or Phone: (423) 910-0667



Attention Sponsors !!!

We are very grateful to our sponsors for supporting more children! Sponsors impact children's lives daily, giving real hope to the children and their families.

We currently have over 500 unsponsored children and need your help to find new sponsors to support them.

Please tell your family and friends about Child Impact and the need.

They can sponsor a child or give a donation to the **Unsponsored Child** fund and help these children in need.

HOPE IN MOTION

View our TV program on 3ABN at these times:

Friday nights at 10:30pm CST
Saturday afternoon 4:30pm CST

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 work of Child Impact in the future of 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 Child Impact is a ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, you can accomplish this through your local Conference Trust Department, or with the help of your Financial Adviser.

Please contact us for more information:

Call 423 910-0667 or email info@childimpact.org to arrange for a professional advisor to contact you.

Thank you for your careful consideration

For more information, articles and videos on our sponsorship program and the many projects we support please visit our website

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JUST 20 OF OVER 500 CHILDREN IN NEED OF A SPONSOR **TODAY!**



Kingstar has two siblings. Both of his parents are illiterate and do not have jobs. He likes playing games, reading, and enjoys singing at the school he faithfully attends.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60270**



Htoo Ka Paw's parents are struggling to provide clothes, food, and education for the family. He loves to learn and has studied hard to take full advantage of his education.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60805**



Paw Tun Aye is the youngest in her family. She is hardworking and loves school. Her family is poor and worries about her future education and her wellbeing.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60812**



Hein Htet Kyaw lives in Gyothonpin with his divorced mother. He is a clever student and helps his mother make clothes. Unfortunately, she is not able to get a lot of business.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60826**



Sian's parents only make enough for their daily needs. They would like to send him to school for an education. He is a great kid and likes learning new things.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U60987**



Sushila's parents died of TB. She has been living with her grandmother, who is no longer able to care for her, in a village where most girls get trafficked. She is loving and obedient.

\$48 Boarder+
ID: **U13161**



Hamenosh is a friendly, strong, and kind boy. He loves attending school, learning new things in class, and joining in all the activities. He hopes to become a police officer.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U611050**



Zarin is a kind, smart girl who attends classes regularly and is very attentive. Zarin likes her English class and wants to speak it fluently. She would like to study and become a nurse.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U61227**



Mamoni is a happy, attentive, and smart girl. She attends school regularly and pays attention to her lessons. She knows life is hard and so wants a good education.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U61123**



Argho attends school faithfully, pays attention to his lessons, and enjoys activities like football with friends. He is looking forward to learning for a brighter future.

\$25 Day Student
ID: **U61085**



Rupali is a smart and kind girl who is very happy at her school. She likes her Morals class and listening to stories. She would like to become a nurse to serve sick people.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U61180**



Lal Zelik enjoys studying and she prepares her lessons well. Her favorite subject is mathematics and she loves playing badminton. Lal Zelik would like to be a teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U61118**



Lisa Minjee is cheerful girl who dreams of becoming a nurse in her village when she grows up. Her favorite subject is Science and her favorite hobby is reading stories.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U61121**



Pollobi is a calm and quiet girl who comes from a poor family. She attends school regularly, does well in her lessons, and she plans to become a teacher.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U61152**



Snova is a kind, helpful and caring girl who enjoys going to school and always applies herself in her studies. Someday she hopes to be a nurse to help the sick and injured in her area.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U61198**



Varun is very intelligent, active, enthusiastic and never misses school. He is very interested in reading books on his favorite subjects of Math and Science. He would like to be policeman.

\$38 Boarder
ID: **U60987**



Siddarth was born deaf and has learned the ASL alphabet. He is always cheerful and very active. His parents are so glad to see their son receiving a good education.

\$48 Boarder+
ID: **U61054**



Syed Ahadh was born deaf, he is a fast learner, very smart and always likes to be well dressed! He would love to continue his education at the Speech and Hearing Impaired school.

\$48 Boarder+
ID: **U61046**



Moni does not have a father and her mother cannot provide the money to study nursing. She is a good girl and does well in her studies. She needs help to fulfill her dream.

\$120 Nursing Student
ID: **U60676**



Rony's father is dead and his elderly mother cannot support him because she cannot work. But Rony has pressed on, even through very hard times, as he won't lose sight of his goal.

\$120 Nursing Student
ID: **U60683**