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Newsletter

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Dear Sponsors and Donors

Well, another year is over, and we still face a vastly changing world situation. In the countries where we operate, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on poverty-stricken communities. Many of the schools our children attend are in impoverished areas where parents and families are struggling to meet their needs. Unfortunately, also the mission schools are also struggling as they have not covered expenses due to low or no income from student fees. They have fallen behind in their wages and in some cases, cannot afford to make necessary purchases to re-open the schools.

Thankfully, with the ongoing support of our sponsors throughout 2020 we have been able to distribute over 3000 bags of rice to the children, to the schools and to church workers in India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal and Zambia.

This has made a significant impact on the lives of church workers who have gone unpaid as well as their children and families. The rice donations will allow mission schools to reopen and ensure that children are fed. We foresee this need continuing a while longer, so we have decided to extend our rice and health appeal with a major announcement coming next month. I want to thank you on behalf of thousands of people that you have assisted with your generous support of Child Impact International in 2020.

We are all truly grateful and thankful.

It is so difficult to predict what the pandemic will do in each area. While some schools have opened, others remain closed. We continue to monitor the situation very carefully. We are once again thankful to our sponsors for their continued support which ensures that our Adventist mission schools can stay open and funds can also help with food.



I remember the single mother that I visited in Bangladesh. She is caring for two children who are sponsored and attend the local boarding school. The children had been away for a year and we took them back to the village to see their mother and she was so excited to see them again.

She had tears in her eyes as she thanked me for your sponsorship of her children.

Not only does your sponsorship ensure an education, it ensures that her children are fed as she can barely raise enough funds to ensure they get sufficient food to eat. We ask that you keep her in your prayers.

This month's newsletter will feature projects you, as sponsors, have helped complete through your support. **We are very proud of the work that our field staff have done in India and Bangladesh with projects at the blind school as well as the new KMMS building project.**

We ask for your continued prayers for our organization and the work it does to spread the message. We also ask you to pray for our field staff, the teachers, our schools and over 3000 children that we help.

Jim Rennie CEO Child Impact International

Myanmar Emergency

In recent news you may have heard that the army has carried out a coup against the civilian government.

We do not have full details yet, but this seems to have occurred over recent election results. There are widespread demonstrations in the larger cities. In the past, they have never interfered with any religious parties or church schools and we stay hopeful that our schools will remain open as planned.

Currently there are restrictions on internet and telecommunications. Unfortunately, this causes further challenges when getting funds in and out of the country. However, our Adventist mission school systems have seen no problems to date. In the meantime, we will continue to keep you all abreast of the situation and of any changes and ask that you make the situation and protection of the schools in Myanmar a matter of prayer. I wish to thank you for your ongoing support and continued sponsorship.



New Blind School Roof

The roof at the blind school in Bobbili, India was in such bad condition that it was constantly leaking, and roof areas had collapsed. It was also discovered that large areas contained asbestos. The decision was made to completely replace the roof of the school which resulted in a major undertaking.

Under the supervision of the Child Impact International Senior Field Officer, Raj Varma, construction began and now the school has a new metal roof. The new roof will ensure there is no further damage from leaks and provide a safer environment for the children without the presence of asbestos. The blind school currently serves blind and partially blind children that come from some of the poorer communities in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India.

Child Impact International is very committed to ensuring safe and suitable school conditions for the children.

We appreciate the ongoing support of our blind school from supporters like you each and every year.



Deaf School Covid Protection

Child Impact International supports the deaf school in Kollegal, India operated by the Adventist mission school system. The Indian government allowed older students to return, but then the local health officials required additional COVID-19 protection. Following a request to Child Impact International, masks and supplies were quickly obtained for protection equipment. It was funded from our **“Health and COVID-19 Emergency Fund”**. This allowed the older students to return to class and focus on completing exams they had missed. The younger children will be returning shortly as the virus number continue to decrease in the area.

Once again, we thank the donors of the COVID-19 Emergency Rice & Health Appeal for their support that also helped return the children to school.



Change in the Gift Program due to Covid-19

Updates to those that contributed to the gift fund in 2020

In 2020 no gifts were provided to the children due to the Coronavirus pandemic. For those sponsors who paid for gifts in 2020, the money is currently being held in a restricted gift fund at our USA office.

In 2021, due to logistics related to the pandemic, we are going to provide only one gift. The new deadline for the gift will be May 31. Your child will receive their gift on or around September 1, 2021.

If you have already made a payment(s) in 2020 or 2021 for your May gift, please do not make another payment. If you have paid for two gifts, your child will receive a larger gift.

If you have questions, please email us at help@childimpact.org or call us 423-910-0667.

Remember to send us a letter via email or mail that we can include with the gift. Your child loves to hear from you as I am certain you enjoy their letters as well.

Special Help for Anchorage School & Orphanage in Zambia

When CEO Jim Rennie visited Zambia to establish the sponsorship program at Riverside Farms, he also visited a privately owned Adventist school located in a rural location about two hours from the capital, Lusaka. He was impressed with the school and got a first-hand look at the poor communities it serves. Like other schools it has been hit hard with no student income and is struggling to maintain food supplies.

They placed an urgent request for 200 sacks of corn which Child Impact International supplied immediately.

Child Impact International is also helping with the development of tomato cultivation so that the families can have food to eat as well as generate income.



Rice Distribution

Child Impact International is grateful to those who supported our **“Where Needed Most Fund”** and the **“Rice & Health Appeal”**

We were able to help thousands in the short time between October 2020 and January 2021. A brief summary is as follows:

- Food allowances distributed to sponsored children in India, Bangladesh and Myanmar (Over 1,500)
- Distribution of sacks of rice to unpaid teachers and bible workers in India. (Over 750)
- Distribution of rice to needy communities near Sunrise home.
- Distribution to over 100 families in the Vizak slum where we operate a Pre-school.
- Supplies of rice to the blind and deaf schools in India.
- Rice allocation to poor and homeless in Hyderabad, India by the Helen Eager Trust.
- Provision for rice supplies for Adventist Mission boarding schools in India and Bangladesh for when they open. (Over US\$150,000)
- Emergency rice supplies to a community near ESA school, Nepal.
- Allocation of US\$15,000 at Scheer Memorial Hospital for parents of hospitalized children and other patients to receive meals.

A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE IMPACT YOU MADE



KMMS Mission School Building, Bangladesh Project Update

The KMMS mission school building project is one of the largest projects that Child Impact International has undertaken. The project includes a major two-story building that includes a preschool, administration offices, a science lab, a library and numerous classrooms. The project is being supervised by Michael Modal who works for our Bangladesh partner BCSS. There have been some delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been hard to get labor and material has been in short supply and very costly. The lower floor of the building has been completed and the pylons to support the upper floors are in place. We await the completion of the concrete for the upper floor in the next few weeks.

We look forward to the impact it will have on the areas most needed in Bangladesh and with your continued support we are certain it will progress swiftly.



Rosemary Konkola, Zambia

Rosemary is 73 years old and has been a widow since the death of her husband in 2004. She currently takes care of her granddaughter Ester who has been with her since the age of two. Ester's parents separated and could not care for her.

To support herself and Ester, Rosemary gets fish from the river to sell at the roadside. She also tries to grow corn. Unfortunately, the crop yield is low because she cannot afford fertilizer. She has a small one room house with a bed on one side and all of their belongings on the other side.

Ester is in Grade 3 at Riverside Primary School and is sponsored by Child Impact. We are so proud to share that she received the second highest grade out of the 46 students in her class during recent tests. She never misses a day of school.

It is a real blessing for Rosemary that Ester can attend school thanks to sponsors like you.





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 during 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 Jesus 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 for 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?



Since 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 Advisor.

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

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

 <p>Michael is an outgoing, caring and hardworking boy who loves to learn. His favorite activity is playing soccer and helping his parents at home. He hopes to be a pilot one day. \$25 Day Student ID: U61327</p>	 <p>Mabel is a friendly little girl who enjoys singing. She loves to learn new things in her classes as well as playing netball and jumping rope. Mabel hopes to become a nurse someday. \$25 Day Student ID: U61316</p>
 <p>Evelyn is a caring, kind girl who always does her best in her classes. Evelyn enjoys helping at home by washing dishes, sweeping, and cleaning up. Evelyn hopes to be a nurse. \$25 Day Student ID: U61317</p>	 <p>Gift loves to help others and is always an active participant in his classes. His hobbies include singing, playing ball and reading stories. Gift hopes to become a pilot someday. \$25 Day Student ID: U61329</p>
 <p>Sujoy is a great student who enjoys listening to the stories his grandfather tells as well as helping his family at home. Sujoy wishes to be an English teacher and help others. \$25 Day Student ID: U60854</p>	 <p>Rengmong is a great student and loves to learn, his favorite class is Bengali. He enjoys reading stories and poems, as well as playing cricket. He hopes to become a teacher. \$38 Boarder ID: U61166</p>
 <p>Sajol is a kind, caring and happy boy whose favorite subject is Bangla. He enjoys spending time with his friends, and playing cricket. Sajol hopes to become a teacher. \$38 Boarder ID: U61182</p>	 <p>Bristy loves learning new things in her classes, spending time with her friends. Mathematics is her favorite subject in school. Someday Bristy hopes to be a nurse and help her community. \$38 Boarder ID: U61092</p>
 <p>Tonro is a polite, obedient boy, and a great student who enjoys learning new things. He likes to play football, climbing trees, and swim. Tonro hopes to be a teacher and to help others. \$38 Boarder ID: U61219</p>	 <p>Samsong enjoys learning new things in his classes, drawing pictures, and playing football with his classmates. Samsong hopes to be a police officer and help protect his community. \$38 Boarder ID: U61184</p>
 <p>Phyu is a great student and a caring, happy girl. She loves reading, drawing, coloring, and spending time with friends. Phyu hopes to be a teacher and provide for her family. \$38 Boarder ID: U61235</p>	 <p>Thang is a great student and enjoys learning new things in his classes and looks forward to a bright future. His favorite pastimes include drawing and spending time with his friends. \$25 Day Student ID: U60847</p>
 <p>Mal Sawm is a quiet, caring and hardworking boy. He is a great student and always does his best in all his classes. Mal Sawm hopes to become a professional musician. \$25 Day Student ID: U60835</p>	 <p>Lalawm is a great student and enjoys learning new things. He is a kind, happy and active boy. He hopes to become a doctor help his family as well as the sick and injured in his area. \$25 Day Student ID: U60830</p>
 <p>Esnot is an outgoing, caring and hardworking girl who enjoys helping out at home by cooking, fetching water, and collecting firewood. She wants to have a successful career. \$25 Day Student ID: U61330</p>	 <p>Pau Lam is an active, quiet boy who loves to learn and faithfully applies himself in his studies. Pau Lam hopes to become a businessman to provide for his family as well as help others. \$25 Day Student ID: U60843</p>
 <p>Saw Bleh is a great student and a respectful, kind, active boy. He loves to learn and always applies himself faithfully in his studies. Saw Bleh is aiming to have a successful career. \$25 Day Student ID: U60816</p>	 <p>Doe Nay is a great student and a kind, caring and energetic boy who loves to learn, draw, and help others. Doe Nay hopes to be a businessman and help provide for his family. \$38 Boarder ID: U61228</p>
 <p>Shamol enjoys learning new things in his classes, English is his favorite subject. Shamol hopes to become an engineer to help provide for his family as well as to help his community. \$38 Boarder ID: U61190</p>	 <p>Krisno is kind, honest and loves attending school to learn new things. His favorite class is Banglae, gardening is one of his favorite hobbies. Krisno hopes to be a doctor and help the sick. \$38 Boarder ID: U61060</p>