Dear Asian Aid Supporters,

At this time of year we see the APR’s (Annual Progress Reports) coming in for the children that many of you sponsor. Each one has a different story and it gives you a perspective of the thousands of lives we touch and the difference you as sponsors make in the life of a child each day. We really do our best to get an APR for each child, but sometimes schools are slow or miss one so we ask for your patience with this process.

I have just visited the Sunrise Orphanage site in India again and we are getting closer to finishing various buildings. Final tiles are going down in the girls’ dormitory and the inside of the kitchen is being done. This week we hope to complete paths, and the walls of the staff houses should be complete soon. It’s the start of the rainy season so some days it’s difficult to make progress. If you can please help this project, we are collecting funds for a small vehicle and all the furnishing.

As many of you are aware, Shawn Boonstra who now works at the NAD Ministerial Dept. is helping us as an Honorary Ambassador. He is promoting our ‘Mission Project’ campaign which is a great way for a family, Sabbath School group, church, business or any group to be involved in a real mission project. Please read the project catalog we have enclosed to see how you can be involved.

Despite all the challenges with funds and management we face, every time I go to the field and sit down with the children it thrills my heart to see the difference you make in their lives with your support.

I thank the Lord for His leading and for your prayers and support.

Jim Rennie, CEO Asian Aid USA

Talking with their best Friend

Week of Prayer Changes Lives

“If there were more praying among us, more exercise of a living faith, and less dependence upon someone else to have an experience for us, we would be far in advance of where we are today in spiritual intelligence. What we need is a deep, individual heart and soul experience. Then we shall be able to tell what God is doing and how He is working. We need to have a living experience in the things of God; and we are not safe unless we have this.”

(EG White, Prayer, p. 20)

This experience is what the students at the Bobbili Blind School were seeking after and what many experienced in their Week of Prayer, presented by Pastor Vara Jacob. His messages, based on the week’s topic ‘My Best Friend Is ... Jesus’, resulted in special prayer bands throughout the day and the decision of seven students to give their lives to Jesus as their best friend.

Continue to pray for these seven students who have made their stand for Christ and that many others will have this essential “living experience in the things of God”.

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

Asian Aid USA is a registered 501(c)(3) charity
By: Anne Binette, Asian Aid USA Office Manager

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With the turn of the Nepali New Year, as temperatures begin to rise into the mid 90’s, locals prepare for the coming monsoon season, students from all over the Kathmandu Valley are reading, studying, preparing themselves for another Nepali school year. Bindu and Bimala, sponsored children of Asian Aid USA, are getting back into familiar rhythms with their uniforms pressed and school books in hand as they kick off the new school year at Asian Aid supported 3 Angels International Mission School.

Bindu comes from a remote village of the Tanahu district. After losing both her parents in her first few years of life, Bindu was forced to find shelter in a rundown shed on the outskirts of a nearby village. Her only form of sustenance was food given to her by a generous Hindu priest. Thankfully, the local government was alerted of Bindu’s situation and brought her into the security of the Women’s Safe Haven (WSH) program. Prabita now was able to bring her into the security of the Women’s Safe Haven (WSH) program. Prabita now became part of the 3AN family, Bimala has continued to excel in her studies and has even begun to show a talent for singing. The opportunity to play in providing these young girls the chance of a promising future is one that both Asian Aid and 3 Angels Nepal a took to heart. There are many promising children like Bindu and Bimala who have been born into disadvantaged situations that are counting on your support to turn their lives around.

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The Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) is a popular way for donors to provide income to themselves or their loved ones or transfer an asset from the donor(s) to the charity, and make payments to the donor(s) 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.

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Contact us for information:
Call toll-free 866-569-7933 or email support@asianaid.org to arrange for a professional advisor to contact you.

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Visit Us: Come by our booth, we’d love to meet you:
Teacher’s Convention Nashville, TN August 5-8
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

3ABN Broadcasting Times: Asian Aid has begun its new 30-minute series on 3ABN. For those of you who have enjoyed watching the Hope in Motion episodes every Friday evening, you definitely don’t want to miss these brand new stories of how God has been working through Asian Aid’s ministry this last year.
Asian Aid continues to air on Fridays at 4:30 PDT, 5:30 MDT, 6:30 CDT, and 7:30 EDT.
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THESE CHILDREN URGENTLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Vinathi’s father is a volunteer pastor. He is in 4th grade and likes to play cricket.
$23 Day Student
ID: IIHP455

Dhanush is in 1st grade and likes drawing and singing.
$23 Day Student
ID: IRJM100

Prem Sai’s father spends all their income on alcohol. They live in a one room house.
$35 Boarder
ID: IIHP458

Both of Ravi Kumar’s parents have medical problems which leaves little for his education.
$35 Boarder
ID: IIHP457

Binoy lives and attends school in Bangladesh. He wants to become a businessman.
$35 Boarder
ID: BSA187

Chakravarty’s father deserted the family. He has an older brother and sister and likes cycling.
$23 Day Student
ID: IRJM126

When Uday was three he was badly burned when a pot of daal on the fire fell on him.
$23 Day Student
ID: IRJM045

Rupha Kumar’s father is a volunteer pastor for three churches.
$35 Boarder
ID: IIHP468

Praveen’s mother is a faithful church member who lives near the school.
$35 Boarder
ID: IIHP454

Sateesh is in 7th grade. Both his parents work as laborers but earn very little.
$35 Boarder
ID: INSP424

Surya is in lower kindergarten, is quiet, and likes to draw.
$23 Day Student
ID: IRJM116

Janaki’s parents are both day laborers. He is in 4th grade and studies well.
$35 Boarder
ID: IIHP460

Anil Kumar is in 2nd grade and likes to play cricket.
$35 Boarder
ID: IIHP449

Venkatamani is in 4th grade and is a good student.
$35 Boarder
ID: INSP445

Satish’s father is an alcoholic, but his mother wants him to have a Christian education.
$23 Day Student
ID: IRJM112

Rubel is in 2nd grade and lives in Bangladesh.
$35 Boarder
ID: BSA094

Suresh and his mother are both housewives. He is in 4th grade and is a good student.
$35 Boarder
ID: IIHP459

All of Prasad’s twelve relatives live together in a two room house. He is in 4th grade.
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Bickey’s father works in a tea garden and his mother is a housewife.
$35 Boarder
ID: INXB069

Laxmi likes to sing and read. She is in her last year of nursing.
$80 Nursing
ID: INRS0106

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