

2013 ASIAN AID AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT

HOPE IN COMMUNITIES





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MESSAGE

ASIAN AID AUSTRALIA CHAIRMAN AND CEO

The end of each financial year provides a time of reflection about the journey that Asian Aid Australia has embarked on during the past 12 months. And as we reflect, we are humbled by God's grace and our supporters' commitment, and challenged by the difficulties that often arise during times of transition.

Asian Aid's journey during the 2012 to 2013 financial period has been a progression towards creating communities of hope in collaboration with our skilled and hardworking partners in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Thailand. The emphasis has been on developing projects and activities where impacts are long-lasting and communal; in transitioning Asian Aid's core mission towards a more developmental focus.

Over the past year we have been encouraged by the way in which our partners have worked to ensure the many needs and opportunities are met in the best possible manner. With help from our partners and with support from over 6000 sponsors and supporters in Australia, New Zealand and beyond, thousands of people in vulnerable communities have found hope. Thank you.

It has been a privilege to work with partners who share similar values, beliefs and passion, and to be supported by people who appreciate our Christian values. In a recent email survey of Asian Aid supporters, respondents said Asian Aid's Christian values, our low administrative costs and our high accountability and integrity are what make us different to other non-for-profits. Your acknowledgement of our motivation – it is our Christian faith that is the foundation of what we do – to deliver permanent positive change through our partners; to give hope; to empower women and children; and to continue to be a credible avenue for people to donate and advocate for others is important to us.

This past year has been one of change and adjustment, with a focus on the expansion and diversification of our programs. While Asian Aid's donation income was marginally lower than the 2011-2012 financial year, we are positive that steady growth in total revenue will occur for the 2013-2014 financial year, with Asian Aid recording its largest ever month of June giving.

Since completing the ACFID (Australian Council for International Development) Code of Conduct Self-Assessment Compliance Report, Asian Aid has been granted Provisional Membership status and has made positive steps towards achieving full ACFID membership. Asian



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ASIAN AID AUSTRALIA CEO AND CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

- *Proverbs 31:8-9*

Aid’s Provisional Membership status will last until the next annual ACFID Council in October 2013, at which time Asian Aid’s Full Membership will be subject to ratification by members at the ACFID Council. Asian Aid thanks its staff, partners and board directors for their contribution to making this important step possible.

Asian Aid is also excited about the increasing involvement of our partners in capacity building activities and development projects. Investments of support, resources, training programs and other capacity building activities have led to increased initiatives and diverse projects being undertaken by our partners.

The report will elaborate more on the details of our various programs, but some of the key achievements of this past year are:

- The Kollegal Speech and Hearing Impaired School Project where a new pilot initiative aims at building and improving the overall quality of care and education it provides its special-needs students. Together with our partner Helping Hand Welfare Society, we see this project as being a light in the community.
- The establishment of a new database system to assist Asian Aid and partners in improving communication with our supporters.
- The significant increase in the number of children sponsored in Bangladesh, as a result of the Hope-a-Thon for Bangladeshi Children Campaign.
- The development of a new Child Protection Policy in India, as well as training for the Helping Hand Welfare Society staff in November 2012.
- Establishing a Minimum Standards of Care Program – which is an initiative looking to improve the level of care and support provided to children in supported Children’s Homes and special schools. It reflects the rights and provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and legislative requirements set by government bodies in each country. This program requires institutions to attain formal registration, develop stronger ties with local schools, churches and communities and to establish management structures to ensure the provision of holistic care and support for all children.
- Establishing a Protective Behaviours Program – which is an extension of our Child Protection Focus in the field. This is a program we are excited about, as it aims to help empower children by teaching them how to make positive life choices, about their personal safety, and about their rights and responsibilities.

The continued and growing support this year from you, our supporters and partners, has not only inspired us, but also given us confidence that the 2013-2014 year will be one of hope and positive change.

As you read through the pages of this report, you will learn more about how Asian Aid has travelled this past year, and where we are headed in the future. You will also be reminded that the most important gift we can give to the vulnerable and hurting people is HOPE. Your gifts of hope – whether through education, health care, a safe haven, advocacy for or empowerment of others – make a big difference for the better in disadvantaged communities.

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May this challenge continue to motivate us to give hope today for the future!

Blessings,



Stephen Baxter

Chairman

Asian Aid Australia Board



Richard Greenwell

Chief Executive Officer

Asian Aid Australia



ASIAN AID MISSION AND VALUES

OUR REASON

At Asian Aid we believe hope finds its truest expression when given and received in community.

That's why our mission to alleviate poverty – by providing education and vocational training to children and young adults in disadvantaged communities, assisting Nepali women suffering from uterine prolapse, leper communities, special-needs children, trafficked girls and women, slum communities, the sick and the very poor – happens in collaboration with implementing partners, with governments and with churches.

Asian Aid's mission is about empowerment of communities.

It empowers vulnerable and disadvantaged people in developing countries to achieve better quality of life for themselves and to contribute in positive ways to their communities.

It empowers people in developed countries like Australia, the United States of America and New Zealand, to give hope to others in need by giving of their financial resources, of their time and/or of their skills.

It empowers staff, ambassadors and/or volunteers to share their skills, expertise and/or experience in meaningful, life-changing and purposeful ways.

Asian Aid's mission is also about hope for communities.

Ours is hope in the present and in people's abilities to transcend their circumstances when help is available.

It is hope in the power of education, advocacy and health care.

And ultimately, it is hope for the future.

Asian Aid is a registered charity and a Provisional Member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct.



OUR VALUES

At Asian Aid, we:

- Believe in Jesus: in His love for others, in His compassion for the poor and in His example of giving.
- Believe in people: helping all who need it regardless of their religion, ethnicity, culture or gender and empowering the poor.
- Believe in the rights of the most vulnerable, such as children and women.
- Believe in good stewardship: being transparent, accountable, honest and cost-effective in all our dealings.
- Believe in the potential of the Seventh-day Adventist education system: working with schools as an independent and supporting agency, in helping deliver access to quality education.
- Believe in service: opposing poverty and social injustice, condemning all that impoverishes children and denies their potential, and committing to sharing resources with the poor.
- Believe in accountability and professionalism.

OUR VISION

Asian Aid gives hope by fostering permanent positive change in the lives of disadvantaged children and their communities.



SHARING HOPE

Asian Aid and our partners work tirelessly in a variety of projects throughout Asia.



PROJECT PROFILES

The following pages of this report provide snapshots into the various communities in which Asian Aid and our partners work.

We are committed to sharing hope with:

- PROJECT 1** Special-needs communities (Kollegal Speech and Hearing Impaired School Development Project)
- PROJECT 2** Exploited communities (Fighting Human Trafficking Project)
- PROJECT 3** Indonesian communities (Health and Education Lifestyle Project)
- PROJECT 4** Thai Communities (Community Health in Phuket)
- PROJECT 5** Slum communities (Youth Empowerment Slum Project)
- PROJECT 6** Bangladeshi communities (Bangladesh School Development Projects)
- PROJECT 7** Communities of uterine prolapse sufferers (Women's Health)
- PROJECT 8** Communities with vulnerable women and girls (Safe Haven)
- PROJECT 9** Communities of disadvantaged Nepalese (Health and Awareness Project)
- PROJECT 10** Communities of orphans (Children's Homes in Nepal)
- PROJECT 11** Communities of orphans (Children's Homes in India)
- PROJECT 12** Bangalore communities (Community Health in Bangalore)



PROVIDING EDUCATION

The sponsorship program caters for specific needs and educational levels.

PROJECT PROFILE 1

SHARING HOPE WITH SPECIAL-NEEDS COMMUNITIES

KOLLEGAL SPEECH AND HEARING IMPAIRED SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

In partnership with Helping Hand Welfare Society

Start date of project 2013 (July)

Country of project India

FUNDRAISING TARGET \$120,000/year

THE PEOPLE

The Kollegal Speech and Hearing Impaired (SHI) School provides education for almost 100 special-needs students, many of whom would otherwise have to attend a mainstream public school or not go to school at all.

Asian Aid supports the SHI Development Project because, although deafness is quite common in the area due to various reasons including cultural practices of marrying within the family, it is still poorly understood and deaf children often experience prejudice, discrimination and fewer opportunities.

THE PROJECT GOALS

Over the next three years Asian Aid and Helping Hand Welfare Society aim to establish the SHI School as

one of the favourable hearing impaired institutes in the state of Karnataka, and a recognised leader in care and educational support for speech and hearing impaired students.

In order to achieve this, the project aims to:

- Up skill school leaders, teachers and support staff.
- Develop curriculum and new resources for all grades.
- Develop community partnerships.
- Renovate and provide ongoing maintenance for school facilities.
- Regularly review and improve the care students receive.
- Engage students in

participatory activities to shape the Asian Aid program.

- Provide support for families and commence community outreach programs.
- Increase student enrolment.

THE PROJECT IMPACT

Boarding and day students at the SHI School enjoy an education program tailored to their specific needs, and experience a strong sense of community and family. On completion of their studies, students are often offered further education and training opportunities through partnerships with other education providers.



PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

Rescuing and rehabilitating over 300 women and children from slavery in the last two years.

PROJECT PROFILE 2

SHARING HOPE WITH EXPLOITED COMMUNITIES

FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROJECT

In partnership with Oasis India

Start date of project 2012

Country of project India

FUNDRAISING TARGET \$80,000/year

THE PEOPLE

In a country that has increasingly become a source, transit and destination for trafficking victims, the Fighting Human Trafficking Project assists women and children in India who are caught in the binds of slavery, and addresses other issues related to this problem.

- Expand its involvement in intervention and after-care provision.
- Pilot innovative prevention strategies with support by donor agencies like Asian Aid, and
- Help trafficked women and children become financially independent.

The story received much local and national media interest.

In the last two years, Oasis India has rescued over three hundred women and children from slavery.

THE PROJECT GOALS

Asian Aid is committed to protecting the vulnerable and upholding the rights of women and children in India who are either at risk of being trafficked or already trafficked into slavery.

The Anti-Human Trafficking Project aims to:

- Rescue, rehabilitate and reintegrate trafficked women and children.

THE PROJECT IMPACT

Oasis India has a proven track record of giving hope to communities through the delivery of high quality and innovative projects when working with the most vulnerable in urban communities.

In April 2013, Oasis India helped in the daring rescue of 42 girls and 16 boys who were on their way to 'work' in a remote textile factory.



HOPE IN COMMUNITIES



'DEVELOPED' HOPE IN COMMUNITIES

Quentin Campbell – Director of International Operations, Asian Aid

We at Asian Aid are focused on working in the most effective ways possible to assist children, women and underprivileged people in Asia through sponsorship programs and through a range of development and welfare-related activities.

In recent years, we have been intentional in transforming the way we work in disadvantaged communities and with disadvantaged groups so that we can address the root causes of poverty rather than treating the results of poverty with band-aid solutions and one-off handouts. This refocusing of our mission towards the empowerment of others for the long term and in giving of opportunities to people to help themselves is what development is all about. Development and welfare are two different concepts that interconnect in the way that Asian Aid fulfills its mission.

Welfare work helps people when they need help the most, but it does not improve their skills, opportunities or access to a better life. Development is a partnership between Asian Aid and the people and communities with which we work. Development offers hope to others in a more meaningful way, and it is what the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) looks for in agencies that wish to become its full members.

Our Women's Health project and the sad issue of uterine prolapse in Nepal provide an example of the transition towards development work by Asian Aid. Initially, women suffering from uterine prolapse were simply 'cured' from the condition by undergoing corrective surgery. Many women in areas where government services are not available continue to receive corrective surgery enabled by Asian Aid support. But after some valuable research, our work in Nepal is now more focused on preventing the next generation of Nepalese women from getting uterine prolapse in the first place. That's why we are training and resourcing local health clinics and educating young people and communities about the causes of the condition and the steps to prevent its occurrence. And that's why we partner with other organisations to advocate for the rights of women and their health with the Nepali Government so that services are available nationwide, rather than just in areas we can access.

Issues surrounding slavery and human trafficking in India and Nepal are also an example of the potential for good that development work has.

Asian Aid is working in both countries to help prevent slavery and human trafficking through educating vulnerable communities about the risks of sending their children off to “good jobs” in the city. It is often through desperation that decisions are made to send a child away, so a focus on providing alternatives out of poverty is also a requirement of this work.

Providing hope in communities through development activities helps empower people through knowledge and skills so that they can make well-informed decisions about their future.

Asian Aid’s decision to partner with local organisations that have a structure and identity of their own – rather than building our own network – has allowed us to better understand the needs of the communities in which work. Our partners share the same passion and commitment to Asian Aid’s work that we do. We are grateful for their dedication; their self-sacrifice and hard work that help facilitate Asian Aid’s transition towards development work.

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*Quentin Campbell – Director of
International Operations, Asian Aid*



PROJECT PROFILE 3

SHARING HOPE WITH INDONESIAN COMMUNITIES

HEALTH AND EDUCATION LIFESTYLE PROJECT (HELP)

In partnership with Adventist Indonesian Initiatives (All)

Start date of project 2011

Country of project Indonesia

FUNDRAISING TARGET \$68,000/year

THE PEOPLE

The project is implemented from the island of Lombok, one of the poorest islands in Indonesia, and is focused on teaching English and healthy living practices to students, teachers and community members.

THE PROJECT GOALS

Knowledge and the right choices about health, education and lifestyle can transform someone's life for the better. In Lombok there are jobs in the tourism industry, if you speak English. That's why our partner All and their volunteers are passionate about:

- Teaching English to locals – regardless of age, gender or religion – in culturally respectful ways.

- Coaching students and local community members on health principles and practices.
- Teaching positive life skills to students and community members with the aim of increasing their employability and improving their lifestyle.
- Developing and running 'Stop Smoking' projects, and
- Building relationships with community members and leaders.

THE PROJECT IMPACT

The project is proving to be effective. Because the project is run by volunteers who live in Lombok and experience the lifestyle they teach about, locals

and teachers form positive relationships and enjoy a high degree of trust. Results from schools have shown that students who are part of the project are learning English faster and better than students from nearby schools. The HELP students often score higher in tests than students who pay significantly higher school fees in nearby schools. Students who have recently graduated from the HELP English classes are also finding good jobs in the tourism industry because of their proficiency in English.



PROVIDING HEALTH CLINICS

Basic health care and sanitation have made a big difference to numerous disadvantaged communities in Phuket, Thailand.

PROJECT PROFILE 4

SHARING HOPE WITH THAI COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY HEALTH IN PHUKET

In partnership with the Phuket Mission Hospital/Christian Adventist Foundation

Start date of project 2012

Country of project Thailand

FUNDRAISING TARGET \$10,000/year

THE PEOPLE

This project gives hope to members of sea gypsy communities in Phuket who have no citizenship, and therefore have no or minimal access to government health care services, suffer the impact of bad weather and are vulnerable to hygiene and sanitation problems.

THE PROJECT GOALS

A recent partnership between Asian Aid and the Phuket Hospital has enabled the hospital to conduct much-needed mobile clinics in poor sea gypsy communities around Phuket and surrounding islands.

Some of the project goals are:

- To provide medical

treatment to people who cannot afford it.

- To up skill Phuket Mission Hospital staff and volunteers.
- To train locals by working with sea gypsy community members when building latrines and conducting other health-related activities, and
- To work with communities in recognising and meeting their needs in a sustainable way.

THE PROJECT IMPACT

The mobile health clinics and latrines have made a big difference the lives of sea gypsy community members who have received them well.

The project has helped built positive relationships with numerous disadvantaged communities around Phuket. This has led to the government and local communities also, in turn, recognising and supporting the program.



HOPE IN SLUMS

Addressing illiteracy, poverty and poor health in low-income communities in Bangalore through innovative ideas.

PROJECT PROFILE 5

SHARING HOPE WITH SLUM COMMUNITIES

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SLUM PROJECT

In partnership with OASIS India

Start date of project 2010

Country of project India

FUNDRAISING TARGET \$100,000/year

THE PEOPLE

This project aims to help young people aged between 15 and 25 in a low-income community in Bangalore, India. Most of the young people are in high school, in college, or are school dropouts.

Although the project is primarily aimed at youth, it will also benefit mothers wanting to better their education and employment prospects, or simply wanting to help their children with homework.

It is anticipated that 250 young people will benefit from this project with 25 percent of those completing the program gaining employment immediately following. Their education and subsequent employment opportunities will also benefit their families and the wider community.

THE PROJECT GOALS

This project addresses issues such as, illiteracy, poverty and poor health that often keep young people in disadvantaged communities from reaching their potential.

Through innovative ideas, like sports clubs and computer classes, the YES project gets young people active, educates them on good health and lifestyle choices and, where possible, helps them 'catch up' so they can re-enter the classroom and eventually gain employment.

THE PROJECT IMPACT

For youth and their families living in the slums of Bangalore, India, good news is rare.

Education and employment options are limited, incomes and living standards are low

and the cycle of poverty is difficult to break. Parents can't afford to send their children to school, which means children are unable to get a good job when they are old enough to work. The YES Project is an effective way of facilitating youth and women to reach their potential, and will benefit the entire community into the future.

The outcomes of this project have been remarkable. In the sporting activities that form part of this project, participants have found acceptance, role models and genuine friendships and have regained hope and purpose. One of the football teams has even played at state level.

Young women involved in the educational classes say they feel positive about their future.

PROJECT PROFILE 6

SHARING HOPE WITH BANGLADESHI COMMUNITIES

BANGLADESH SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS Kellogg Mookerjee Memorial School (KMMS) and Maisie Fook Memorial School (MFMS)

In partnership with Bangladeshi Children's Sponsorship Services (BCSS)

Start date of project 2013 (June)

Country of project Bangladesh

FUNDRAISING TARGET \$55,000/year

THE PEOPLE

The Maisie Fook Memorial School (MFMS) Renovation Project will impact the lives of over 50 children and mothers. The mothers learn basic English and literacy skills alongside their children at this school every day. This is a very special school, as it was founded in 2005 as a memorial to Asian Aid's founder Maisie Fook, and continues to be supported by family members of Maisie Fook.

Over 550 Kellogg Mookerjee Memorial School (KMMS) students, 100 teachers and their families will enjoy better quality education as a result of this project.

THE PROJECT GOALS

Maisie Fook Memorial School (MFMS) Renovation Project

With improved school infrastructure and additional staff, the school aims to provide free health and education services to families in the surrounding communities.

Kellogg Mookerjee Memorial School Development Project

This project aims to increase the school's ability to move towards a self-sustainable model of operation, decrease dependence on external sources for the effective operation of the school, and improve the quality of water supply provided to students, staff and their communities. Income-generating activities such as, farming and animal husbandry, will help the school adopt a more sustainable model, securing a more stable income and

providing nutrition for the students at KMMS.

THE PROJECT IMPACT

Maisie Fook Memorial School (MFMS) Renovation Project

In an area with low adult literacy rates, there is a growing interest from the mothers of students from MFMS to improve their literacy and English skills. Improved infrastructure and additional staffing will allow the school to reach out to the community in providing free classes to mothers, and in addressing a need which they and the local government school have not been able to address in the past.

Kellogg Mookerjee Memorial School Development Project

The projects being



implemented by KMMS will make a real and positive difference in the lives of many disadvantaged students, staff and their families. These projects will be especially important in providing the school students and the local communities with fresh water and eggs and dairy products in the monsoon season when they are more costly. Local community members will also benefit from the new water system, as the supply of clean and consistent water is a problem that exists for communities in the local area.



STRENGTHENING INFRASTRUCTURE

Building school infrastructure and providing additional staff and free health and educational services will impact the lives of children, teachers and families.

PROJECT PROFILE 7

SHARING HOPE WITH COMMUNITIES OF UTERINE PROLAPSE SUFFERERS

WOMEN'S HEALTH NEPAL

In partnership with Community Support Association of Nepal (COSAN) and Centre for Agro-Ecology and Development (CAED)

Start date of project 2003

Country of project Nepal

FUNDRAISING TARGET \$250,000/year

THE PEOPLE

This project will help thousands of rural Nepalese women between the ages of 15 and 70 when incidences of uterine prolapse (UP) – a preventable and treatable problem – are among the highest in the country. In a culture where subordination of women, rigid gender roles and persistent risky practices are deeply engrained, the risk of women suffering in silence from this terrible condition is high.

THE PROJECT GOALS

The Women's Health Project in Nepal aims to raise awareness, help prevent and cure the incidences of UP among the rural, poor women of Central and Western districts of Nepal, with the view of improving their health and increasing

their life expectancy. Women's health is highly neglected in Nepal, with some studies indicating that some 600,000 women suffer from second and third-degree uterine prolapse.

This project also aims to fund the development and implementation of an awareness and training campaign involving local people and other organisations to help prevent the condition from occurring in the future.

Training and health camps, operations, educational and awareness programs for the prevention and treatment of uterine prolapse are key ways to address the high incidence of UP in Nepal.

THE PROJECT IMPACT

Asian Aid partners COSAN and CAED have more

recently taken a stronger lead in implementing preventative measures for communities within the districts of Surkhet, Jajarkot, Dailekh, and Dhading.

The awareness campaigns, support from local government health systems and training of health professionals have led to progress in removing and reducing the social stigma associated with UP. Women are now speaking more openly about the issue of UP within their family and local community, demanding treatment services for their condition, and are recommending fellow sufferers do the same.

Each year, thousands of women in Nepal have been involved in various training seminars, community support programs,



workshops on women advocacy rights and in the distribution of resources.

Since the project began, over 9,000 women with third degree uterine prolapse have received life-changing operations, with many more women being screened for the condition and encouraged to attend awareness activities. 'Second life' is what the ladies call the surgical intervention.

TARGETING WOMEN'S HEALTH

Prevention is better than cure. Awareness campaigns educate women about ways to prevent uterine prolapse from occurring.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Sponsorship is an integral part of Asian Aid's mission to empower disadvantaged children to achieve better quality of life for themselves and to contribute in positive ways to their families and communities.

From humble beginnings 47 years ago, sponsorship has remained Asian Aid's primary way of providing education to underprivileged children in India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Today, over 6,000 generous supporters have chosen to share in this journey by using money, skills and time to give hope to over 9,000 children in 28 village schools and over 190 schools in Asia.

Our sponsored children, who are often orphans or from single-parent families, receive a holistic education that empowers them for life, the means to achieve and maintain physical and emotional health, and the skills to gain future economic stability.



SPONSORSHIP MATTERS
6000 GENEROUS SUPPORTERS
SHARING THE JOURNEY
GIVING HOPE TO **9000** CHILDREN IN VILLAGE SCHOOLS
28 AND **190** SCHOOLS OVER IN ASIA



HOPE IN COMMUNITIES

CHILD SPONSORSHIP SUMMARY

NEPAL

HOME TO

485



SPONSORED CHILDREN

LARGEST SPONSORSHIP COUNTRY

7464



SPONSORED CHILDREN IN

INDIA

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BANGLADESH

SRI LANKA

SRI LANKA

HOME TO

84



SPONSORED CHILDREN

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OUR SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

CATERS TO DIFFERENT EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

BANGLADESH
HOME TO **1510**



SPONSORED CHILDREN



SPECIAL BOARDER RATE (\$100/month)

This level of sponsorship cares for the tertiary training of nurses, medical science, teachers, and related fields.



BOARDING SCHOOL PLUS (\$50/month)

Sponsorship for 'boarding plus' students covers the cost of a child's school fees, textbooks and uniforms. It provides accommodation and meals for students and it ensures special care is available to orphans and/or special-needs students who need additional assistance at school or with home care.



DAY SCHOOL (\$25/month)

Sponsorship for day children covers the cost of a child's school fees, textbooks and uniform.



DAY SCHOOL PLUS (\$30/month)

Sponsorship for 'day plus' children covers the cost of a child's school fees, textbooks and uniforms and provides sponsored children with a mid-day meal.

BOARDING SCHOOL (\$40/month)

Sponsorship for boarding children covers the cost of a child's school fees, textbooks and uniforms, and provides accommodation and meals for them.



ANGELS SAVING GIRLS

3 Angels Nepal rescue young girls who have been trafficked or are at risk, preventing future exploitation of women in Nepal.

PROJECT PROFILE 8

SHARING HOPE WITH VULNERABLE GIRLS AND WOMEN COMMUNITIES

WOMEN'S SAFE HAVEN

In partnership with 3 Angels Nepal (3AN)

Start date of project 2010

Country of project Nepal

FUNDRAISING TARGET \$115,000/year

THE PEOPLE

With up to 15,000 women being trafficked every year, the border between Nepal and India is one of the busiest slave tracking routes anywhere in the world. The Women's Safe Haven provides refuge and counseling for abused women and girls in Nepal who have, or were about to be, trafficked.

THE PROJECT GOALS

Asian Aid's Women's Safe Haven works to rescue young girls who have been trafficked or are at risk of being trafficked, and works to prevent the future exploitation of women in Nepal.

One of the many tragedies surrounding the trafficking industry in Nepal is that

once a girl has been abused, her family is likely to reject her because of shame. The Women's Safe Haven addresses the issue on a number of different levels: prevention made possible through education, anti-trafficking booths on the India/Nepal border to catch traffickers in the act, and rehabilitation through education and vocational programs designed to give the girls a more promising future.

THE PROJECT IMPACT

Sex trafficking is one of Nepal's most pressing social issues. The fairer-skinned Nepalese girls are prized in Indian brothels, and a lack of education and employment opportunities means they are innocent to 'stranger danger'. But thanks to

the Women's Safe Haven, at-risk and abused women have been given refuge and counseling, and education in the form of sewing and computer literacy classes for a new start in life.

The rescued women and girls call the Women's Safe Haven "home" and are grateful to have escaped the tragedies that so many of their peers still suffer.



SAVING RADIO

Radio channels spread vital messages of health and anti human-trafficking, empowering women and children with positive messages.

PROJECT PROFILE 9

SHARING HOPE WITH DISADVANTAGED NEPALESE COMMUNITIES

HEALTH AND AWARENESS PROJECT

In partnership with 3 Angels Nepal

Start date of project 2010

Country of project Nepal

THE PEOPLE

The Health and Awareness Project (HAAP) utilises 3AN's radio channel in Pokhara to reach vulnerable women and children in Nepal with the vital messages of health and anti-human trafficking. HAAP is of particular interest to women and children who are deprived of health and medical assistance, who are at risk of being sold into prostitution and/or forced labour, and who live in impoverished rural communities.

THE PROJECT GOALS

This project aims to empower women and children in Nepal with positive messages.

Some of the key messages broadcasted through the radio channel to women and children include:

- Protection from being sold through awareness programs.
- Education and awareness on how to stop and prevent trafficking.
- Opportunities to learn about healthy lifestyles.
- Encouragement of hope and a sense of worth, and
- Support for their freedom and rights.

3AN staff share the health and anti-trafficking messages when travelling to remote areas of Nepal as well - areas where radio might not be available.

THE PROJECT IMPACT

Many communities in Nepal benefit from the messages of health and anti-human trafficking awareness they hear on radio. A large part of the message shared with families is about the risks and tricks that traffickers play on families to employ, sell or marry their daughters.



SAFE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Providing a home environment to orphaned or abandoned children through Children's Homes helps break the cycle of poverty.

PROJECT PROFILE 10

SHARING HOPE WITH COMMUNITIES OF ORPHANS IN NEPAL

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEPAL

In partnership with 3 Angels Nepal

Start date of project 2010

Country of project Nepal

FUNDRAISING TARGET \$90,000/year

THE PEOPLE

The Children's Homes provide orphaned and disadvantaged children with care that they would otherwise not receive. Currently there are twelve Children's Homes in Nepal providing a secure family-like environment to orphaned and disadvantaged children so that they can develop academically, socially and spiritually. Each home cares for 12 to 14 children. The children are often looked after by a husband and wife team, with additional assistance by full-time caretakers or other support staff.

THE PROJECT GOALS

Children's Homes aim to provide an alternative form of care for orphaned and/

or abandoned children, offer a well-rounded home environment where children can form lasting relationships and develop a real sense of family. Children in the home are encouraged to recognise and express their individual abilities, interests and talents. One of the priorities for the Children's Homes is to provide further training for the caretakers and house parents – training in discipline, nutrition and first aid.

THE PROJECT IMPACT

The Children's Homes help break the cycle of poverty by equipping disadvantaged children with an education, valuable life skills, and by restoring dignity and hope. Children receive a family and parents who love and care

for them. They have their individual needs met and their potential encouraged.

Every child sponsored through the Children's Homes program is enrolled at the nearby 3 Angels International Mission School, where they receive quality education and further opportunities to mingle and learn with their fellow brothers and sisters.

The Children's Homes program began in August 2010 with two homes housing 23 sponsored children and grew rapidly. Today the program boasts 12 homes and supports over 150 sponsored children.

PARTNER STAFF

HOPE IN COMMUNITIES

WHERE OUR PARTNERS LIVE AND WORK

Bangladesh Children's Sponsorship Services (BCSS)

Children and their families receive hope through the education provided by our many Adventist Schools throughout Bangladesh. Investing in education is an investment in the lives of these children and their families, so that they will be assets to the communities in which they live, and agents of positive change. Our partnership with Asian Aid has allowed us to continue giving the much-needed gift of education to young people in Bangladesh.

Helping Hand Welfare Society (HHWS)

Hope in our community here in India is reflected in children who go through our child sponsorship program and become contributors to our society at large. Knowing and seeing the positive impact that our education system and wholesome environment provide for sponsor children creates a sense of progression for our society. We feel like we contribute to the big picture.

Community Support Association of Nepal (COSAN)

Hope is seeing a child wake up every morning and walk to school holding a pen and paper in their hands, instead of a wicker basket and sickle. Hope is knowing that no child will go to bed hungry. Hope is helping women who are deprived of healthcare due to ignorance or lack of money. We are proud to be part of a community who are passionate about providing education to the underprivileged, and services to help women with uterine prolapse.

3 Angels Nepal (3AN)

Hope in the communities we work in means the fulfilment of dreams that were only that – dreams. We feel privileged to play a part in helping to give hope to communities of orphans, homeless, trafficked and abused children and girls. Hope is the life that is restored and the contribution made by those who have been impacted by our work.

1. HHWS Staff (Top)
2. COSAN Staff (Second Row Left)
3. BCSS Staff (Second Row Right)
4. 3AN Staff (Third Row)
5. Phuket Mission Hospital Staff (Bottom Row Left)
6. OASIS Staff (Bottom Row Right)



The HELP Foundation (Adventist Indonesian Initiatives)

Our staff and volunteers have a strong desire to give hope to underprivileged Indonesian children and their families by providing free English conversational lifestyle programs. Not only have these programs had positive results, but they have also been culturally appropriate and appreciated in the local Muslim communities. Hope means that those involved from the local communities will gain the ability to make informed choices about health and wellbeing, livelihood and their future.

Phuket Mission Hospital

To the communities where we work in Phuket, hope means receiving free and trusted access to quality healthcare services that help make people whole. We believe that when we use our skills and time to serve others in a practical way, we are allowing God to use us as channels for giving hope to these disadvantaged communities.

Oasis India

Hope in the marginalised urban communities in which we work means receiving a second chance. We are encouraged by the success our projects have had, seeing women and children who are caught in the binds of slavery free, and young people gaining skills and employment opportunities for a better future.



1. HELP Staff and Volunteers (Top)
2. Phuket Mission Hospital Staff and Volunteers (Bottom Right)

PROJECT PROFILE 11

SHARING HOPE WITH COMMUNITIES OF ORPHANS IN INDIA

CHILDREN'S HOMES INDIA Sunshine, Elim, Bethel

In partnership with Helping Hand Welfare Society

Start date of project Ongoing (since 1979)

Country of project India

FUNDRAISING TARGET \$130,000/year

THE PEOPLE

The homes provide a safe environment to over 160 orphans who have no relatives to care for them. Your support allows children in three different Children's Homes in India to have a better quality of life and a brighter hope for the future.

THE PROJECT GOALS

The Children's Homes in India aim to help break the cycle of poverty for orphaned and/or disadvantaged children and to provide care in a home-like environment so that children can form lasting relationships and can belong to a real family. Training caretakers and house parents in discipline, nutrition and first aid remains a priority.

THE PROJECT IMPACT

Each child in the home is valued and encouraged to recognise and express their individual abilities, interests and talents.

Many of the children who have spent time at the Children's Homes in India have gone on to complete college degrees, and some are now working for HHWS, giving hope to others.



AFFORDABLE HEALTH

Establishing free healthcare clinics and training local health volunteers to support poor communities with reliable healthcare services.

PROJECT PROFILE 12

SHARING HOPE WITH BANGALORE COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY HEALTH IN BANGALORE

In partnership with Helping Hand Welfare Society

Start date of project 2011

Country of project India

FUNDRAISING TARGET \$36,000/year

THE PEOPLE

Asian Aid, in partnership with Helping Hand Welfare Society (HHWS) and Bangalore Seventh-day Adventist Hospital, provides affordable health care to the poor in three urban slums in Bangalore, South India.

THE PROJECT GOALS

This project focuses on three main areas:

1. The establishment of a free health clinic in the slums to help those who cannot afford or do not have access to health care.
2. The provision of subsidised or free health care for those who cannot afford it through the hospital's own community health treatment project, and

3. The provision of health education training for health volunteers based in communities around Bangalore. The volunteers can then provide health education, basic treatment and referral services to people in poor communities.

THE PROJECT IMPACT

The project continues to help thousands of disadvantaged men, women and children from marginalised communities gain access to health care and treatment, and train some 30 health educators to raise awareness and educate others within their communities.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Asian Aid Australia board directors present their report to the company for the year ended 31 March 2013. The directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated. The names of directors in office at any time, during or since the end of the year are listed below.

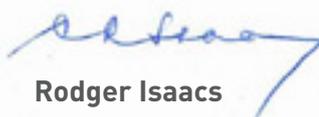
Meetings of Directors for the period 1/4/12 to 31/3/13

During this financial year, five meetings of directors (including committees of directors) were held. Attendances by each director during the year are as follows:

DIRECTOR	ATTENDED	MAXIMUM POSSIBLE
Stephen Baxter: Chairman	5	5
Eugene D'Costa	5	4
Nathan Hawkins	5	3
Rodger Isaacs	5	2
Anne Norman	5	5
Peter Truscott	2	2
Alan Bates	3	2
Peter Williams	5	4
Kaye Zyderveld	5	4
John Hammond	5	4



Stephen Baxter
Chairman/Director
Dated this 22 July, 2013



Rodger Isaacs
Director
Dated this 22 July, 2013

To request a copy of the full audited financial report for the year ending 31 March 2013, please write to the Company Secretary: PO Box 333, Wauchope, NSW 2446, Australia, or email contact@asianaid.org.au.

Asian Aid Australia values supporter feedback, and has a formal process for addressing feedback and complaints. The 'Contact Us' page on the www.asianaid.org.au website provides an easy way for the public and friends of Asian Aid to provide comments and/or suggestions, or to lodge a complaint. Supporters can also provide feedback over the phone – call +61 2 6586 4250 - or by writing to us – PO Box 333, Wauchope, NSW 2446, Australia. In each case, feedback is directed to the relevant staff or concerned departments for resolution.

To lodge a complaint against Asian Aid Australia, or to request a copy of Asian Aid's Complaint Policy, please contact Kerryn Patrick (Customer Relations Officer) at kerryn.patrick@asianaid.org.au, or on +61 2 6586 4250.

DIRECTOR	EXPERIENCE
<p>Stephen Baxter <i>Chairman B.Ec, LLM</i></p>	<p>Stephen is a commercial lawyer who resides in Sydney. He regularly contributes his legal expertise on a voluntary basis and has worked on the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Ethical Standards Committee and assisted with the incorporation of the Greater Sydney Conference.</p> <p>Date Appointed: 18 July 2004</p>
<p>Eugene D'Costa <i>Dip in Religious Studies (Spicer College - India)</i></p>	<p>Eugene has served as a public servant with the NSW Department of Health for over thirty years. He has experience as an area coordinator in emergency/disaster recovery for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) and as a home tutor for Mission Australia. He is also a lay preacher, a public speaker and has been an enthusiastic ambassador for Asian Aid over six years. His cultural understanding of the countries Asian Aid works in is valuable.</p> <p>Date Appointed: 23 August 2009</p>
<p>Nathan Hawkins <i>BA (Psych) (Hons)</i></p>	<p>Nathan is Director of Health and ADRA Services for the North NSW Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He has been a long-term supporter of Asian Aid, through both sponsorship and fundraising.</p> <p>Date Appointed: 27 June 2009</p>
<p>Roger Isaacs <i>BBA., FIPA</i></p>	<p>Roger has extensive accounting and auditing experience and strong networks in the Southern Asia area having worked in both Sri Lanka and India.</p> <p>Date Appointed: 27 July 2008</p>
<p>Anne Norman <i>M Psych., Dip Ed, Grad Dip Mgmt</i></p>	<p>Anne is a registered psychologist and has worked for both government and non-government organisations over the past thirty years. She has been a member of a number of not-for-profit boards over the past sixteen years.</p> <p>Date Appointed: 29 June 2003</p>
<p>Peter Truscott <i>B Ed., BA (Hons), MA (Development)</i></p>	<p>Peter has a wealth of experience in both Education and International Development. He is currently a consultant to aid and development national and international agencies in the non-government sector.</p> <p>Date Appointed: 16 July 2006 Date Retired: 19 August 2012</p>
<p>Alan Bates <i>Dip Volunteer Mangement</i></p>	<p>Alan, a director for the Centre for Volunteering NSW, has 12 years experience in managing volunteers and in working with the non-for-profit sector.</p> <p>Date Appointed: 19 August 2012</p>
<p>Peter Williams <i>B.Ed, MA Ed, MBA</i></p>	<p>Peter has been involved in Adventist Education for nearly a decade, at both high school and tertiary levels. He has degrees in business and education and has completed a Master of Education and a Master of Business Administration.</p> <p>Date Appointed: 21 August 2011</p>
<p>Kaye Zyderveld <i>BCom</i></p>	<p>Kaye has been a supporter of Asian Aid for almost 40 years. Kaye has a Bachelor of Commerce with an accounting major. She has been a member of a number of Adventist and Education Boards. Kaye is currently a Senior Business Analyst for TAFE, SA.</p> <p>Date Appointed: 21 August 2011</p>
<p>John Hammond <i>Dip. Teaching, BA (Hons). PhD</i></p>	<p>Dr John Hammond has worked for many years as a teacher, a principal and an administrator in the Adventist Education system. John and his wife Sue have been supporters of Asian Aid for many years.</p> <p>2 Date Appointed: 27 October 2011</p>

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Asian Aid Organisation Ltd

ABN 98 002 286 419

Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 31 March 2013

REVENUE	2013	2012
Donations and Gifts	\$	\$
Donations and Gifts Monetary	4,001,744	4,092,428
Bequests and Legacies Received	48,402	50,000
Other Income	1,436	-
Investment Income	362,804	426,745
Exchange Rate Variance	16,070	-
Total Revenue	4,430,456	4,569,173
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International Programs		
Funds to International Programs	3,666,078	3,249,262
Program Support Costs	520,282	306,656
Fundraising Costs		
Public	149,877	144,543
Government, Multilateral and Private	-	-
Accountability and Administration	438,647	473,639
Non-Monetary Expenditure	-	-
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL AID & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS		
Expenditure	4,774,881	4,174,100
Other Comprehensive Income		
Other Income	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME	(344,425)	395,073

Asian Aid Organisation Ltd

ABN 98 002 286 419

Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 31 March 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,303,563	4,517,117
Trade and Other Receivables	7,323	3,727
Other Assets	1,648,762	2,883,517
Total Current Assets	6,959,648	7,404,361
Non Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	502,803	430,198
Total Assets	7,462,451	7,834,559
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Payables	11,344	51,018
Borrowings	3,673	2,358
Short-Term Provisions	51,634	36,996
Total Current Liabilities	66,651	90,372
Non Current Liabilities		
Other Long-Term Provisions	24,496	28,458
Total Liabilities	91,147	118,830
Net Assets	7,371,304	7,715,729
Accumulated Funds		
Reserves	3,100,000	3,100,000
Funds Available	4,271,304	4,615,729
TOTAL FUNDS	7,371,304	7,715,729

Asian Aid Organisation Ltd

ABN 98 002 286 419

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 31 March 2013

2013	Retained Surplus	Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 April 2012	4,615,729	3,100,000	7,715,729
Surplus/(Loss)	(344,425)	-	(344,425)
Sub Total	(344,425)	-	(344,425)
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2013	4,271,304	3,100,000	7,371,304



HOPE IN COMMUNITIES

INDEPENDANT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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Independent Auditor's Report To the Members of Asian Aid Organisation Limited

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Asian Aid Organisation Limited (the "Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2013, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the directors' declaration of the company.

Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards- Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Act 2001. The Directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and

plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error.

In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

Basis for qualified auditor's opinion

Cash from donations and other fundraising activities are a significant source of revenue for Asian Aid Organisation Limited. Although the Directors of Asian Aid Organisation Limited have implemented systems of controls to ensure the monies received at its offices are properly recorded in the accounting records, it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of revenue from these sources prior to receipt at its offices.

Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to cash from donations and other fund raising activities had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether cash from donations and other fund raising activities obtained by Asian Aid Organisation Limited are complete.

Auditor's opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation on our audit procedures referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed:

- a the financial report of Asian Aid Organisation Limited is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - i giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 March 2013 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - ii complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Regulations 2001

- b the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year;
- c the financial report also complies with the ACFID Code of Conduct Summary Financial Report;
- d The accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations; and
- e Monies received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations.

GRANT THORNTON AUDIT PTY LTD
Chartered Accountants



A G Rigele
Partner - Audit & Assurance

Sydney, 22 July 2013



HOPE IN COMMUNITIES

COMMUNICATION OVERVIEW

HOPE IN COMMUNITIES

Positive change and hope in communities do not happen in a vacuum. At Asian Aid this past year, the Communication team has been privileged to engage in meaningful and creative ways with our sponsors, donors, and partners in order to meet some of our key Communication and promotional objectives.

The recent June end-of-financial-year Red Ribbon Appeal brought a rush of activity throughout the office. The campaign, apart from meeting some pressing fundraising targets, aimed to remind our supporters of the significance of pledged and sustainable giving. The positive response from our community of supporters was a true reflection of the faithful generosity of people who engaged with the Asian Aid needs and who answered our media, email, and Facebook calls-to-action.

The following highlights reflect some of the projects, initiatives and programs that – with your help – have helped bring positive changes in disadvantaged communities in Asia during the financial year under review.

In 2012–2013 the Communication team:

- Produced a series of promotional resources relevant for our ongoing Ambassador program.

Our Ambassadors have continued promoting the Asian Aid ministry in churches and schools, and encouraging people to sponsor a child and/or donate to projects passionately.

- Packaged and promoted the Big Day In concept, so that churches can use and adapt the program to raise awareness and funds for an Asian Aid project or issue of their choice.
- Ran the child sponsorship campaign, Hope-a-Thon for Bangladeshi children, and exceeded our target of 115 children sponsored in 115 days.
- Represented Asian Aid at seven large events, including camps, festivals and concerts. These are valuable exercises in building relationships with current supporters, and making connections with new supporters.





- Pitched and promoted key Asian Aid projects and initiatives through a more diverse media base, and received positive responses from media outlets including radio, print, and television.
- Utilised the media online platform Issuu to publish monthly editions of *Notes From The Field*, a new and engaging initiative which shares photos and stories from our work overseas.
- Increased internal communication within the Asian Aid Organisation and partner offices.
- Wrote, produced and aired new phone messages to communicate various key messages about Asian Aid and the projects we support through the Wauchope office telephone system.
- Increased our engagement with supporters and fans on Facebook, using it as a platform to share photos, videos, stories and key initiatives. Some 375 people became Asian Aid friends on Facebook during this period.
- Produced our first photo book *Seasons of Hope*, with the support of generous donors, to raise awareness against human trafficking and to raise funds to support the work of Oasis India in this area.
- Worked on strategies to improve our child to sponsor communication, so sponsors and children can communicate more effectively with each other with the view of helping to

develop stronger relationships between the two groups.

- Attended a number of conferences and training seminars to learn more about the not-for profit sector and related areas of interest.
- Produced four issues of the Asian Aid's *Response* newsletter.
- Wrote and produced the agency's annual report.

During the next financial year, we hope to:

- Re-develop the Asian Aid Australia website to be more engaging and user-friendly, and to improve the quality and quantity of communication that occurs between the field and sponsors.
- Work with partners to increase the frequency and quality of communication between the field and sponsors/donors.
- Facilitate promotional events and tours for some of our partners from the field.
- Develop a strategy to work with groups interested in short-term volunteering opportunities in the countries in which we work, and more.

Your feedback about ways we can help you become promoters of Asian Aid will be gratefully received. Let us know how we can better partner with you to tell others about the Asian Aid mission. This way, promoting Asian Aid will become the responsibility of a community of people too.

ASIAN AID'S FIRST PHOTOGRAPHY BOOK

USES CREATIVITY TO ADVOCATE

Asian Aid's new photography book, *Seasons of Hope*, advocates using creativity and images that depict the human spirit finding optimism, determination and hope even in seasons of hardship and despair.

Seasons of Hope displays a stunning collection of photographs and stories from everyday life in Asia.

"After visiting and living in India, Bangladesh and Nepal, and photographing people often experiencing difficulties, I was inspired by their resilience," says Joshua Moses, the book's photographer and an Asian Aid Field Media Coordinator. "I wanted the book to tell realistic but positive picture stories of people who often maintain joy even during seasons of hardship."

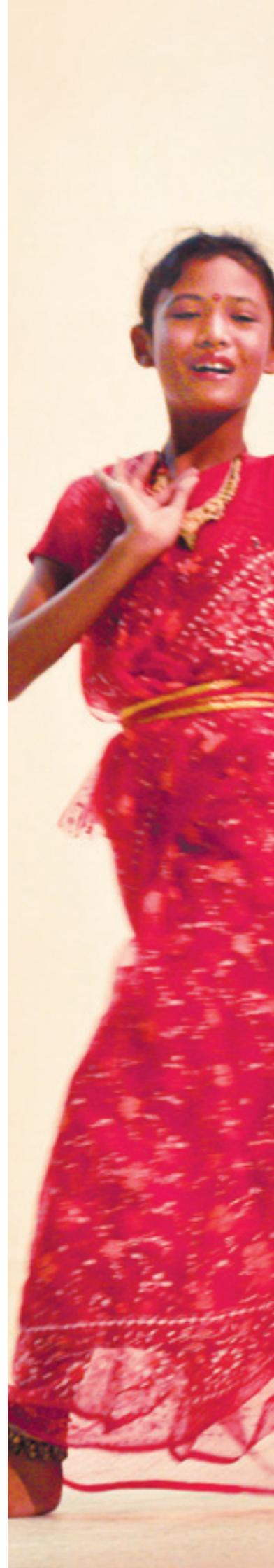
The launch of the book at Manifest, the annual creative arts festival for Seventh-day Adventists in the South Pacific, was intentional. "Manifest celebrates the use of creative arts for ministry," says Bruna Tawake, one of the book's editors. "And *Seasons of Hope* is a project that breathes beauty and infuses creativity into the tapestry of advocacy for social justice. The book not only educates, but also, perhaps most importantly, encourages action. This is faithful creativity at its best."

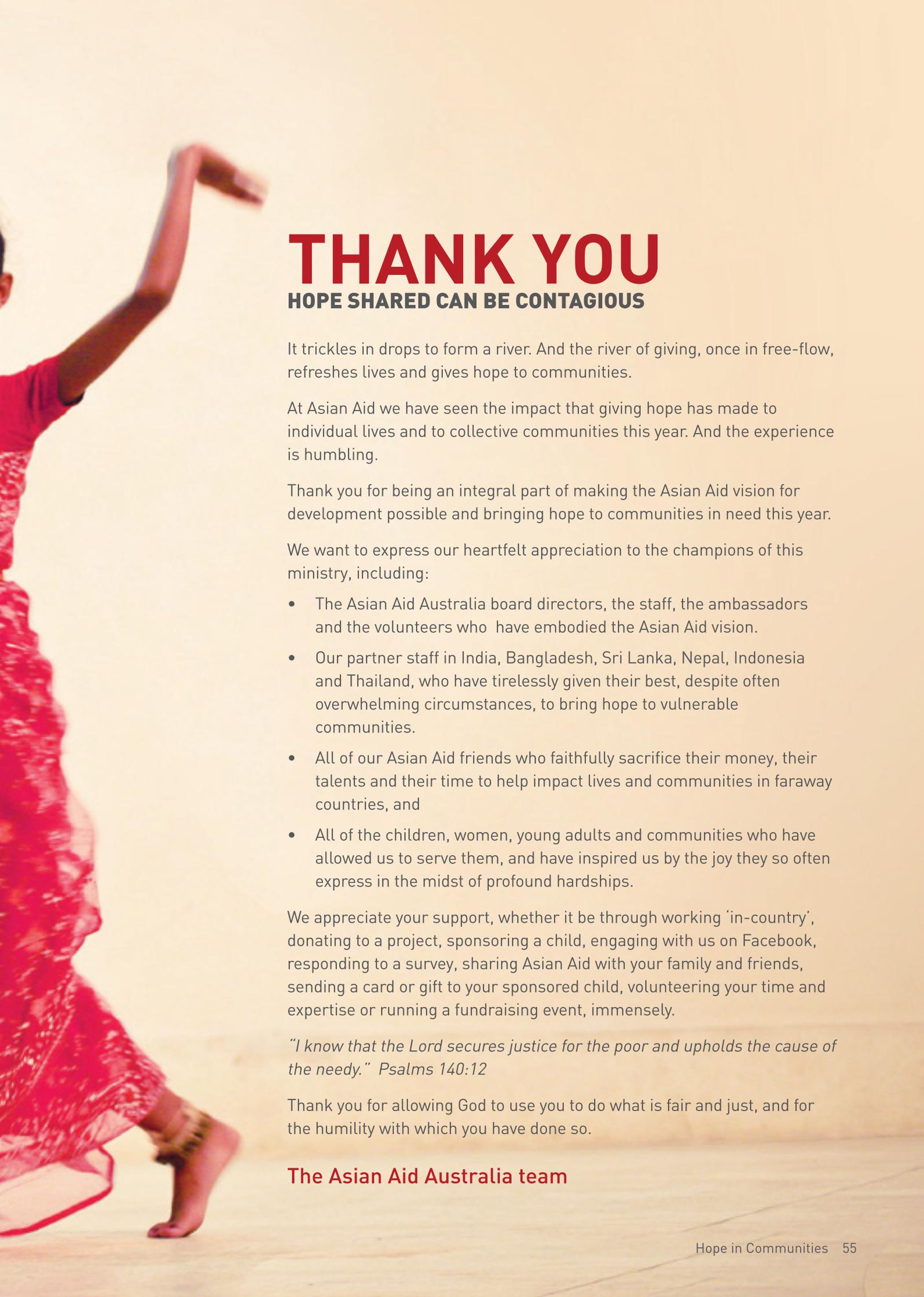
Whether portraying the busyness of India, the monsoon rains of Bangladesh or the social interconnectedness of Nepal, the book shares the stories of people and communities, who cannot, at this season of their lives, stand up boldly for themselves.

"It is the images crying out for opportunity, equality and order that give this book intangible importance," says Quentin Campbell, Asian Aid Australia's program manager.

And that is why Asian Aid is using the proceeds from the sale of the book to support Oasis India's Anti-Human Trafficking Program to help victims regain dignity and hope. The book, which is a tool for advocating for and supporting vulnerable women and children in India, also proves that creativity and fighting social justice issues can go hand-in hand.

To order a copy of the *Seasons of Hope* book visit www.asianaid.org.au, call +61 2 6586 4250 or email contact@asianaid.org.au. Books cost \$30AUD (including postage).





THANK YOU

HOPE SHARED CAN BE CONTAGIOUS

It trickles in drops to form a river. And the river of giving, once in free-flow, refreshes lives and gives hope to communities.

At Asian Aid we have seen the impact that giving hope has made to individual lives and to collective communities this year. And the experience is humbling.

Thank you for being an integral part of making the Asian Aid vision for development possible and bringing hope to communities in need this year.

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation to the champions of this ministry, including:

- The Asian Aid Australia board directors, the staff, the ambassadors and the volunteers who have embodied the Asian Aid vision.
- Our partner staff in India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Indonesia and Thailand, who have tirelessly given their best, despite often overwhelming circumstances, to bring hope to vulnerable communities.
- All of our Asian Aid friends who faithfully sacrifice their money, their talents and their time to help impact lives and communities in faraway countries, and
- All of the children, women, young adults and communities who have allowed us to serve them, and have inspired us by the joy they so often express in the midst of profound hardships.

We appreciate your support, whether it be through working 'in-country', donating to a project, sponsoring a child, engaging with us on Facebook, responding to a survey, sharing Asian Aid with your family and friends, sending a card or gift to your sponsored child, volunteering your time and expertise or running a fundraising event, immensely.

"I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy." Psalms 140:12

Thank you for allowing God to use you to do what is fair and just, and for the humility with which you have done so.

The Asian Aid Australia team



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