

RESPONSE

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Legacy of
HOPE

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 **AsianAID**
Give Hope TODAY



Message FROM THE CEO

DEAR SUPPORTERS

OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, WE HAVE ALL ENTERED A TIME OF CHANGE, FROM THE WAY CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL, HOW WE CONDUCT OUR WORK AND HOW WE SOCIALISE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

These changes have brought about their own challenges for all of us. However, it has also created the opportunity to be flexible in how we conduct our programs.

The team here at Asian Aid would like to extend our best wishes to you and your family during this difficult time and we thank you for your continued support.

Our Mission is to give hope, by fostering and creating permanent, positive change in the lives of disadvantaged children and their communities. The safety and wellbeing of the children you support is our central concern as we navigate the COVID 19 scenario. The best interest of the children is driving our response, together with the safety and wellbeing of our staff.

Our environment is changing at a rapid rate but as this newsletter goes to print our team is in constant consultation with our Partners in India, Bangladesh and Nepal.

TOGETHER WE ARE FOCUSED ON THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES

- 1** Keeping 'an eye on the child' because every child's home situation varies. The isolation that may have been created by this change can cause some vulnerable children to be more susceptible to harm.
- 2** Preventing the spread of disease by promoting hand washing and hygiene methods.
- 3** Maintaining a connection to education. The school's formality, routine and teaching staff are crucial to the safety and wellbeing of children.
- 4** Working closely with our in-country partners to ensure the children will be able to return safely to school or provide alternative education as required.

Asian Aid will ensure the children you support continue to have the opportunity to learn and are protected from harm.

We thank you for your ongoing support and ask for you to remember the children in your prayers.

Thank you,
Paul Esau - CEO



Schools ARE OUR BEACONS OF LIGHT

AS A SUPPORTING MINISTRY, WE BELIEVE IN THE VALUE OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION. IF WE LOOK TO THE WORLD AROUND US, WE SEE SICKNESS AND SUFFERING. WE SEE OUR ADVENTIST SCHOOLS AS BEACONS OF LIGHT AND CENTERS OF EVANGELISM IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.



Our schools in India, Nepal and Bangladesh play an important role not just educating children to reach their God-given potential but also in spreading the gospel. Our aim is to empower each child to become an agent of change in their communities.

Although there are many more, here are some opportunities we see through Adventist education:

1. 40% of the young people who attend Adventist Schools remain faithful to the church, and they are more likely to become active lay leaders or full-time workers in our denomination.
2. Many of the countries we work in have school on Saturdays so at an Adventist School they can go to church on Sabbath and worship with their family and friends.
3. Where our young people go to school often determines their careers, spouses and faith.
4. Adventist schools are “cities of refuge” for many of our young people living in vulnerable conditions.
5. Adventist education prepares our young people for this life and for the life to come. Our young people can be “taught” into the kingdom of God.

We thank you for your continued support and pray that you will help us continue to shine the light on those most vulnerable and lift them into God’s hands for protection.

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ELLEN G. WHITE
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VISION FOR ADVENTIST
EDUCATION AND CALLS
FOR ADVENTISTS
TO OFFER HOLISTIC
EDUCATION.
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BY SPONSORING A CHILD,
YOU DO CREATE

AN ENDURING

Legacy of HOPE

THIS YEAR, SO FAR, WE HAVE HAD 211 GRADUATES AND THAT IS BECAUSE OF YOU, THEY WILL NOW GO INTO THE COMMUNITY AND MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION AS WELL AS SPREAD THE WORD OF GOD.



MEET

ZENIA

UNFORTUNATELY ZENIA'S MOTHER ABANDONED HER AND HER FATHER WAS NEVER NAMED SO AS A CHILD SHE LIVED IN OUR CARE AT THE SUNSHINE SCHOOL.

She graduated and then went on to study nursing and this year graduated with honours. Without your help, her life would have looked very different.

Zenia says to her donor,

"I'm so thankful for you for helping me through all my difficulties. You've been like an Angel, helping me through everything, you supported me to stand on my own two feet. I pray that God's blessings be upon you as you continue to work and help others too."



REMOVING OBSTACLES AND KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH OUR SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOLS, LOOKING AT WAYS TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND ACCESS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN PRACTICAL WAYS.

A BRIDGE IN BANGLADESH

In Bangladesh, you helped us ensure students and teachers have a safe walk to school over a sturdy bridge.



A WALL TO KEEP THE MAISIE FOOK STUDENTS SAFE

This wall was collapsing and was creating a danger to students and an opportunity for robbers, but you allowed us to tear it down and build a new, sturdy wall.



WATER PROOFING THE SUNSHINE SCHOOL TO KEEP THE STUDENTS HEALTHY

We believe that every child deserves a safe, hygienic home so we waterproofed the girl's dorm at Sunshine after damage from the monsoon season.



REDUCING ADMINISTRATION COSTS

This has been a challenging year for all but we remain focussed on ensuring the well-being of the children under our care, their families and communities. To ensure we are prepared; we are streamlining our fundraising capacity to meet any urgent or additional requirements as they occur while still ensuring that children come first.

ADVENTIST EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES

You can help us increase the quality of life of children that attend our Adventist schools by improving their school and families' circumstances. Your donations go to improving educational resources, establishing child clubs, raising child rights awareness, teacher training and livelihood training for parents so children and the wider community are benefitted.



THE GIFT OF HOPE AND HEALTH

Asian Aid in conjunction with our partner, COSAN are sourcing protective materials for the Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital in Nepal. The health workers based at the hospital have just one set of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) issued for the whole hospital. Any help is appreciated and buying PPE suits (\$200 each) is important so we can give hope and health to frontline workers at the Seventh-day Adventist hospital.

SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOLS

Our Special Needs Schools help children who may otherwise miss the opportunity to be educated to receive the help they deserve and hope for their futures. You can help us provide life-changing programs for children to transition towards meaningful and independent living as adults with practical skills.



NEPAL WOMEN'S HEALTH

In Nepal, women in rural communities are isolated from medical care and are not taught the basics of women's health. Our Women's Health project, to be launched in 2020/21, provides women with health assessment camps for cervical cancer screening and the provision of surgical treatment of uterine prolapse. Help us break the gender inequality which places women at risk and provide practical help and education.



CHILDREN

LIVING IN SLUMS

Across India, families are displaced and are forced to move into slums, a dangerous and toxic environment, especially for children.

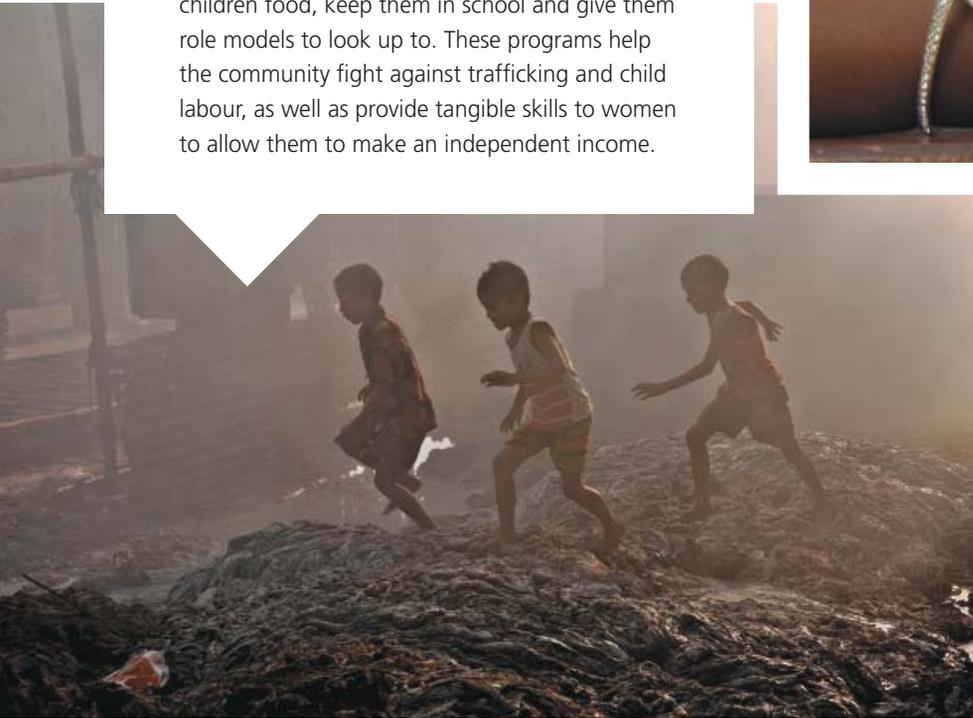
We need your help to run programs which give children food, keep them in school and give them role models to look up to. These programs help the community fight against trafficking and child labour, as well as provide tangible skills to women to allow them to make an independent income.



MEET-THE-NEED

In these uncertain times, unforeseen needs are constantly arising, whether that be building renovations, new education programs to fight poverty, slavery and trafficking or new school resources or health assistance.

When you donate to our Meet-The-Need fund, you allow us to quickly assist our children, families and communities when they need it most. We know circumstances change quickly so thank you for helping us meet the most pressing needs.



I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT (Please write project name below)

- A regular donation of _____ a month
- A one-off donation of _____
- A one-off donation of _____ to #AdventistEducation

I WILL GIVE MY DONATION BY

1. CHEQUE (Make payable to Asian Aid Organisation and post with this form)
2. FUNDS TRANSFER call us on (+61) 02 6586 4250 for banking details
3. CREDIT CARD

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All donations above \$2 are tax-deductible

SPONSOR A CHILD

We currently have children under our care and because of the current situation impacting on all of us, **WE NOW REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL 391 CHILDREN WHO NEED SUPPORT.** As the economic conditions worsen we expect this issue to increase. Here are just three examples of why these children need your help.



MANIK
BANGLADESH
\$30

Manik is obedient and active at school and looks forward to becoming a teacher one day. His mother has died and his father left them when he was little so Manik now lives with his grandfather who cannot afford to send him to school to get the education he wants for him.



BABLY
INDIA
\$45

Bably is kind and obedient in school and enjoys gardening and playing football with her friends. She dreams of becoming an engineer when she finishes school. She is one of two children and her mother works as a labourer to provide for the family since her father passed away. Her labourer's wage, however, is not enough to send Bably to school and needs help to cover the cost.



KHUYRANG
BANGLADESH
\$49

Khuyrang is attentive in class and reads well. His performance in school is excellent, he loves his school and feels fortunate to be there. His parents are day laborers and leave early in the morning, so his grandmother brings him to school and collects him every day. He enjoys Bible classes and is amazed at the stories he hears. His dream is to fly and become a pilot when he finishes school.

I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR (child's name) _____

- Sponsorship at \$49 a month
 Sponsorship Plus* at \$55 a month

*Plus helps us run additional child-focused activities in vulnerable communities

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