

RESPONSE

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WE HOPE YOU HAD A LOVELY CHRISTMAS BREAK AND MANAGED TO SPEND TIME BEING SURROUNDED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

As we open our “normal” new year here in Australia and New Zealand, what that looks like in developing countries around the world will continue to be very different this year.

In some locations, lockdowns will remain in place and food relief assistance will still be required. In other instances, schools have started to re-open and projects will commence but all in a COVID-safe way.

We are excited to see the children returning to schools and our focus will be on the children’s health, welfare and safety based on government guidelines.

OUR OBJECTIVES ARE SIMPLE

1. RETURN TO LEARNING

Wherever possible provide tools, equipment, resources, technology, data and infrastructure to ensure that children have the ability to continue to learn at home or

in their boarding house.

2. BACK TO SCHOOL

Improve school environments so that as children return to school, they will have a better experience than before closures and lockdowns.

Based on our welfare checks and family visits during the past year; we have identified a third objective.

3. NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND

In some instances additional support for both a child and their family may be required because they have been identified from our welfare checks as being at a higher risk of not returning to school post-COVID.

Over the past few months, we have been working with the children and asking them about their aspirations after COVID. It is clear because of your continued support that they are still empowered to dream big!

We have also been doing some exciting new building improvements in our schools throughout Nepal, India and Bangladesh.

We would like to thank our Partners for continuing to achieve this through logistically challenging times.

Most importantly, we sincerely are thankful for you, our supporters because without you these children would not believe in future possibilities.

We hope 2021 is the start of new beginnings and we ask you to remember the children in your prayers.

Thank you,

Paul Esau, CEO

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**SHALINI,
12, INDIA**

"My dream is to become a doctor. I like the fact that doctors play a major role in helping patients recover and lead healthier lives. I have already learnt how to administer First Aid treatment for minor injuries."



WHILE RECENT UNICEF RESEARCH INDICATES THAT MORE THAN ONE BILLION CHILDREN ARE AT RISK OF FAILING OR DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL DUE TO COVID-19, WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE HAVE EMPOWERED THE CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS TO CONTINUE TO DREAM BEYOND THE PANDEMIC.

As we continue to manage the welfare and education of our children in 2021 we look at maintaining momentum of learning through lockdowns, social distancing, masks and online classes and whatever the year brings us. The children remain hopeful and optimistic and most importantly continue dream big!



BHAVANA, 9, INDIA

"My dream is to become a doctor. I want to serve the sick and needy. My parents will help me become a doctor and I will work hard to achieve my dream."



SAJAN, 12, NEPAL

"I want to be a policeman. Policemen maintain peace and order in the community, and I like that. I spend extra time exercising and running. My elder brother inspires me and he is my role model."



DURGA, 12, NEPAL

"I want to become a nurse, because they are selfless and help sick people. We respect nurses a lot in our village. My parents always inspire me to study so that I can be a successful nurse."



PUSHPA, 19, INDIA

"My dream is to become an English Teacher. A teacher helps students to achieve their goals and I would like to do that. I read a lot of books that will help me reach my dream. Mr. Raja Fernandez, my English teacher at school is my role model."

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RUPESH, 10, NEPAL

"I love football, and my aim is to be a football player. My father was a very good football player in his village. So, he is my inspiration."



DEEPA, 18, NEPAL

"I want to be a musician. I am learning eastern music, harmonium and also vocals. My role model is my music teacher here at school."



MARY, 17, INDIA

"I would like to become a social entrepreneur. That will allow me to operate a business which not only makes a profit but at the core of it looks at improving lives for people from economically weaker sections. Ms. Namratha Philip, a social worker, is my inspiration."



DANESH, 9, INDIA

"I want to become an actor like Shivakarthekeyan (a Kollywood actor). He came from a simple family and made it big in life. I want to become like him and take care of my family. I also want to help those in need."



RUDRO, 8, BANGLADESH

"I want to be an engineer and invent new things that will improve lives. I like pulling things apart and trying to fix them. My dad is my inspiration – because he has a motorbike and does a lot of work on it, and I help him."



SRABONI, 11, BANGLADESH

"I want to be a teacher and educate people in my community. My father realises the value of education and inspired me to want to be a teacher. My teacher Mrs. Aporna Paik is my role model because she never gets angry with us, dresses well, speaks well and she is very neat and clean."



**KMMS
RENOVATION
IN THEIR
100TH
YEAR**



TO HELP CELEBRATE THEIR CENTENARY, WE SUPPORTED KELLOGG MOOKERJEE MEMORIAL SEMINARY (KMMS) SCHOOL IN BANGLADESH WITH EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS.

The school has been a home, safe space and an inspirational place of learning for thousands of students.

KMMS is the oldest school of the Seventh-day Adventist church under South Bangladesh Mission and serves over 500 students up to tertiary level.

This year, with your support; we made some much-needed renovations to the church and school.

1. Church renovation work included electrical work, adding more lights and fans for better luminosity, fixing windows and window glass, door, wall repair and overall painting.
2. Girls' Hostel Renovation work is still ongoing. Critical work like plumbing and toilet repair has been completed. Veranda grills repair, fitting new windows and doors, and window glass has been done. Repairing the roof and overall painting will begin soon.
3. Boys' Hostel Renovation work is also ongoing, including plumbing, grill work, windows and door making. The roof repair and painting work will begin as interior work is completed.

There are about 16 laborers working continuously, but the one challenge to progress is rain.

Our team and our partner BCSS continue to monitor the work closely so that the school, church and hostels will be ready before the children return to school.



**OUR
CHILDREN'S
HOMES**

**IN NEPAL WELCOME
STUDENTS BACK AGAIN**

ONE OF OUR PARTNERS IN NEPAL HAVE OPENED TWO ALTERNATIVE CHILDREN CARE HOMES IN A NEW LOCATION.

They are now fully functional. In addition, there are sufficient number of toilets and bathrooms for all of the children.

There are child friendly stairs and a big passage for easy movement of children. The cafeteria serves both the children's homes and the school. Children from Grades Ten and Eleven are now living there with more children returning soon.

These children are excited to get back to the school and continue their education. Although the school has been conducting online classes, many underprivileged children have not been able to attend because they did not have laptops, smartphones and internet facilities. Now their education can get back on track. We aim to bring all the children back gradually, so that they can return to learning once again.

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AS OUR PROJECTS SLOWLY REOPEN AND OUR SCHOOLS PREPARE FOR STUDENTS' RETURN WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO, WE ARE FOCUSSED ON ENSURING CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITIES ARE EMPOWERED TO BRING CHANGE.

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.



BACK TO SCHOOL

As we begin to look at how we return children to school when it is safe to do so, we want to focus on how we can improve our school environments, increase teacher training and support materials. We would like to see students return to a better environment than they had when they left.

RETURN TO LEARNING

While we remain positive we are also aware of the challenges of a pandemic in the developing world. Our aim is to, wherever possible, provide the tools, equipment, resources, technology, data and infrastructure to ensure that the children have the ability to continue to learn whatever the challenges that arise in-country.



FAMILY FOOD FUND

For just \$40 per month you can help provide food security for a family of four. This will ensure that while our sponsored children remain at home, they (and their family) have enough food to eat.

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.



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 #Meet-The-Need

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SPONSOR A CHILD

We currently have children under our care and because of the current situation impacting on all of us, **WE NOW HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 395 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.



RAJESH PRAJA
A20954 - \$55

Eight-year-old Rajesh is an obedient, caring boy who likes playing cricket and reading stories. He comes from the Chepang tribe, one of the poorest tribes in Nepal. His family moved from a remote village in the mountains to live in somebody's house and work in their field. However, their income has not been sufficient to feed and educate Rajesh, and he needs a sponsor to help.



DHANALAKSHMI N
OIO1186 - \$55

Dhanalakshmi is nine years old and lives in India. She loves to dance and play with her friends. Her father sells clothes for a living and her mother is a daily wage worker. Her family has been in good health, and Dhanalakshmi has remained engaged through the after school program during the past few months. However, she needs a sponsor to support her education and fulfill her dream of becoming a doctor.



RAJKONNA BOIRAGEE
BB01371 - \$55

Six-year-old Rajkonna lives in a tiny bamboo house with her family of eight. Her father somehow runs the family with his meagre earnings as a day labourer. Rajkonna wants to become a nurse, and hopes she will be able to find a sponsor soon.

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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