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Bright Futures is an Australian based Christian aid and development agency committed to providing a transparent and effective means for Australians to contribute to the sustainable alleviation of poverty.

Bright Futures works in partnership with established development agencies in developing countries in providing vital education and development programs which address the causes of poverty and offer the prospect of a better life.



Code of Conduct



Sponsor a child and create a future full of hope and promise ...

When you sponsor a child through Bright Futures you not only support their education but you also contribute to the development of their whole community through the provision of healthcare, vocational training, clean water and other important ways.

Recently, Bright Futures sponsor Angus Pryor (pictured below), met the student he and his family have been sponsoring in India. Angus describes this meeting 'one of the more extraordinary things' of his life, saying:

"When I look at such a small thing that we did, where we paid a few dollars a month and I've seen the impact on this person, the whole school and the community ... If you are thinking about sponsoring a child with Bright Futures you absolutely should."



Pic: Angus meeting with the student his family has sponsored and some of the Bangalore City Mission team.

My gift of hope ...

- Please receive my gift of \$_____ to help children, families and communities living in poverty.
- I would like to make a regular monthly donation of \$_____ *Please indicate preferred purpose:*
 - Please use where most needed
 - Womens' Empowerment - KENYA / INDIA / PAKISTAN
 - Childrens' Education – INDIA / KENYA / UGANDA / PAKISTAN
 - Medical Care & Birthing Services - UGANDA
- I would like to sponsor a child (or ___ children) at \$42 per month each. Please indicate: Girl / Boy

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ P/C _____

P: _____ E: _____

Bright Futures Australia - Overseas Aid Fund, PO Box 3071 Rundle Mall SA 5000



Payment Options:

Credit Card: Visa Mastercard

No: _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry: ____/____

Cardholder _____

Signature: _____

EFT: Bright Futures Australia – Overseas Aid Fund
 Westpac Bank: BSB: 035-002 Account: 392 116

Cheque: Pay to Bright Futures Australia - Overseas Aid Fund

Direct Debit: Please email office@brightfutures.com.au or call the office – 08 7225 7175 – to arrange.

Online: Go to www.brightfutures.com.au - donation link

DONATIONS OVER \$2 TAX DEDUCTIBLE



Streams of living water flow ...

Thanks to the generosity of Love in a Cup, Giving with Gratitude Fund and Lauren Rooke (pictured) who at 26 weeks pregnant ran the Adelaide marathon to raise funds, a new community well has now been established in the village of Lukodi in Northern Uganda. Our Ugandan partner group leader Opiro Onono reports, "The natural spring people have relied on was contaminated with parasites, typhoid and other bacteria so many became seriously ill drinking from it." The new well will not only reduce disease but also save around 100 households much time and effort in gathering household water.



You are invited.



"Education is the key to development. It creates a level playing field and a pathway out of poverty."

Please join us (family & friends welcome too) to hear about the transformational work of our partner group in India.

Jonathan Sinclair Paul
 Executive Director,
 Bangalore City Mission

2.30-4.00pm
Sunday, 18 June 2023

Inparilla Meeting Space
@ The Wyatt Trust,
161 Frome St., Adelaide

RSVP: office@brightfutures.com.au

A word from Jack



CEO Jack Snelling engaging with Bright Futures supported students in Pakistan

This past year has been an incredible journey for me and for Bright Futures as, together with our partners, we have sought to empower people in great need in ways that will help them break free of poverty.

I was privileged to spend time with our partners in India, Kenya, Pakistan and Uganda and see the transforming impact of the education, healthcare and development programs our partners deliver with our support.

I was deeply moved as I met with adults and children in the schools, vocational training centres and programs we support and heard their stories of struggle, hope and resilience.

Seeing how our partner programs are not only helping people meet their basic needs, but also empowering them to pursue their dreams and aspirations was inspiring. Our partners are serving their communities with such compassion and commitment despite the challenges and many risks they face.

I am excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie before us, confident that with God's guidance, our dedicated staff and volunteers, our faithful partners and supporters, and our passionate beneficiaries, we can continue to make a positive difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Thank you for being part of this amazing journey with us.

Jack
Jack Snelling, CEO

The Chelekere miracle continues!

When Rev Paul and Violet Raj, founders of our partner group Bangalore City Mission India (BCM), moved to Chelekere in 1989 it was a wasteland on the fringes of the city. In moving there to serve the poor they could not have imagined the miracle to follow.

Violet started a small school in the front room of their home for the children of quarry workers. The workers, who break stone with heavy hammers to earn a living, are often trapped in this back breaking work due to debt to quarry owners. Children also worked in the quarry. Initially parents resisted their children going to school as they did not understand its value and they feared the loss of the children's earning which was essential to survival.

The school started with eight children and a small plot of land was later purchased. Classrooms were built and step by step as student numbers grew the school enlarged. Thirty years on 10,000 children from poor communities have been educated. BCM is now taking the next step to educate thousands more children from poor communities with the establishment of a second school on land granted by government. It is an unfolding miracle that from such small beginnings, hope and a path out of poverty has been made possible for so many.



Nawiri Mama – Torrens University Evaluation

Together with our partner Dorcas Creation Kenya and Torrens University we have been evaluating the Nawiri Mama program. The program is aimed at improving the lives of mothers living in the Nairobi slums who have children with disabilities. Mothers receive basic physio skills training to help them in developing the capacity of their children while also learning vocational skills to enhance their ability to earn an income. The evaluation has strongly affirmed the success of the program with hundreds of women and children assisted so far. Thanks to donor support, hundreds more will be assisted into the future.



Excitement builds! Dorcas Creation Empowerment Centre takes shape ...

There is nothing like a plan coming together and particularly when that plan involves creating a centre that will be a beacon of hope. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of donors this centre in Nairobi, Kenya, is under construction using shipping container modules. The building technique, which involves putting together the pieces, stands as a terrific metaphor for the work of our partners Dorcas Creation do as they help people living in the slums put together the pieces of their lives in a way that creates a pathway out of poverty.

The Dorcas Creation Empowerment Centre will be a base for vocational and business skills training, savings and support groups, and disability and therapy programs. Following a recent visit to the building site, Dorcas Creation leader Jane Thuo reported, "Wednesday's visit to the site was really invigorating. It was a hive of activity as over 15 staff worked tirelessly to meet the deadline. Mr Francis, the contractor, and his team are hardworking and dedicated to doing a good job. What encouraged me is how grateful the neighbourhood is to have such a service so close to them."



Bright Futures Project visits!

We believe that there is no substitute for first-hand experience and now that the world is on the move again there is opportunity for small numbers of Bright Futures supporters to visit projects to see how their help is bringing hope and opportunity to others. To find out more or to register your interest please email paul.madden@brightfutures.com.au