



Loving India's Untouchables



The World Bank estimated that 23.6% of Indian population (about **276 million people**), live below \$1.25 per day on purchasing power parity. These people not only struggle with financial issue; many of them are also abandoned by their society. According to National Geographic, more than **160 million** people in India are considered “untouchables” – people condemned by their birth into a caste system that deems them impure or less than human.

Even more terrifying is to find out that there are still people who work as “manual scavengers.” They are people customarily relegated to the bottom of the caste hierarchy and confined to livelihood tasks viewed as deplorable or too menial by higher caste groups. Consistent with centuries-old feudal and caste-based custom, women from communities that traditionally work as “manual scavengers” would collect human waste daily, load it into cane baskets or metal troughs, and carry it away on their heads for disposal at the outskirts of the settlement. Their caste-designated occupation reinforces the social stigma that they are unclean or “untouchable” and perpetuates widespread discrimination.

Since its independence in 1947, India's central government has adopted legislation and policy efforts to end manual scavenging and improve sanitation. However, due to poor implementation, people remain unaware of their right to reject this role. Those who refuse would likely face intense social pressure, including threats of violence and expulsion from their villages, often with the complicity of local government officials. (continued on p. 4)



Helping the Children of Liberia

Liberia is a nation in West Africa with a population of nearly 4.5 million people with approximately 83.3 percent of the population living on less than \$1.25 day. In fact, Liberia is classified as a low-income, least developed and food-deficient country. It ranks as number 177 out of 188 countries in the 2015 Human Development Index.

The 25-year civil war (1989 -2014) in Liberia caused a serious setback for the children as well as the education sector. This war contributed to more than 250,000 orphans who suffer from malnutrition; many of them orphans; 8 out of 10 children are not able to continue their education because of losing their parents in the war. Although primary education is free, Liberia's education sector is hampered by inadequate schools and supplies, as well as lack of qualified teachers and corruption ("Emerging Voices: Glencorse on Higher Education in Liberia", Council on Foreign Relations, August 20, 2012).

Approximately 88% of family heads in Caldwell, a suburb community in Monrovia, Liberia's capital city, live on less than \$2 per day on average, making it one of the poorest communities in the country. The main source

of family income comes from self-employment, such as petty trade, tailoring, voluntary community services, and gardening. As a result, they are unable to pay tuition and afford regular meal for their families. Often time, family members can only have one meal a day.

The need is huge, and the opportunity is bigger to educate these unfortunate children in Liberia. WorldHarvest seeks to give hope to these needy children by making education accessible and affordable, and eventually empowering the community to have a better living condition.

Please join WorldHarvest to give the gift of education to these children in the poorest community in Liberia. Visit www.worldharvest.cc/sponsor-a-child/ to start sponsoring one of these children.

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Empowering Nepal Communities through Agriculture

Nepal is an agricultural country where 66% of its population is directly engaged in producing agricultural produce. Agriculture is also the major sector of the Nepalese economy. Therefore, the development of agricultural sector is key for the development of the national economy. Livestock, including poultry is an integral part of the agricultural production system in Nepal, providing draft power, manure and high value animal protein such as meat, milk and eggs for the human consumption.

In May 2016, the Nepalese government announced a massive grant and subsidy to make the country self-reliant in agricultural products by boosting this sector's productivity. The government guarantees 85% cash grant to help purchase agriculture supplies for farms in special pocket areas that run specialized programs and similar amount for collection centers of agriculture products, community seed banks, post-harvest centers and training centers.

Together with our partners, Golden Nest and PT ESTA Indonesia, WorldHarvest help fund the

startup Chicken and Catfish Farm project (known as Gosen Goat Farm and Research Center) in mid 2018. This farm is located in Dhapakhel, south of Kathmandu, an area abundant in water supply and land, and also known as a sub-metropolitan Lalitpur District, Central of Nepal. The farm covers 65712 sq. ft of land rented from the government for 5 years. It has 4 big chicken shades to grow 14,000 chicks for 45 days and 4 catfish ponds that grow 50000 catfish for 10 months.



Through this project, WorldHarvest was able to sell 60,000 chickens and made \$30,000 profit in 2018. The fund is reinvested into WorldHarvest center in Kathmandu. In the future, funds generated from this project will be used to host medical camps in the remote areas where there is very limited access for the locals to get medical or dental help. In addition, it will also be used to support orphans and children in pursuing their continued education through children sponsorship and scholarship.

This year, WorldHarvest is seeking for more partners and friends to raise \$50,000 in order to maximize the use of the land. This fund will help build 2 more chicken houses, buy more chicks, feeding supplies, and start to breed 100 rabbits and 60 goats. If you would like to partner with us in this project, please

Meeting Your Sponsored Child

For many sponsors, one of the best parts of sponsorship is having the opportunity to visit your sponsored child. There's nothing like the feeling of meeting face to face and interacting in person with a life that you are impacting with your donation. The sponsored child no longer becomes a name on your billing statement or just a picture on your fridge - they are made real right in front of your eyes. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that can truly create an even closer personal connection with your sponsored child and their community.

Rachel Bruno, a dedicated sponsor since 2015, had the special opportunity to visit her sponsored child, Muhammad Catur Naufal Marsudi, in Indonesia this past February. She set out to visit Naufal filled with nerves and excitement. But when the moment finally came, feeling of joy took over. It was a feeling

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she will never forget. Meeting your sponsored child for the first time is truly a special moment.

They spent the day to learn more about each other and most importantly to have fun. After meeting Naufal at the WorldHarvest Center in Jakarta, Rachel treated him and his family out to lunch. The rest of the day was spent on a fun-filled day of games and rides at Timezone, an indoor playground in Jakarta. This is Naufal's first time going to a place like that.

It was an unforgettable experience that blessed both Rachel and her sponsored child. Although she couldn't visit him in his community, she was able to see firsthand how she's making a difference in her child's life. Check out other great stories at www.worldharvest.cc/visits/ and start Sponsoring a Child now.



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Although it has been more than 7 decades since India's independence, these 'untouchable' communities still exist. Nearly 150 families live in Balaji Nagar in heartbreaking conditions; there are no roads, no running water (and needless to say, no sanitation), and very limited electricity. In this community, people build their houses with plastic banners and roofs that are made out of leaves. Many people including children are suffering from malnutrition. People in this community do not have regular jobs other than picking up waste paper on the road sides that they then sell. Children do not take showers everyday and they do not go to school.

During Valentine's week, Mr. Sam Kolagani, WorldHarvest's Community Development Agent (CDA) in South India, organized a group of volunteers to visit this community and hold a feeding program to distribute rice, egg, and sambar (mix vegetable soup) to more than 350 people.

There are other tangible assistance we can do besides providing free meals for 150 families in this community. Together, we can build a clean water tank and a community

center where we can educate these kids and empower the men and women with some job skills. WorldHarvest invites you to partner and make a meaningful change for these families! Give today at www.worldharvest.cc/donate or join our DOLLAR CAMPAIGN in May and see what YOUR DOLLAR CAN DO.



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