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The children are back at school, the nights are drawing in and we have the autumn to look forward to before the onset of winter. In Devon we have had a very hot dry summer and in East Devon we are still having to water the garden as we have had very little rainfall. The farmers are worried that the crops and grass that they have sown will fail to germinate if we do not get rain soon.

This time of the year also spells the start of the holiday season in Goa, which this year I understand will commence with flights direct to Goa starting in mid October.

If you are travelling to Goa this year please let me have your flight details as soon as possible, in order for me to arrange excess baggage, if you are willing and able to take clothes out and bring back goods for us to sell.

Project Reports.

Communication with the projects is very sketchy and difficult during the monsoon season but thanks to Graham, Trish and Caroline we do receive basic feedback.

Starting Point.

Now well established Starting Point continues to run with three classes under the leadership of Jane who is supported by Rosie & Monica (teachers) with Gracie and Kashimbi responsible for the cooking and general 'housework'.

I understand that two of the children due to start at St. Teresa's were unable to do so due to a problem with producing their birth certificates late. If this is correct then they will have to join St Teresa's with the next intake and I will advise their sponsors as soon as I have confirmation which will be early in November.

New Horizons.

Four new children joined this school in September making the number attending on a regular basis 21 and more are expected to start during the next two weeks. With this number it is necessary to divide them into two classes to take account of the varying ages and abilities so we will be looking to decorate and furnish a second classroom and engage another qualified teacher before the end of 2006. Betty & Meera are looking forward to the return of the volunteers and the help they provide.

The three children who graduated to Little Flower School are reported to be doing well and I will be finding out more and taking photographs of these and the children at St Teresa's in December which I will send out to the children's sponsors on my return to the UK.

Damedem.

Sister Jessie tells me that the children are happy although some of them have been quite sick over the last few weeks. She and the children are eagerly awaiting Hazel's return in just over two weeks time.

Candolim Boys Home.

Graham tells me that the repairs to the kitchen have yet to be completed. The first plumber given the job ran off with Rs 1000 (approx £12) and the second one carried out some of the work, which is not satisfactory so Graham is chasing him to return and complete the work. This has been going on now for about five months which is par for the course in India!!!

Volunteers.

Hazel returns to Goa on 30th September and Annie, Jo, Paul & Alex on 4th November. I have no doubt the children will be happy to see them and I am looking forward to regular updates from them once they are there.

A very big thank you to Hazel who has spent at least half of her time in the UK manning our stall in the Indoor Market and to Sue, Jenny & Alan for their help. When not looking after our stall Hazel spends the rest of her time helping in the local CLIC shop. We and they will miss her.

Graham & Trish are still very involved with LIM and the homes of Shallom House & Tivim and I look forward very much to seeing them in December.

Fundraising.

Very many thanks to all of you who have worked so hard raising funds during the summer months.

Space does not permit me to mention you all but here are a few selected at random.

Paul & Jean Corbett who once again put on a superb BBQ at their home on the Isle of Wight.

Carol Rowe & Eileen Mitchell who put on another very successful Car Treasure Hunt

Gill Pritchard who organised a fashion show in Newton Abbot.

The management of the Exmouth Indoor Market who have kindly allowed us to use a stall free of charge for the past five months. Thanks also to all who have donated goods for us to sell especially Josh of Joshua's Flowers and Mrs Durston for her large collection of dolls.

Thanks also to Jo & Annie who travelled from Norwich & Reading respectively to attend our Volunteer & Trustee meeting and help organise the BBQ at Exmouth.

Future Projects.

It is hoped that once Hazel returns to Goa and has an opportunity of talking to Dr. Mina more details of the proposed Day Care Centre for the Physically & Mentally handicapped will emerge with more detailed discussion being possible when Pat & I go in December.

The same applies to the Mobile Clinic and possibility of us sponsoring cataract operations at the GMC hospital.

My thanks to all of you for your continued support without which we could not continue. I look forward to meeting those of you who will be in Goa during the first two weeks of December or during the month of February.

Best wishes,

Clive.