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Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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Summer is almost over with the holiday season drawing to a close and the schools reopening this week. Here in East Devon we have had a relatively dry summer whereas Goa has experienced one of the wettest monsoons for some years with Panjim recording 2390mm of rain between June 1st and 30th August. This is equivalent to 2.39 meters or nearly 8 ft and it is still raining heavily!

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A number of the children are undertaking vocational courses with Prema starting nursing training, Asha a course in embroidery & flower making, Seby & Ajay – commencing open school for 10th grade and Arbing & Enoj commencing training as mechanics to install air conditioning in vehicles.

Baby Adarsh and Amir have both tested negative for HIV and have left for adoption. There is one new boy Victor but he is at present in hospital with lung problems.

Starting Point.

Rozie had a baby boy who they have named Allan on 4th August who weighed in at 3.2 kgs. Mother and son are reported to be doing fine. There are currently 28 children regularly attending school.

Day Care Centre.

We now have five doctors (all part-time) who between them are working a total of 92 hours providing treatment for thirty-two children.

Dr Mina will be working in Malaysia for the next two years and it is expected that Hazel will oversee the running of the Centre in her absence.

Educational Sponsorships.

I, accompanied by Roger Worth, will be visiting Goa during the last two weeks of October when we intend meeting all of the fifty-two sponsored children and hopefully taking their photographs for their sponsors. We still have a number of children awaiting sponsors so if you know of anyone who would like to help a child in this way please pass on our contact details.

Volunteers.

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Hazel is still in the UK waiting for her visa to be renewed. As is usual with the Indian High Commission nothing is easy. Her visa application was submitted exactly as it was last year but so far it has been rejected on two occasions but hopefully this time it will be granted. In the meantime Hazel has been looking after our stalls in the Exmouth Indoor Market which has been very welcome as it has allowed me to spend time doing jobs at home.

Thank you to:

Roger Staker who has prepared our accounts for the Charity Commission for the past few years & best wishes for his retirement.

To Pat & John from Birkenhead for bringing a car load (yes a car full) of books for us to sell on our Indoor Market Stall. They took back with them a case full of clothes and books that they will take to Goa in January 2012. They have also been scouring their local area for school uniforms on special offer which they will take to Goa.

To Jane (Starting Point) for buying and sending goods from Goa.

Rita Wale who organised a 'Cream Tea' afternoon for the Clinton Ladies Lunch Club raising £210 and thanks also to Kings Garden Centre who donated the raffle prize.

To Malcolm Horton for donating a beautiful original painting for us to 'raffle' over the summer months.

Trustees.

We are pleased to welcome Roger Worth as our fourth Trustee. Roger was appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Charity which was held last month and I am sure both he and Julia will continue to be very 'hands on' both with fundraising and with helping me in the general running of the organisation.

Sponsors.

Jim Brennan known to many of you for his 'jokes' was taken very ill early in August but we are pleased to hear that he is recovering albeit slowly. Our thoughts are with him and Moe and we look forward to hearing the next episode of jokes before too long!

Fundraising.

Thanks to everyone who helps in this respect, every little helps be it those of you who regularly donate via standing orders or those of you who pop into the Exmouth Indoor Market with bags of 'pennies'. Unfortunately with the present economic climate we have found our sales in the market have dropped by about 40% and this coupled with the increase in the rental charges has meant we have decided to cease maintaining a regular presence there. Mr Miller the market manager has kindly said we can continue to use one of the stalls, free of charge, as long as it remains vacant. Those of you who regularly bring books and donations in can still do so but in the event that we will have to give up the stall donations can still be handed in to either the Café or the Homemade

Cake Stall both of which have kindly offered to receive items on our behalf. Thank you Tracy and Michelle.

Best wishes to you all.