



Novi Survat Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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We have had a glorious summer here in Devon and we hope you have also had similar weather where you are. The beaches have been enjoyed by the many holiday makers, but the downside is that it has cost a fortune watering the vegetables grown by Pat only to have the local Badgers come and eat the broad and runner beans!!

The England cricket team also retained the Ashes which was a big bonus for the cricket lovers.

Day Care Centre.

The doctors and children are all well and the centre is working smoothly. Unfortunately, despite having a lot of work done on the roof earlier this year the heavy rains have found the weak spots and water has been getting into the treatment room. Due to high winds and torrential rains no one is prepared to venture on the roof to carry out repairs until after the monsoons.

Starting Point School.

There are currently 35 children at St. Point and Jane had to turn some hopefuls away deferring them until June 2014!

The coconuts have once again caused problems falling during the monsoons and breaking the roof tiles. The job of 'coconut plucker' is one that no-one wants these days as it is dangerous and the net we had strung over the school roof has rotted over the last few years. We now have to put up with water pouring into the building until the monsoons end and the tiles can be replaced and new netting erected.

The school building had to be rewired last month and the washing machine needed repairs.

Jane has managed to find a part-time teacher, Maria, who started on August 1st to assist Welly and to cover for her as she is spending more and more time visiting the sponsored children and the schools they attend.

The older children will be completing their schooling next year and already two of them Rupa & Rubina have asked if they can go on to further education.

Damedem.

Hazel returned to the UK to renew her visa on 12th August 2013 and I am indebted to her for this contribution:

The monsoon was very heavy this year so Goa is looking wonderfully lush and green.

We are all feeling rather sad because Sister Jessie has been transferred to work in a home for the elderly in Karnataka. Sister Jessie has been looking after the children for the past twelve years so will be sorely missed by the children to whom she has been 'mother' for most of their lives.

The new Superior is Sister Coshav and we wish her a long and happy association with the children and staff.

Since the last newsletter our numbers have increased by four children and Romeo a puppy! The children are Asma a 13 yr old girl and her brother Sadiq aged 8 yrs, a girl Kally aged 9 yrs and a boy Ragu aged 4 yrs.
Deedar passed his 10th standard exams and has happily returned to live with his grandfather near Margao. We now have 33 children.
Arbind & Seby continue working in their jobs and Parsuram is now working at the Caritas Holiday Home in Panjim.

Sponsors / supporters.

Caroline came to the UK to visit her family and brought traditional Japanese fans and other goodies from Japan for us to sell in the Market.

1st & 2nd Budleigh Salterton Brownies held a two night 'cover the wall with 10p pieces in June and raised an amazing £192.59 - well done!

The Hovermail Collectors Club, who sadly closed recently due to dwindling numbers, sent us a donation of £904.26 which represented 50% of the funds held in their account at the time of closure, the remainder went to the Hoveraid Trust.

On 8th September 2013 Stacey Power will be participating in the London to Brighton cycle event raising money for Novi Survat. In Stacey's own words it will be a HUGH challenge for a 'couch potato' like her. If you would like to sponsor Stacey please do so by going to www.doitforcharity.com/staceypower. Stacey's original target was £300 but already she has nearly doubled that!

A very big thank you to everyone who donated towards Jane's son Eron's medical bills – Jane & Xavier are very grateful. I am pleased to say that Eron appears to be over the problem and we hope that there will be no re-occurrence.

Volunteers.

Hazel has been helping me in the Indoor Market and is spending a week in France visiting friends before returning to Goa – if all goes well with her visa application she should be back in Goa in early October.

Some of you may remember Cat & Theresa who were volunteers in 2009 / 2010. Well I am pleased to tell you that both did well at university and hoping to start internships shortly. I am sure you will join me in wishing Cat, who got married on July 13th, a very happy and fruitful life with her husband James.

Roger & I will be going to Goa on 18th November when we hope to meet all the sponsored children and obtain their photos for the sponsors.

For those of you going to India in the near future the pound sterling is very buoyant against the rupee and for the past two weeks has been between 100 – 106 rupees to the pound! The highest I have ever known it. Unfortunately the visa cost has risen to £90 and the flights are still expensive.

Thank you all for your continued support. I am not ashamed to repeat myself and say that without your donations we would not be able to continue helping so many children. The difference being made will soon be apparent when the older children start to leave school and take up employment although it does look as if many of them will be advancing into higher education and maybe university, a fantastic achievement for slum dwellers who would have had little chance in life if it were not for the charities help.

Regards to you all,
Clive