



Novi Survat Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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Winter is on its way out and spring is just around the corner with daffodils, crocuses etc coming into bloom. I am sure we will all feel a lot better with longer daylight hours, sunshine and warmth.

I spent two glorious weeks in Goa meeting the children and staff who I had not seen for three years, and as expected I had difficulty in recognising some of the students as they had grown up so much.

Day Care Centre.

The centre continues to thrive with a steady 29 patients in regular attendance.

Whilst I was in Goa the staff arranged a day out at a park for the patients and their parents. This is not just for the children but also allows the parents to meet each other and compare experiences and is a fun day of respite for all of them. They all enjoyed games and dancing which was followed by a picnic lunch.

I also had the opportunity to visit some of the children in the Margao area who are terminally ill or too ill to attend the Day Care Centre and are looked after by the Home Care team who make regular visits.

Educational Sponsorship.

A meeting with all the students attending college and university proved very interesting, learning about their progress and listening to their plans for the future.

About 50 of the sponsored students attended a day out at a beach restaurant where they enjoyed fun and games followed by lunch. This is particularly good as these occasions are the only time they all get to meet each other. A very big thank you to Roger, Julia, Sara and Derek who kindly sponsored the event which was enjoyed by all.



Some of the 50+ students who attended the outing at Jacksons beach shack who enjoyed the fun, games and lunch.

Starting Point School.

The 20 children who regularly attend Starting Point School were also treated to a day out sponsored again by Roger, Julia, Sara & Derek. They were taken to the Mall de Goa, a large shopping mall, where there are facilities for children which include a soft play area, an indoor train, remote controlled cars and motor bikes. In addition, the children love to go up and down the escalators, something only seen at this location. They were treated to burger, chips and a milk shake each, all in all a day they will not forget and one which they will relate to their parents who will not have been to the Mall themselves.

Outreach.

Due to the economic climate in Goa post Covid we are still finding it necessary to provide rations each month to 50 families costing over £1100.00. Hopefully with the increase in the number of foreign tourists many breadwinners will find jobs and this number will decrease in the not-too-distant future.

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Many of you will remember one of our previous projects where we financed the HIV home prior to Caritas (the Catholic Charity) taking over responsibility. Twenty plus years ago when we got involved the children were all toddlers, some as young as a year old. Whilst I was in Goa Dr. Mina surprised me by arranging for seven of the 'babies' to meet me – they are all grown men and women now. Some of you who visited the HIV home may be pleased to see the babies as they are now.



L – R Thomas, Asha (with baby) Arbind, Seby, Nidhi, Nikhil, & Ajay.



Nikhil in 2004.

Sponsors & Supporters.

Thank you to every one of you who continue to support our work. Due to the economic climate in the U.K. I realise this is becoming harder for you all but without your continued support we will not be in a position to help those who are worse off than us and who desperately need our assistance. We currently have four children who do not have sponsors. If you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor please let me know. We do not expect long term commitment so sponsorship can be as long as you wish it to be.

Clive.