



Novi Survat Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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Summer, such as it has been, will soon be giving way to autumn and the children returning to school. I am pleased to tell you that, after a ten month wait, Pat has just had her heart operation and at the time of writing is still in Derriford Hospital, Plymouth prior to returning home for a long period of recuperation. I am sure you all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Day Care Centre.

There are currently 30 children attending the physiotherapy unit and 23 attending the recreational unit. The treadmill has been a very useful addition and is producing some very good results with one boy, Ritesh, being able to walk with increased speed and for longer periods.

On July 1st an awareness programme themed “Understanding the underlying mechanisms of brain damage, its manifestations & options for intervention” was held. A total of 60 people attended with contributions from some very notable speakers.

An unfortunate incident occurred during a very heavy monsoon storm where the minibus carrying a number of passengers was negotiating the very steep slope leading up to the main road. The driver had to stop at the junction but due the amount of surface water the bus slid backwards all the way down until crashing into the wall of the building. Thankfully no-one was hurt but the wall and the minibus sustained extensive damage as can be seen in the photo below.



The extensive damage to the Minibus, wall and window of the Day Care Centre. The wall & window have been repaired the Minibus will take much longer!

Educational Sponsorship.

Most of those of you who sponsor students will by now have received copies of their school reports which have all been very good. Unfortunately, we do not always receive copies from all the families so we are sorry if you have not had a copy.

There are thirty-two children attending eight mainstream schools with a further twenty-two studying for their ‘A’ level equivalent exams and/or attending college / university for degrees and diplomas

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with a couple doing 'on the job' qualifications. The success of this project has exceeded all our expectations which goes to prove the value of educating children from the slums who would never be able to receive this level of education.

Starting Point.

The new academic year started in June and there are now thirty-six children in regular attendance with room for a further four in the future.

It has been necessary to carry out repairs due to normal wear and tear to the water pump, plumbing & to fix a new door to the washroom with repairs to the wall (which was damaged when a car crashed into it) and varnishing of the window frames to be undertaken once the monsoons have finished.



Some of the new children who started at the beginning of June.

Outreach.

We continue to support thirty / thirty-five of the most needy families with monthly food parcels especially those where the breadwinner is unable to work due to illness or disability and we will continue to do so for as long as necessary.

Sponsors & Supporters.

In the last Newsletter I reported that we had received a substantial donation from a trust fund & this is the gentleman who the trust fund related to.

Antonio Jose Cirilo Milagres de Souza was born in Goa on 18th March 1933. He qualified as a doctor from Goa Medical College in 1959. Dr de Souza moved to Britain in 1966 and specialised in Obstetrics & Gynaecology becoming a very well-known consultant. Although he worked primarily in Medway & the West Midlands he also worked in the USA, Germany & Rotterdam until finally settling in Rainham, Kent in the 1980's where he built a successful General Practice over the final 25 years of his career.

Dr de Souza bequeathed substantial sums of money in his will to 'help support young people achieve careers of valued service' and Novi Survat was one of those to benefit. We are grateful to Dr de Souza and the trustees of the Charitable Trust in his name for their donation which will enable us to continue our work for many years to come.

I can never stress enough how grateful we are to all of our sponsors and supporters. Without your continued support we could never have helped the children achieve the successes so far nor seen the benefits of the work of the Day Care Centre or helped those who are in the most need with vital food supplies.

Thank you all.
Regards,
Clive.