



Novi Survat Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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Firstly, I must apologise for not producing a Newsletter in March but I was in Goa at the end of February & beginning of March accompanied by Carolyn Hallett, one of our trustees.

I hope Carolyn was impressed by the work undertaken by Novi Survat although she did appear to struggle with the climate (36 deg. in the day & 27 degrees at night), the culture and the craziness of India.

Whilst in Goa we took a day off to go to Colva to visit Anton (our third trustee) and Karna, not often we get all three trustees together as Anton spends six months each year at his home in Colva.

Day Care Centre.

There are currently 35 children attending the physiotherapy unit and 31 who attend the recreational unit.

We were able to visit the Day Care Centre on numerous occasions and were able to see the progress that the children who attend are making.

On visiting the Centre, we only usually get to meet a few of the children who are accompanied by their mothers receiving treatment so one of the highlights of our visit was a Family Day that was held away from the Centre and was for all the children and their families to come together and enjoy a relaxing day with games, dancing and lunch.



Educational Sponsorship Scheme.

The number of students under this scheme are reducing as they complete their education and progress to employment leaving thirty-five still being sponsored.

Whilst we were in Goa, we held a graduates reunion day but sadly several students were unable to attend due to it being exam week and others who had part-time jobs unable to get the day off. However, the 35 that did attend had a great time meeting their friends, participating in games and enjoying a lovely selection of snacks prepared by 'Gabby' and the staff of 'Jacks Shack' on Candolim Beach.

Starting Point.

The school continues to flourish and although we continue to give financial support we no longer take any of their leavers into the Educational Sponsorship Scheme.

The school is at present closed for the summer holidays and will reopen in the first week of June when the new academic year commences.

Outreach work.

We continue to provide 30 families with rations to sustain them for some time each month and Carolyn had the dubious pleasure of helping Jane and her staff weigh, bag and collate seventeen different commodities for distribution to each family.

We visited the enclave of very poor people in Saligao and distributed fruit to each child – apples, oranges, bananas and chikoos. Fruit is so good for these children but something they rarely get as their parents cannot afford it.

So impressed was Carolyn that she decided to sponsor monthly fruit supplies to these children.



My sincere thanks to you all for your invaluable continued support that makes all this possible.

Clive.