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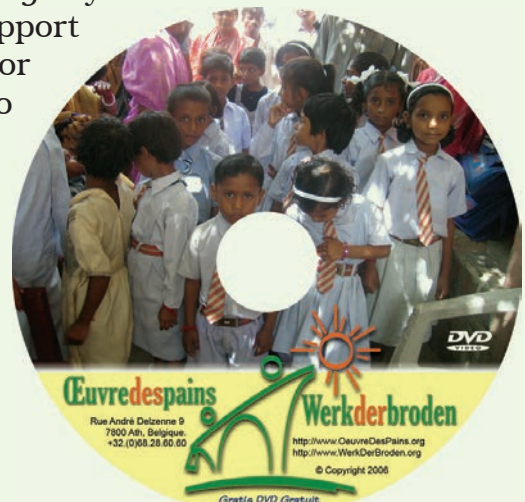
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We have been thinking of how to give you a better understanding of the project area and the work we do, so that you can see the changes happening in the lives of these little children you support. Making a DVD was one way to bring the project closer to you. It can even be used by you to show the work of *Anthony's Charity* to your friends and relatives, so that if they wish, they could support us as well. It will be also interesting for your children or grand children to see that there are so many children who don't have access to good education.

People usually think that making a DVD is expensive because they see the high price of movie-DVDs in the shops. Actually making a DVD costs less than 1 euro for each dvd produced ! In our case it was around 0,60 euro and no expense was needed for the filming and editing since it was all done by volunteers. Also no extra expense was needed for the sending since we were sending this DVD to you along with the "Attestation fiscale" of 2005 putting just the stamp of an ordinary letter.

We hope you liked the initiative and that you know now even better the Indian reality.

*Marc Valentin,  
Président*



Si vous n'avez pas reçu notre DVD, vous pouvez le demander au 068/28.60.60 (Attention : dans la mesure du stock disponible et pour autant que vos dons pour 2006 atteignent au minimum 30 euros).

### **Thank You Saint Boniface !**

The demand for the work is increasing as the number of children in colonies and in *Saint-Anthony's School* are increasing. To cope with the present needs we approached the school *Saint-Boniface* in Brussels for a helping hand in our Mission and the School was more than willing to do an action for the Lenten Season and to raise some fund for the children in *Saint-Anthony's School*. The charisma of *Saint-Boniface* is well known and we thank the teachers, the students and the staff for their willingness to support us !



Conscientization about the reality of the hard life of the children in the poor countries is part of our mission. We were happy to have a chance to develop this topic in front of these 800 belgian children who will be leading our country tomorrow..

### **News from Saint-Anthony's School**

The summer vacation for the school started on 15th May .The school will be reopened on the 3rd of July.

There was an outbreak of Chicken Pox in the project area and unfortunately two of our staff got it at the last moment when they were to leave for vacation. It became very difficult as they had to travel in the train with this disease (to get reservation for a new date is impossible as all the seats are reserved in advance). Their journey back home in their family takes 56 hours in train and the heat at that moment was 47 degree Celsius. This year the heat in North India was highest in 40 years and there were many deaths due to the heat.

We have appointed four more teachers for the year 2006 from *Kerala* (South India, 2000 km from *Asmoli*).

The inscription for the new school year had started in the month of March-April and we have almost reached 400 children and plan to stop it at 400 as we cannot accommodate any more due to the lack of place.

### **News from the villages around the school**

In the last newsletter we did write about the fact that new workers joined us for the village works. They have been also doing surveys, meeting people from house to house to have a clear picture of the villagers life. It was found that there are many people affected by communicable diseases and the health of the people is very poor. The staff suggested us to organize Health camps in the villages so that the villagers can come and get examined by the medical doctors. Another area where there is a felt need to touch is to support the public Schools which are dysfunctional. The only way we can reach out to these schools are to motivate all the parents to send their children in the school for good attendance and appoint new local staff who can teach these children and help the existing staff and organize the better functioning of the local schools. Since it is a new start, it would be better to start in 5 villages (a population of 25 thousand people).



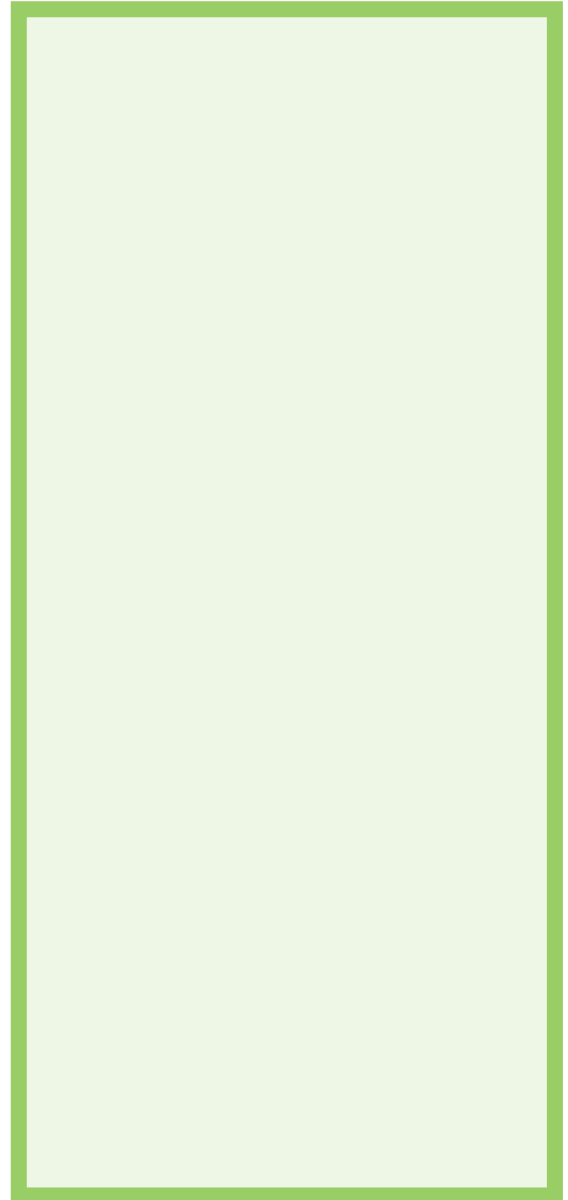
We begun the construction of the first floor of the *Saint-Anthony School* (*Dugawar, India*) during the school vacations (may-june).

**Transformer stolen**

One of the main problem we face in the school and in the teachers' residence is the absence of electricity. The supply of electricity is only for a few hours and often even that is not available. So, two years ago, we were not very keen to spend a lot of money in installing a transformer in the school compound (which is required to have a permanent connection) but took a temporary connection from the nearby transformer. This transformer belonged to a group of farmers, they installed it originally for the purpose of watering their fields. Two months ago, this transformer was stolen ! The cable in the transformer is very expensive and the thieves broke it and took away the cables from inside the transformer. Though the farmers complained about it, till today nobody has come even to look at it.

**Construction of first floor started**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have started the building construction of the School. We planned to get the maximum work done during the vacation time, this way it would not disturb the education of the children. On the same floor, we plan for a library and an activity room. This is





also planned to be used for the seminars and educational activities for the villagers during the week-ends.

The new floor construction will be sufficient for another 400 children and hopefully we may not have to do any new construction for another three years for the School.

However, the residence for the teachers will be fully occupied by next year and it remains a big challenge to accommodate the new teachers after a year.

### News from the leprosy colonies

After an evaluation of the quality of the education provided in the different schools where our children from colonies are going, we felt that if possible we could change the schools and admit them in better Schools. We had a meeting with the parents and then we approached schools which provide better quality education. But these schools were not happy to welcome our children from the colonies and told that they are ready to take the children provided that none of their parents or relation should ever come in the School or even in the school compound and that the children should keep it as a secret that they live in a leprosy colony. This message was communicated to the

parents and they all raised voice against it and said that they don't want to send their children in the school where they cannot accept their reality. In one way we had to agree with their opinion as education is not only learning to read and write. So, we decided to provide extra classes for these children to pick up their lessons and perform well.

*Molly Sebastian,*  
Project manager



Did you recognize Sabhyata ? Yes ! She is in the movie in our DVD disk. She grew a lot since the movie was made. It is a real pleasure for us to see the children growing...

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*Anthony's Charity* is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to work with and for children. We believe that all

children deserve the basic right to health, education and a future where they can realize and demonstrate their true potential.

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