

APRIL 2011
"THE RAJA PROJECT"
NEWSLETTER N.6

The Raja project is one year old! The association is still a baby but has already given so much satisfaction- thanks to all those who realise that you don't need wings in order to fly and so have made it possible to carry out the work done so far:

In 2010 THE RAJA PROJECT:

Sank a 60 metre well for the 1,300 children of the elementary school of Mandanga in **Mongu, Zambia.**

Supported the Montessori project for the training of teachers for the rural areas of **Laos.**

Brought delight to the children of the Baan Ma orphanage of Luang Prabang, Laos through Arianna Caroli's painting workshops in which the children could express and enjoy their art. Plenty of drawing materials were donated so that the children will be able to carry on these important creative activities.

Supported the volunteer doctors of the **Bhakti Vedanta Hospital** di Mumbai, India.

RAJA's plans for 2011:

1) INDIA-Support the schools of Sarnath and Bodghaya of the 'Alice Project'. These are special schools situated a few kilometres from the spot where Buddha received his enlightenment, and about which Davide Cova wrote, "*I was amazed to see the hundreds of joyful children in these schools which are situated in an area of such hardship that usually not even the children can smile...*"

Founded in 1998 the schools provide free education for 220 children from the surrounding villages. In 2000 a project began for the children of the ethnic minority Chakma, a group which is persecuted in Bangladesh. Many of these people are refugees in India and live without rights or respect. "*The Chakma have astounding artistic abilities*" explains Valentino, founder of the school. "*Perhaps their life in the forests of Himachal Pradesh in touch with nature stimulates their creativity. With your help I want to give them the chance to express this gift through drawing, painting, dance...*"

2) INDIA - WARANGAL. Support the project of distance adoption and send funds to the special-ist eye hospitals.

Raja has begun distance adoption for the children of Warangal at the centre founded by Padre Colombo missionary of the PIME. The Colombo family of Bergamo guarantee the children board and lodging, education and health care. There is also a leper hospital and an eye hospital in Warangal in need of help.

3) BOLIVIA - COCHABAMBA

Contribute to the building of a playing field in the Ticté Norte district for the Education and Recreation Centre started there by Massimo Casari of Bergamo.

To become part of the RAJA project:

Donate! Either as a member or non-member.

Old members please renew your annual subscription.

Not a member? Become one now!

Make an annual subscription and help realise our projects. You will also take part in the draw to win one of Arianna Caroli's paintings to be made when we reach our 90th subscription.

Make a donation in exchange for one of the top fashion articles of the RAJA BOUTIQUE:

- > The **RAJA BAG**: a limited edition numbered from 001 thru 101 and made in natural jute, cotton batik and leather and hand-embroidered by the women of Bali-a must for next summer.
- > The sparkling **RAJA T-Shirt** from Miami beach designed by Sonia Trussardi Sepe. In quality material and lovingly embroidered in Bali-a must have!
- > The **RAJA BUTTERFLY** made in silver by master goldsmith Francesco Capotosti. A magic pendant that will always remind you that 'Nothing is impossible'.

Hearfelt thanks once again to **Sonia Trussardi** who in May will wed Alfredo in Miami Beach. They have asked all their friends and family to make a donation to the Raja project as their wedding gift! And the donations are rolling in!

Viva i miracoli! If you really believe-they happen!!

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