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Hello again,

I am back for Christmas this year and enjoying the frosty weather!!

Exciting news from **Advaita Garden** is that the main school is about to get electricity. The engineers were there in November and this should be happening soon. A line can be brought from the local village of Hajipur at not a great cost. One of the new classrooms built by the children has had a thatched roof fitted and looks very homely – providing welcome shelter from the sun.

Seven children from the school have applied for scholarship places at a residential boarding school in Jaipur. The Foundation New Year Greetings cards were individually drawn and screen-printed by the children for the first time this year.

Plans are being made to build a fence round the perimeter of the land at Advaita Garden. This will make the task of protecting the growing trees and shrubs from hungry goats and camels much easier. Watering has also been made much easier with the acquisition of a small generator to pump water from the well.

We now have **the Nirvanavan Foundation leaflet** printed in Spanish (and French is on the way). So if you have friends in Spain or France and would like to tell them about the Foundation, please ask for the leaflets.

The application for **charity status** has not been accepted yet but the Charity Commission have been very helpful, explaining what to do to meet their requirements, so we remain hopeful. Anyone who would like to help with this process would be warmly received!! The vision for the children's village is developing, and money will be needed to make this vision a reality. Being a registered charity will help fund-raising enormously.

The Direct Debit scheme has made a real difference and I repeat again our thanks to everyone who contributes. Contributions from the UK make up the bulk of the Foundation's income. Knowing that there is a certain amount coming in every month makes planning so much easier and contributes to a much stronger and more secure Foundation. (One-off donations are of course always welcome also!!!! Money is always needed and I have a small list if you would like to sponsor a specific project!! .)

COLOURED PENCIL APPEAL. When the children were drawing the New Year Greetings cards one box of coloured pencils was shared by the whole school (120 children). I shall be returning to Rajasthan late in January and if anyone would like to contribute some coloured pencils/crayons please let me have them by Jan. 20th.

NIRVANAVAN EVENING. On **Saturday Jan 5th** you are invited to a Nirvanavan evening at 70, Thurleigh Road, London SW12 8UD. (nearest tube, Clapham South, overground:Clapham Junction). I will be singing chants and bhajans from my new CD which I am hoping to record in Varanasi in February. There will be opportunity to join in some kirtan chanting and I will be showing more photographs from Alwar and district. **7.30 pm – 9.00 pm. Admission by donation or coloured pencils!!**

NIRVANAVAN BIRTHDAY. Many thanks to those people who have raised money by having a Nirvanavan Birthday. The basic idea is that you make a (fabulous!) meal for your friends, invite them round and ask them to bring a donation to the Foundation as a birthday present. (There are many variations on this theme!!) Help can be provided with the invitations, photographs can be provided etc. (And you will feel SO good afterwards!!!!!!) *Do YOU have the generous gene?????????????*

CHRISTMAS 2008. I am thinking of organising a small group to visit the Foundation over Christmas 2008. Let me know if you might be interested.

YOGA. The Foundation provides a great opportunity to teach yoga in schools, in a stimulating and appreciative environment. The challenge would be to teach yoga to children who have little or no knowledge of English. I can assure you that the children will react with great enthusiasm. Workshops would also be welcomed by the teachers, helping them to continue with the children afterwards. Take some time off and give yourself a life-affirming experience.

Love and maitri (friendship)

HELP WANTED

The Nirvanavan Foundation Trust has five trustees. Radha and Javed will be leaving (for New Zealand) later in the year so we are beginning to look for replacements. If you are interested and want to become more involved please contact Krishnadhyanam (Richard Roberts). And even if you don't want to become a trustee, help is always appreciated.

* We need someone with knowledge of word-processing to help create a mailing list and keep it up to date. Maybe also an e-mail list.

* Also useful would be someone interested and hopefully experienced in maintaining a web site.

* Any ideas for spreading information about the Foundation (for instance – a Facebook profile – might this be useful????)

* We also want to start approaching potential business donors and funding organisations. There also is a large Indian community in the UK. Some of these may be willing to donate.

* Does anyone have any architect connections? The vision for the children's village is beginning to take shape and this is a wonderful opportunity for an architect to be involved from the very beginning, sensitive to the environment and using local materials as much as possible.

