

Christmas Greetings

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Chhibo Busty Development Trust

We from Chhibo Busty Development Trust want with this newsletter wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

December in Chhibo; If you do not check it from the calendar it is difficult to realize that Christmas is here soon. Sure, the weather is getting colder and the nights are definitely chilly, so underwear and extra blanket are nice to have. But when the sun is shining we get temperatures around 20-25 °C just like on a nice Swedish summer day.

It is now time to make a summary about what has happened in Chhibo and Chhibo Busty Development Trust (CBDT) during 2010. A more detailed report will come later on in the beginning of 2011, but we wanted to give you also a brief summary in this Season's greetings.



Harvesting rice in Chhibo

Students (40)

As a member of CBDT you are supporting children in Chhibo who lack the economical resources to go to school and get an education. Our help to these children is individual and varying depending on what the needs are. In some cases we pay all the expenses, such as school fees, books, school uniforms, etc. In other cases we pay only for parts of the expenses. We carefully follow up where the aid goes, they have to provide receipts for all expenses they have received money for. This is done because we want to ensure that the money from CBDT does not go to other purposes than what it was meant for. This means extra work for us, but it also means that we can tell all our members that the money goes where it was aimed for.

The School

We have also this year supported the Bethany School in Chhibo. They give education with good quality and will expand with one new class every year. CBDT sponsored the expansion by giving economical contribution for building a new class room.

Health care (10 persons)

When people in Chhibo get seriously sick they do not have many alternatives because quality medical-care cost money. In Chhibo there is a doctor who examines most of them but sometimes his resources are not enough. Then a visit to the local hospital is required and in serious cases a trip to Siliguri is needed. CBDT has during this year helped ten persons in that way. Your contribution as a member of CBDT have saved life in Chhibo. Thank you for that!

Loan (5 persons)

We have also granted some loans this year. One for a house construction, a few others for buying pigs. Women has got loans for buying pigs and start breeding more pigs and in that way earn some money.

Guests in Chhibo

We in Chhibo appreciated that many members visited us during this year. It is always a good thing to see in real life how things are and how people live here. Many guests have visited the school, met the headmaster and got direct information about the school.

Environmental project

In October Jakob and Jonathan from Västerås were visiting us. They used the opportunity to give a contribution from Sweden by making some garbage cans which where placed along the path in Chhibo. An excellent initiative appreciated by many and make people to consider the littering of the environment. Littering is a big problem in India, we in Chhibo want with small means set up a good example here.

Football shoes

My brothers and some friends from Norrköping visited us in December. We arranged a football match, Sweden - Chhibo. The newspaper in Norrköping wrote an article about this and in connection to that football shoes, protectors and a set of match shirts were collected. Extra bonus is that Ove Kindvall, a Swedish football legend, donated two pairs of his shoes. What was the result? Sweden won with 6-2!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

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