

NEWSLETTER FEB 2008

It has been a busy month at **Tiwala Farm** and we are thankful to all who have played a part in helping us reach our goals!

*Kinder Kids*

**Tiwala's** Kindergarten opened at the beginning of February. We have 17 children from our mountain villages attending daily classes. The children's Teacher, Jaki, has done a fantastic job in settling them and getting them into a good routine. The children thoroughly enjoy their classes with Jaki, and are very eager to learn and participate in their varied activities. Come rain or shine (and there has been a lot of rain this month) they are there! It is wonderful to see their enthusiasm



and the progress they have made in just a few weeks. We are following a balanced (improvised) curriculum that focuses on all areas of formal learning (maths, literacy, science etc.) as well as creative, physical, spiritual, personal, social and emotional development.

*Summer School*

**Tiwala** is preparing for our Summer School Programme, which will take place in April and May. The programme will include a combination of formal tuition (according to the educational needs of the children attending), fun bible studies, and lots of action (games; out-door activities; crafts; puppet shows; skits etc). The children will be divided into groups, according to age or developmental level, and will be taught in large tents on **Tiwala Farm**. We hope to include a 5-day camp, which will be open to children in surrounding communities as well as volunteers.

## 'Environmental Awareness Week'

There is a large dumpsite located in our mountain village, which has been a source of income for many of the mountain folk. Children and parents collect plastic bottles etc. from the dump and later sell them for recycling.

Unfortunately, some of the children prefer this activity to attending school. We are doing all we can to encourage these kids to return to school and are hoping that our Summer School Programme will somewhat inspire them. The local authorities are working on relocating the dumpsite, for obvious reasons. We look forward to this!

Apart from that, littering is a big concern here and has resulted in polluted roads and rivers. Last week was 'Environmental Awareness Week' at **Tiwala Farm**. We taught and illustrated (to children and parents) the damaging affects of pollution, and brought to their awareness other environmental issues. We had 'cleaning days' where we walked around the villages in groups and removed litter along the way. The children were very proud of their efforts, which were followed by hotdogs and lollipops at **Tiwala Farm**! We will continue to encourage environmental health and sanitation in our immediate and surrounding communities.



## *In conclusion...*

Please continue to pray for our children and communities, and for wisdom for our leaders. If you are interested in being involved with **Tiwala** or being a part of our Summer School Programme, please contact us via our website.

Thank you for standing with us!

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(Founder)