



# Global Vaddo Charity

Providing hope and inspiration for the children of Goa, India

Newsletter....

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Welcome to the third edition of GVC's newsletter. We would like to thank everyone for providing continued support to the charity and we hope that you enjoy reading this month's newsletter. If you have any queries, comments or suggestions, please contact us via our website or email us at [contact@gvc.org.au](mailto:contact@gvc.org.au).

## Educational support

As reported in our January newsletter, GVC is providing educational support for a young underprivileged boy called Malari. Malari, who lives with his parents on a vacant block in a makeshift tent, started his schooling at St. Anthony's School in Mapusa (near Tivim in Goa) in May. In addition to funding for schooling and accommodation fees, GVC provides bedding, shoes, and clothing for Malari.



Malari in front of St Anthony's School, Mapusa

## Volunteer's house - renovation project

Works are well underway on the project to renovate an existing building into an administration centre. The building is located less than 50 metres from the proposed site for the learning centre and will house volunteers who work for the charity. Special thanks go to Noel De Souza in Goa, who has made the progress to date on this project possible.

## Strategic plan

GVC reviewed and updated its strategic plan in June following a workshop attended by all board members. The plan provides a strategic focus for GVC in a number of key result areas, including community, operations, governance and management, public relations and funding. Strategic planning workshops are held on a six-monthly basis.

## Lighthouse children's home

GVC has been working closely with the Lighthouse Children's Home in Tivim, Goa, looking at opportunities to develop a partnership between the two charities. The Lighthouse Children's Home provides 24-hour care for children from poverty stricken backgrounds, including children of migrant labourers in lower socio-economic regions in the Tivim area. The home cares for over 18 children who range from 5 to 13 years in age.

The children's home has recently relocated to the property adjacent to the site of the proposed GVC learning centre. GVC is excited at the prospect of partnering with Lighthouse Children's Home to deliver specific educational and vocational support for the children and provide them with the chance of a brighter future.



Staff & children at the Lighthouse Children's Home

## Learning centre progress

GVC has finalised development plans for the first stage of the proposed learning centre in Tivim, Goa. The first stage of the project includes the construction of a new building to allow GVC to commence its educational assistance program. The building has been designed so that it can be easily extended in the future (up to three times the size of stage one). The building will consist of male and female toilets, a small kitchen, a computer room and a classroom.

The first step in the project is to obtain the 'Conversion' of the land from 'garden' to 'building'. This involves a lengthy bureaucratic process, which may take between three to four months. Building plans will be submitted simultaneously when the documents for the land conversion are filed. *(continued over)*

### *Learning centre progress (cont.)*

GVC has received quotations from a number of contractors and we are confident that with recent experience in working with a local builder/contractor to renovate the volunteer's house, the works associated with the learning centre can be undertaken with minimal delays and issues.

The construction of the learning centre is scheduled to commence once the renovations on the volunteer's house are completed in October 2008. Again, we say a special thanks to Noel De Souza in Goa, who has made the progress to date on this project possible.

To see preliminary design plans for the GVC learning centre, please visit our website at [www.gvc.org.au](http://www.gvc.org.au)



*Proposed site of the GVC learning centre in Tivim*

### **Fundraising**

During the first quarter of 2008, GVC had a busy time with two major fundraising events, including a trivia night on the 25 January in Hobart, Tasmania and a Banquet dinner on the 29 March in Melbourne, Victoria. GVC would like to thank everyone that supported these two important events on the GVC calendar. The monies raised at these events have made it possible for GVC to start construction on the learning centre in Tivim, Goa.

### **Quiz night**

The quiz night in Hobart was great success with over 120 people attending the Hobart Convention Centre. Nine teams took part in this intense brainstorming session with raffle prizes and a few beverages to get the mind in gear. At the end of the night it was the older, yet clearly much wiser team that won ('Insert Name Here'). Total funds raised for the trivia night were \$2 800. We would especially like to thank Jane Christie Johnson and the staff at Tadaa Entertainment for all their time and effort that made the trivia night possible.

### **Inaugural banquet dinner**

GVC held its inaugural banquet dinner at the Cinnamon Club in Melbourne during March. The night was a huge success with over 160 people attending. The night was jammed pack with a great selection Indian cuisine from bite size entrée's to decadent deserts. We also had plenty of prizes, a silent auction and a live band that kept everyone dancing all night long! We managed to raise over \$5 000 during the evening with a very generous anonymous donor matching this amount taking the total funds raised for the night to \$10 000. A special thanks goes to this donor and also to Maria Iyer and Horatio Cardoz for all the time and effort that they put into organising this fantastic event.



*GVC Quiz night in Hobart, Tasmania*

For more photos on the GVC quiz night and inaugural banquet, please visit our website at [www.gvc.org.au](http://www.gvc.org.au)

### **About GVC**

GVC was established in March 2007 with the aim of working together with the people of Goa to provide hope and inspiration for the underprivileged in local communities. With a focus on regional areas, GVC's resvision is to ensure that children and their families are given the best opportunity of living a meaningful life free from poverty and despair.

For further details on GVC's activities, please visit our website at [www.gvc.org.au](http://www.gvc.org.au)

### *What can you do?*

We need your help to raise funds to build and maintain the GVC learning centre. By supporting us in achieving this goal, you will help bring around long-term benefits that will transform the lives of the local children in Tivim and give them a chance for a better future. You can help us by making a donation via direct deposit to the following account:

Account name    [Global Vaddo Charitable Trust](#)  
Bank             [National Australia Bank](#)  
BSB               [087 007](#)  
Account number [873 087 205](#)