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Village, from northern Zambia, are being housed at a temporary site nearby. We plan to bring in scholars from Malawi and hopefully Zimbabwe in 2008.

Construction on the new site for the Asian Village just outside Dehradun still awaits final planning approval. In the meantime the children, drawn equally from India, Nepal and the Tibetan exile community, live in four houses we either rent or have purchased and the land we have bought will be used to cultivate crops until the houses and skills centre can be moved to the new site. The PCVS Board and Executive Committee, which runs the Village, met regularly and held a special meeting on 9th February 2007 in Nagarkot, Nepal, in conjunction with the Asian Reunion.

Each Village will eventually comprise housing, farmland and a skills training centre to accommodate up to 200 children of 3 or 4 different nationalities.

PestalozziWorld also operates other Centres (hostels and skills centres) in India, Nepal and Zambia, which are run in conjunction with local schools. Funding has been approved for a girls' hostel in Malawi and work has started on clearing the site. These Centres are necessary because of the distances children would otherwise have to travel and enable us to reinforce Pestalozzi principles outside school hours.

Alumni

PAHAD hosted the annual Pestalozzi Asian Reunion at Nagarkot, Nepal on 9th-10th February. Over 40 delegates attended from Nepal, India (including Tibetans), Thailand and UK. The alumni foundations all made contributions to the funding of the Asian Village.

The first African Alumni reunion was held at Kasisi in May, attended by young people from Zambia and Malawi. One of the main topics discussed was the need to help our alumni into employment and self-sufficiency and we are now linking up with other NGO's who may be able to assist.

Future Plans

2008 will be an exciting and challenging year for PestalozziWorld. We aim to complete the first phase of the African Village, including the basic infrastructure and the junior houses, and select further scholars from Malawi, Zambia and hopefully Zimbabwe. We also plan to construct a skills centre in Malawi as soon as a suitable site can be found. Most of the funding for

the Asian Village has been secured but we will need significant support for our capital projects in Africa,

As the number of scholars grows – our vision is to at least double our numbers over the next 3-4 years – we are increasingly aware of the need to secure through a capital endowment fund the financial commitment involved in assuring these children of 5-8 years of secondary education.

The annual PestalozziWorld Reunion will be held for the first time in Switzerland, in Baar, near Zurich, and will take place from the 5th to 9th June. Anyone interested in attending is most welcome to contact us for further details.

Financial Activities

Expenditure for the year was approximately \$800,000 (2006: \$690,000) including annual costs of \$526,880 (2006: \$430,330). Capital expenditure was \$268,832 and related primarily to the African Village. Requirements in 2008 are expected to be in excess of \$1 million.

