



PestalozziWorld

educating children for a better life

Welcome to our Winter issue, in which we bring you a full picture of the stages our children go through, from being interviewed in their villages and selected as scholars to their lives as alumni of PestalozziWorld.



Above: Potential scholars at home with their families in Nepal, India and Africa.

SELECTION of new students took place over the summer in northern India and southern Africa. This is where the road to an education begins for new students. Simon's story of a selection trip gives some insight into the sharp horns of dilemma: choosing only 26 from a long list of deserving candidates. "We have over the years tried to develop a selection method as systematic and objective as possible, but a little subjective element is unavoidable. This is to strike the right balance between test marks against social conditions," explains Phuntsok Tashi, Director of the Pestalozzi Children's Village in Dehradun and himself a Pestalozzi alumnus. ... **PAGES 2-3**

Joanna Nair writes about our **ALUMNI**, many now in the USA. These young adults are incarnations of the "circle of success," PestalozziWorld's philosophy of giving back, as they not only succeed for themselves but help others in need. Three alumni are featured in a new short **FILM**, *Reaching for the Stars*, now available on-line at www.pestalozziworld.org. Alumni also feature in a special **2010 CALENDAR**, produced to help raise funds and to celebrate our 15th anniversary. **PAGES 4-5**



New rocket stoves at the African Village.

It was a busy summer at the Asian and African **VILLAGES**. For example, the Georgia McEver House was re-painted. The house itself is a reminder that our success depends on you, who help us give deprived children a chance in life. ... **PAGE 6**

As Christmas approaches, many of us will find it harder to allocate funds for shopping. "Luxury" items have been struck off many a list. We still need your support, and ask you to consider making some of your gifts **DONATIONS-IN-LIEU**. ... **BACK COVER.**

FUND RAISING

In the US, close to \$1 million has been raised to help build the Asian and African villages and sponsor the children. In Ireland, Castletown House hosted a unique and charming evening of

operatic song by Virginia Kerr. This was the first Irish fund-raising concert, and the Trustees extend sincere thanks to all who made the evening a thrilling success against the odds. ... **PAGE 7**