

## CTAS NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2010

This time of year brings torrential rain and flooding, poor visibility and quite dangerous travelling conditions. The domestic airport was closed when I was supposed to have flown back to Kathmandu, due to adverse weather, so I took to the road for the 230 km route back from Pokhara.

The second phase of the Pipaldali water project is almost complete and a 34,000 litre reservoir tank has been built by the local people to collect the abundant supply of water that now comes down the hillside from the four spring sources.



The village people are putting a stone wall in place to try and safeguard the tank from any minor landslips above it. Given the poor weather conditions the people have made fantastic progress in getting this tank built.



Once the weather improves again, the connecting pipes will be linked up to the tank and the 1" plastic pipe runs laid down the hillside to send the water to the 36 collection points throughout the village.

I am looking forward to my next visit in November, by which time the final phase should be completed and people should have enough water not only for drinking, but for washing clothes and showering as well.



The kindergarten project continues to run well and the children are getting their daily tiffin meal. The bad weather at this time of year makes it more difficult for some children to attend school, but despite this there was a good attendance.

The teachers are providing a wide range of elementary learning opportunities for the children, who proudly sang for me, named various body parts and recited the days of the week and numbers from 1 to 10.



As always your support is what enables this to happen, and we continue to be grateful for your donations and other charitable gifts.

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**(Chairperson)**