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"THE RAJA PROJECT"
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Hello again! Here we are with more news about Raja and the children - it goes without saying that even when the newsletters arrive less frequently Raja is at work just the same. Our policy is to wait until the right moment presents itself 'non coincidentally' and then we go ahead. (Also because we don't yet have millions of euros at our disposal.)

Here is the account of how your generous donations in 2011 have been used in different parts of the world:

PERU, LIMA- Support for the non-profit organisation 'Sembrando Juntos' (Sowing Together) where our friend Ana Teresa Harmsen works.

The organisation takes care of nearly 400 children aged between 3 and 5 who live in the slums. Raja's donations have enabled them to play and paint together as well as learning something that they will be able to use in the future (on the lines of 'don't just give fish but teach them how to fish'). Ana Teresa wrote: "*guaranteeing the children an education is what matters here. At the moment we are providing pre-school education but in the near future we will be teaching older children too. Many thanks indeed to Raja and its very special help.*"

BOLIVIA, COCHABAMBA – Support for the education and recreation centre in the Ticti Norte quarter where our friend Massimo Casari works. Thanks to the invaluable work of the Casari Committee the children not only go to school but are learning to play football and volleyball too. Through sports they discover that life is not only the harsh world they have experienced so far. Ah-they get a meal too when they go to the centre-probably the only real one of the day.

ETHIOPIA-SHASHAMANE COMMUNITY – With Raja's help the children of the Jamaican community of Shashamane, who have great musical gifts but no way of letting the world hear their voice, will be able to make a cd that will be available in early 2012. The project called "Youth of Shashamane" is run by our friend Renato Tomei, in art Ras Tewelde, who, apart from being a reggae singer, is doing his PhD at the University for Foreigners in Perugia.

If you already know which project you would like to support, go to our site www.therajaproject.com and click on our bank details: it's easy! - even easier now that we have Paypal.

To be part of the RAJA Projects:

Donate! Whether you are a member or not.

If you are already a member renew your annual subscription. It will be valid until December 2012.

If you are not yet a member: become one! Make an annual subscription of 100 euros and help us realise one of the projects. You will also participate in the draw for one of Arianna Caroli's paintings, to be won when we reach 90 members.

Buy one of the fantastic gifts from the RAJA BOUTIQUE.

Choose from the following:

› The **RAJA BAG**: A limited edition numbered from 001 to 101. Made in natural jute, cotton batik and leather and hand-embroidered by the women of Bali, it's a must in both summer and winter. Donations for the RAJA BAG start at 150 euros. Order it now- there are very few left.

› The sparkling and very trendy **RAJA T-SHIRTS** come straight from Miami Beach- -designed exclusively for Raja by Sonia Trussardi. Made of precious material and lovingly embroidered in Bali-you mustn't be without one! Suggested donation: 50 to 70 euros.

› **LUCKY KEY RINGS** from Peru in the form of the Raja butterfly symbol. They come in two lovely designs and many colours. They make perfect stocking fillers at Christmas for your family and friends. Suggested donation: 10 euros for one, 25 euros for three.

It is thanks to you all that making miracles happen is the order of the day!

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