Mr. Joseph of Carron of Switzerland, shows Francis, Savari and Xavier the longest solar eclipse for thousand years on 15th January.

Fr. Nély dropped by for a short visit. On the way back to the airport he echoed a sentiment common to all visitors to the mission: "It's so difficult to tear myself away from the children."

TIME TO GO

The end of the 2009-10 academic year approaches and the impending examinations seem to have no effect whatsoever on the morale of the children. They should be filled with anguish, but they are not. How can we make carefree children care?

The headmaster is worried though; during the holidays the school will move from its current location to the property **to be vacated by the girl's orphanage.** There is much more space, but the rooms are not ideally suited as classrooms.

This new home, however, will be temporary too—until we can purchase land and build a school of our own. Some land has been identified near the new orphan-age, but the wheels of administration turn very slowly in India; prayer, hard cash and connections appear to be the only lubricants.

Another project is for the recognition of the school by the National Institute of Open Schooling in India. This recognition would free us (we hope) from the spectre of meddling officials.

The school is the condition *sine qua non* of our apostolate. Without it, there would be a slow terminal decline in the mission—the effects of abandoning of Catholic education in the Novus Ordo Church provides ample evidence to support this view. Please pray, therefore, that we become firmly founded in virtue and in property. Please also pray that we continue to find teachers who give themselves selflessly to the mission . Ω

Carefree pupil, Selva Josephine.

Volunteers Misses Margaret Clark (U.S.A.), Alix Dusausoy (France), Clare Yeo (Singapore) and Monica Marshall (Scotland) teach at Veritas Academy and seem to enjoy clothes shopping too. The school could not function without the generosity of our faithful around the world.