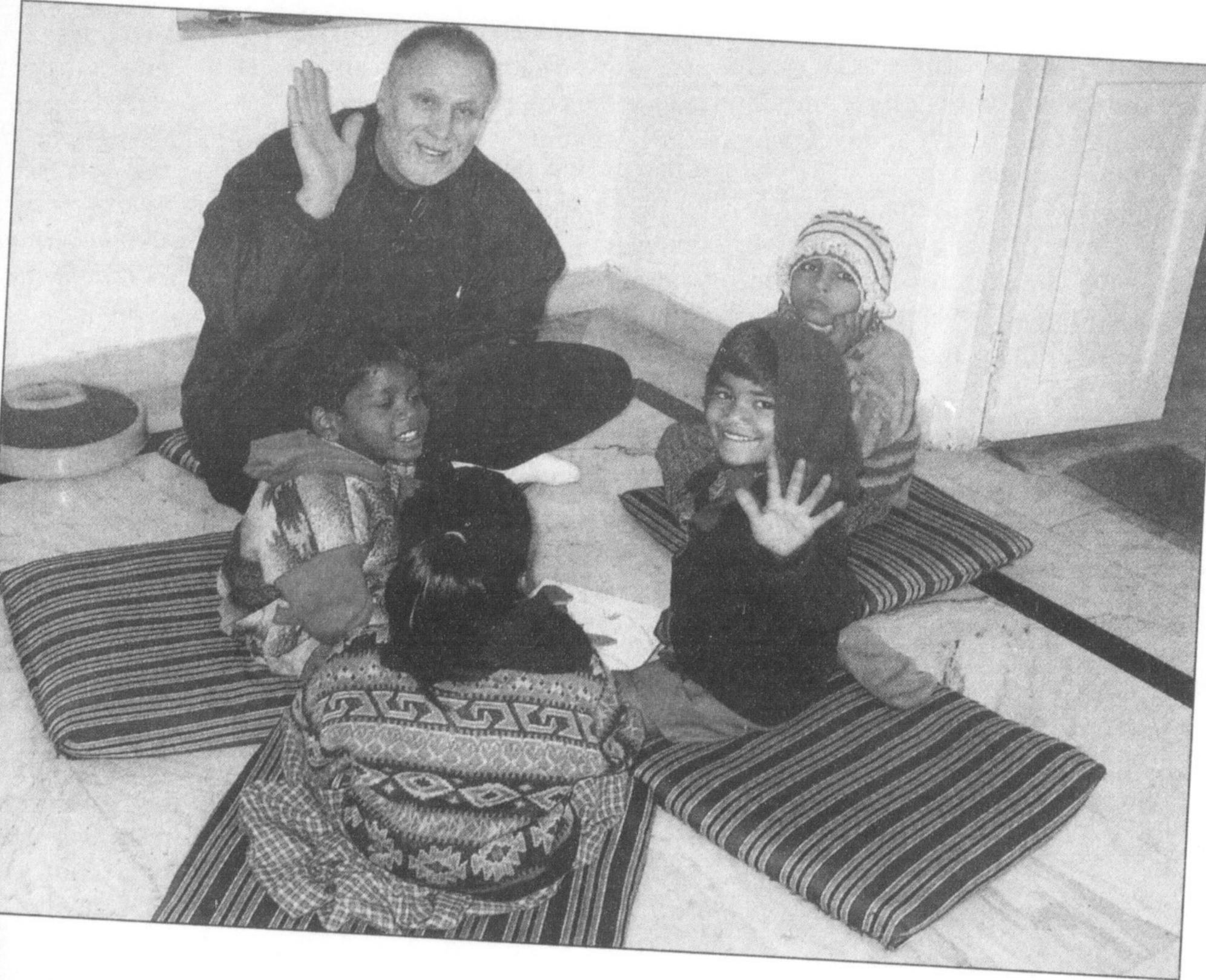
## The Canadian Champion, Friday, April 18, 2008 - C1 Local Rotarians see their work up close



## Four members make memorable excursion to impoverished India

Milton recently had the opportunity of a lifetime to travel to India to see for themselves some of the projects their organization has been supporting.

Hinton and Carolyn Keyworth were the lucky Rotarians.

"It is very unusual to have the opportunity to see the fruits of your labours first-hand," Keyworth said.

"It truly was a trip of a lifetime and changed our lives."

The purpose of the trip was to visit four major projects the Rotary Club of Milton has assisted with funding. But they also expanded the trip to view other potential projects.

The first project they saw was a community library — the Varanasi World Literacy Centre Library serving women and children.

They also visited a new tribal school, and were greeted by more than 600 pupils, who gave the group a traditional welcome and demonstrated their skills in academics and dance, Keyworth said.

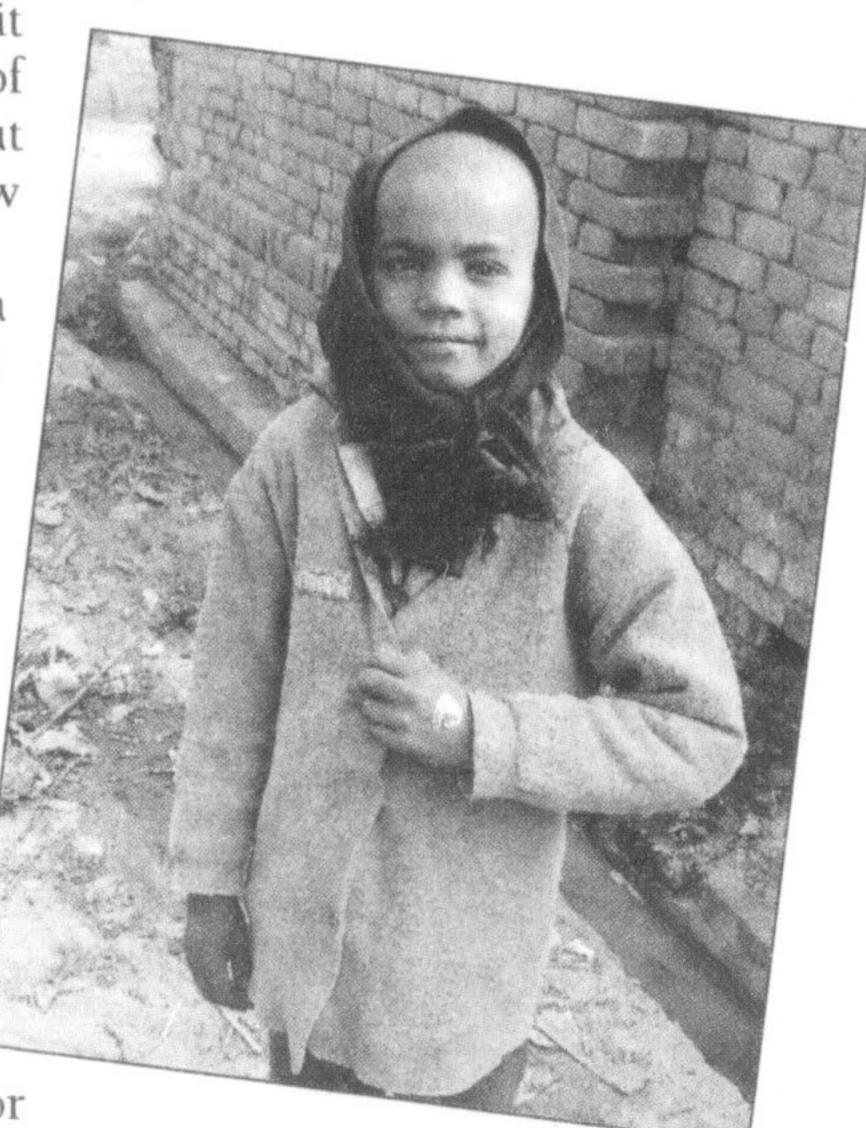
The dedication of a bus equipped to transport children with special needs was their next

Boers made the inaugural drive for

Four members of the Rotary Club of the bus, much to the delight of the children, Keyworth said.

The last project the Rotarians visited was a religious school for boys. A matching grant from Rotary Amit Karia, Ries Boers, Blanche International purchased 200 benches for the classrooms.

> "We ultimately had the trip of a lifetime, experiencing the true heart and hospitality of India, as well as seeing the enormous need for assistance with social resources and health care," Keyworth said.



## MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE:

Clockwise from top left: One of the children aided by the local Rotarians' efforts flashes a big smile during their recent trip. Ries Boers visits with some of the area's youth. An Indian child poses for a shot in the streets. Rotarians (from left) Carolyn Keyworth, Boers and Blanche Hinton stand in front of the Taj Mahal. A young girl looks really grateful to receive a stuffed animal, one of the many gifts brought over during the

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