



Ours & Theirs...Linked By Generosity.

For School Administrators

Two Villages is very excited to work with your school and student leaders. For them, working with *Two Villages* will be an opportunity for personal growth and allow them to strengthen their resume while earning valuable volunteer hours toward graduation. Joining this project will also introduce them to like-minded peers from all across Newfoundland & Labrador leading similar projects in their schools. Using a very cool online environment called rafi.ki (<http://rafi.ki>), *Two Villages* plans to give participating students an opportunity to virtually meet each other in a safe, moderated environment.

Two Villages has already completed projects in Nepal (built a school) and Zambia (provided funds to children who could not attend school) and for this year will be raising funds to help build the **Wollo Community Seed Bank** in Ethiopia. A seedbank stores seeds as a source for planting in case seed reserves elsewhere are destroyed. It is a type of gene bank. The seeds stored may be food crops, or those of rare species to protect biodiversity. The reasons for storing seeds may be varied. In the case of food crops, many useful plants that were developed over centuries are now no longer used for commercial agricultural production and are becoming rare. Storing seeds also guards against catastrophic events like natural disasters, outbreaks of disease, or war.

Should your school choose to participate, **October 15th, 2008** will see your students engage in a *Rice Day* where the student body can donate funds and receive a bowl of rice in lieu of buying lunch that day. In addition to the *Rice Day*, your students/school are free to organize any events you would like to raise monies for the *Two Villages* project. Our goal is to raise **\$17,500** to fund our share of the **Wollo Community Seed Bank**.

Two Villages has been created to link our communities with others and make a difference around the world. You can also visit us online at www.twovillages.org for further information on our organization. We sincerely hope your school community will choose to work with us in 2008 and believe that **WE** do have the power to create positive change in the world.