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TURNING THE TIDE: (below, right) the effects of the Tsunami are still felt in Kovalam and many of the fishermen's families are in desperate need. The Trust has arranged for 30 children from the poorest families to have their education sponsored – including fees, term-time food, uniforms and text books – giving them hope for the future

We have been able to give all the village kids the opportunity that Venkat had. Even if they don't go to university, they can learn a trade. “Kovalam was hit by the Tsunami in 2004 and I set up another fund for that, too. We've raised about £82,000 and I think people like the fact that they can see exactly where the money they give us goes, which is nice to feel one has made a difference and that I've been able to put something back.

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CLASS ACT: (clockwise from top left) Sylvia joins a lesson at Venkat Tuition Centre, built and funded by the Venkatraman Trust; local fishermen head to work; children collecting water; street games; pupils take notes; school assembly; a new computer causes a stir

