



Robin's Nest

childrens home

webuye, kenya, east africa

Psalm 91:4 He shall cover you with his feathers and under His wings you shall take refuge.

Making a World of Difference

Welcome to the first issue of the Robin's Nest newsletter!

Thank you for your interest in the childrens' home. We hope to answer your many questions in this issue and update you on the childrens' progress in later issues.

If you are inspired after reading this newsletter and would like to help provide for the children, there are many ways to do so ... prayer, finances, gifts, telling others, and more. Every contribution makes a world of difference and will directly help the children.

Enjoy the read!

Robin & Grahame

Why the Nest?

Members of Pastor Jackson and Grace Ongerie's church were traveling regularly to outer villages to care for children and finding that the distance hindered regular care and greatly reduced their chance of survival.



Working together to make a world of difference to orphaned children: Pastors Jackson & Grace Ongerie with Grahame & Robin Byrnes.

Robin Byrnes and Grace Ongerie met at a women's conference in Newcastle during 2002 and discovered a common vision to help distressed children.

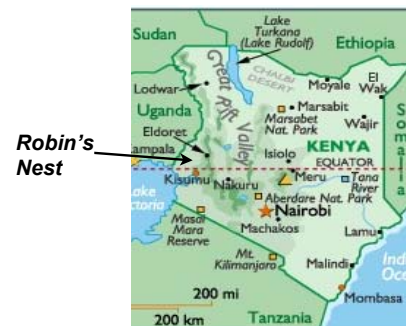
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much discussion and research, in 2004 Robin and Grahame teamed up with Pastor Jackson and wife Grace to establish Robin's Nest, a home for HIV/Aids effected children in Kenya.

By providing nearby accommodation with regular medical care, they can save many more lives.

Where's it Nestled?

Webuye is a bustling village in western Kenya near the Ugandan boarder. There is a pulp and paper mill in the heart of the village that creates most of the employment in the town, thus proving to be a viable location to establish an orphanage.



Who's Involved?

Grahame & Robin Byrnes have some experience with orphanages and a huge heart for distressed children.

The Ongeries

Jackson is a dynamic pastor in Kenya's Deliverance Church and known as a man of great integrity. He pastors a church of 1,500 and has developed

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Robin's Robins

long lasting friendships with pastors of the Hunter Region, Australia. Wife Grace is a nurse and the mother of their girls, Joy and Faith.

An orphanage committee comprises three pastors of Deliverance Church, their wives, and lawyer Roselyne Ekirapa Aburili LLB (Hons) NRB. DIP Law (KSL) NRB. Roselyne is an active church member and was elected President of the orphanage committee for her legal and orphanage expertise.

Who are our robins?

The children are known as "robins" after co-founder Robin Byrnes, and there are currently two house parents caring for three robins. The Nest is considering another seven children (aged from babies to 7 years) and will expand as funds become available.

Haggai Simiyu



Haggai finds a safe home at Robin's Nest.

Haggai's parents died of HIV and he was left with an abusive uncle.

He first found refuge from this

environment when a family from the church opened their home to him. He is now able to call Robin's Nest his home.

Sharon Adenya



After 5 years of tragedy Sharon's learning to smile.

Sharon has had more than anyone can bear in her short 5 years. Her parents have both died of Aids and she was left in a domestic abuse environment with

relatives. When Sharon arrived at Robin's Nest, she didn't know how to smile. Thanks to the loving care of the house parents, she now has a reason to smile.

Alex Esami

Alex's parents died of HIV and he was rescued by the Ongerie family. He is currently being treated for a serious eye condition.

Alex is our exception to the rule: at 10 years old he's above the cut-off age for the Nest, however his kind, quiet and helpful nature makes him invaluable



Despite Alex's own traumas, he is a wonderful help at Robin's Nest.

in helping to make Robin's Nest 'home' for other orphans, as well as getting the care and medical treatment he so desperately needs.

Our Goals

Robin's Nest wants to provide hope and a home with loving Christian parents for orphaned or abandoned children. We also intend to help each child develop employment skills and attend higher education if they wish.

How can you help?

1) Financial donations

Email us for options, depending where in the world you are! As the home is privately funded and is being registered in Africa, there are no tax benefits for donations. Administration charges are paid for by the co-founders so that every cent of your donation goes directly to caring for the robins.

2) Prayer

Please pray for health, financial support, wisdom to take in those children who need us most, land and materials to expand the Nest.

3) Regular sponsorship

We're looking for more people to sponsor a child at AU\$25 per month - the more sponsors, the more robins we can take in. It costs AU\$75 per month to provide for each child.

4) Gifts for the robins

Please send to the PO Box as Kenya has huge fees for parcel deliveries. Your gifts will be hand delivered - email us for a needs list.

5) **Tell others** about Robin's Nest - they may want to help.



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Wedding Dresses Needed!

Staff operate a business renting out wedding dresses to raise funds for Robin's Nest - contact us if you can help.