



JHANSI (India) : our achievements so far

Our site location; children here now

In November, 2005 we began negotiations to rent a large home in Baragaon (cf: Fig. 1), a village near Jhansi in (India). We moved in with 6 orphans in December,

**FIGURE 1**

Small group in front, soon after moving in

**FIGURE 2**

Today our Home holds 44 children, with Staff

2006 and today our Jhansi Home has 44 children, along with staff (cf: Fig. 2). Many kids were sent here by village chiefs, pastors and police, or simply abandoned at our front door. We were soon serving them enough food (cf: Fig. 3), with most supplies bought at local markets (cf: Fig. 4).

Big regular meals; cheap cloth bought

**FIGURE 3**

Nutritious meals served and plenty for all

**FIGURE 4**

Fruit sales lady at local food markets

**FIGURE 5**

Cheap material bought from a local draper's

Economical clothes; a kitchen garden

**FIGURE 6**

More economical clothes for children now

Tailors can make kids' clothes for less than new outfits cost so, after we bought them enough cloth and blankets, they started measuring up (cf: Figs. 5-6). We do grow vegetables and now have thriving crops of brinjal, lady finger, bottle gourd and spinach (cf: Fig. 7).

**FIGURE 7**

Grown in our Kitchen Garden already

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School education; study area set up

Education in Jhansi means only a 20 minute walk to the Government school (cf: Fig. 8), and we have set up a domestic area for homework (cf: Fig. 9). Our Home tutor had been trying to teach with almost no equipment, until donors kindly paid for more stationery and schoolbags (cf: Figs. 10-11), and now kids are well equipped.

**FIGURE 8**

Our robins in the local Government school

**FIGURE 9**

Main Hall ; for study, sleeping + welcoming

Stationery; bags and new crockery

**FIGURE 10**

First time ever: exercise books, pencils, pens

**FIGURE 11**

To go into their first time ever school bags

Our larger family today needs more dishes to eat from, so more kind donors provided a huge supply of crockery (cf: Fig. 12).

**FIGURE 12**

Our larger family must need more dishes

Improved storage areas and racks

Further donations from supporters meant we could also pay for lockers and rackers (cf: Figs. 13-14), which has tidied up kids' storage.

**FIGURE 13**

Clothes into lockers, and shoes put underneath

**FIGURE 14**

Special racks are for their new school shoes

Occasional maintenance is necessary, including painting and stucco (cf: Figs. 15-16). Children enjoy what recreation we can afford, including picnics (cf: Fig. 17), and once we were even able

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Maintenance; Rest & recreation

to buy them a new bicycle and tricycles (cf: Fig. 18).

**FIG 15**

Painting rooms

FIG 16

Stucco on the walls

**FIGURE 17**

Picnic at a dam near Jhansi

**FIGURE 18**

Trying out their new bicycle and tricycles

Short-term aims for RNCH in Jhansi

Our short term aims here are to buy a buffalo and two goats which should considerably reduce our milk expenses, and to start a sewing class so we can provide a skill-based career to single mothers and widows here. Our main aim is to establish a Village School in Jhansi to offer poor local families' children cheap education soon. We have already done this with great support from local people in Agra (cf: Fig. 19), where a school we began in 2007 now has over 40 Primary students.

Long term: start a new Village School

Jhansi villagers have also expressed their need and wish for a similar school near them (cf: Fig. 20).

**FIGURE 19**

Village Primary School we run near Agra

**FIGURE 20**

Jhansi locals expressing their need and desire for a Village School