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**Robin's Nest**  
 CHILDRENS HOMES

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• He shall cover you with his feathers and under His wings you shall take refuge (Psalm 91:4) • PAGE 1

## Kenyan Adventure: Dick+Eva Breadner

We asked Dick and Eva Breadner (cf: Fig.1), two Canadian missionaries, to visit our African Home earlier this year. They have been involved in mission work from 1996, when first visiting Chile for 3


**FIGURE 1**

months under the South American Missionary Society (in Canada). They have had 16 similar visits since, of around 3 months each, to Honduras and Peru. So, they arrived in Bungoma in February, and stayed there for 3 months as Administrators.

Dick and Eva said they were immediately impressed by our children, describing them as cheerful, respectful and obedient to authorities. They emphasised repeatedly that your sponsorship is making a huge difference. They

## Impressed with our children's care

also thought the children's qualities clearly reflected the love, care and wisdom displayed by Leah


**FIGURE 2**

and Jotham (cf: Fig. 2) who, as House Parents, have influenced them the most. Many kids were delighted to pose in the clothes


**FIGURE 3**

**FIGURE 4**

## Looked at existing cooking methods

Dick and Eva presented to them from kind supporters in Canada (cf: Figs. 3-4).

They were very happy with the balanced diet our children have had


**FIGURE 5**

(cf: Fig. 5) but did remark that many Africans, unable to afford power or gas, cooked instead in pots over rocks around a fire. They may be adept at doing this outdoors (cf: Fig.


**FIGURE 6**

6), but inside this method can be dangerous - especially in thatched

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## Built new wood-fired stove

huts (cf: Fig. 7). Since Dick was aware of simple wood stoves of mud and steel from Honduras, he



**FIGURE 7**

proposed building a new fireplace model at our Home. With Jotham, he started by building a canopy frame (cf: Fig. 8), then built a wood-fired stove and a chimney inside it (cf: Figs. 9-11). A demon-



**FIGURE 8**

stration before he left had house-keepers impressed with their new-found speed and efficiency at cooking with large pots.

Dick and Eva had noticed that many local homes are built of adobe (or mud). Some have iron rooves, but many are thatched, which needs frequent replacement. A blind lady once owned

## Put tin roof on for blind lady

the hut here (cf: Fig. 7), which has since fallen down, and had arranged with a local church to start a new mud-brick foundation (cf: Fig. 12). This was ready on time for



**FIGURE 9**

Dick to complete with a roof, a door and four windows (cf: Fig. 13) and it was all finished under-budget!! Projects like these have



**FIGURE 10**



**FIGURE 11**

## One step toward self-sustainability

so boosted public relations for Robin's Nest that one of its neighbours (cf: Fig. 14) has already provided over 2 acres of his own land allowing us to grow peanuts, corn and beans (cf: Figs. 15-16).



**FIGURE 12**



**FIGURE 13**

This project is one step toward self-sustainability and is also one avidly supported by our RN Advisory Committee (cf: Fig. 17).



**FIGURE 14**

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## Harvesting peanuts with neighbours



FIGURE 15



FIGURE 16



FIGURE 17

## Kenyan education

Dick and Eva both highlighted education as a key in any developing country, but added one fact: despite the first 8 years being (technically) free in Kenya (cf: Fig. 18), "extras" make costs prohibitive for many families. However,

## Education: extras cost more, but ...



FIGURE 18

RNCH sponsorship programmes ensure that all children who are covered can get it (cf: Figs. 19-20), including sponsored children from our Outreach Programme. Students start early, just before dawn, and sometimes return after dusk. Our kids are always ready to take part in craft sessions and



FIGURE 19

## RNCH-sponsored kids can all attend

are happier still to show the results (cf: Fig. 21), and we have plenty of room for homework (cf: Fig. 22).

We also have plenty of room for Bible classes, which Eva conducted throughout her stay for those who were 12 years old and over (cf: Fig. 23). She advised a "look-it-



FIGURE 20

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## Art+craft lessons, homework, tutoring

-up-and-tell" method that they responded to, commenting on how their interest increased over time and on how classes eventually included neighbourhood village children. Sunday Schools have also been held onsite (cf: Fig. 24) for 125 children.



FIGURE 21



FIGURE 22

One interesting feature, near the end of their visit, followed lunch with an RN Advisory Committee member, Mary, who remarked that in spite of being a committed Christian now she had been brought up by her father according to Traditional Kenyan Ways. Mary then accepted an invitation from Eva to begin regularly teaching the children some of these old ways, especially crafts,

## Bible Classes and Sunday School



FIGURE 23



FIGURE 24

arts, folk songs and dances. Lessons have resulted in some enthusiastic audiences including Leah and Jotham (cf: Fig. 25).

So Dick and Eva returned to Canada in May, having made



FIGURE 25

## and Classes on Traditional Ways

some very practical contributions. One of them was a CD with a film and narrative of their stay, which we wish we could include here. (If you would also like a copy please contact Robin, below). We enjoyed having them there and our Local Committee commented on their cultural sensitivity, productivity and wisdom. We appreciated their frugality with our resources and hope they will return.

Among remarks they made about our Home that we valued most were those about our children's upbringing, and another concerned their education. This was over one child having received top marks in her class then following that by getting top marks in the district science project. Without Robin's Nest, they concluded, she could not be going to school at all. A big THANK YOU to Dick + Eva!

## Robin & the Team

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