



Robin's Nest

childrens homes

Webuye, Kenya & Agra, India

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 second issue of the Robin's Nest newsletter.

We have a major and exciting development to update you on: Robin's Nest has now expanded to include a second childrens home in Agra, India. Read on to find out more.

Also in this issue:

- ♥ Updates on the little robins in Kenya.
- ♥ Introducing the robins in Agra.
- ♥ How your donation or sponsorship has provided for the robins.
- ♥ Goals and prayer points.

Enjoy the read!

Robin & Grahame

Robin's Nest India

While on outreach with their church in India during 2004, Robin and Grahame Byrnes met Pastor Harry Singh and wife Prembeti and discovered that they shared a vision for children.



Working with Robin's Nest to make a world of difference to orphaned and poverty-affected children in India: Pastor Harry Singh and wife Prembeti.

They are now in the process of establishing a home for poverty affected children alongside Harry's existing work of running a Christian school above his home to educate and minister to children of all faiths who are affected by poverty or difficult home environments.

Who's Involved?

Pastor Harry Singh has always had the heart of an evangelist. At 57 years of age, he still gets on his bicycle to take the word of God to the streets of his city and outlying areas, often in the face of extensive verbal and physical abuse from Hindus and other

faiths who oppose his beliefs and actions.

He sews then sells bible covers to generate funds for the primary school he runs. He also has a ministry teaching disadvantaged women how to sew so that they can earn their way out of the poverty trap for themselves and their families.

He and his wife have two orphaned children living with their own family.

Where's it Nestled?

Agra, India is the home of the Taj M'al. With thousands of orphans and poverty affected children in the city, the work of Robin's Nest here is invaluable.



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Robin's Robins

Kenya Robins

Denis

9-year-old Denis is the most recent arrival at Robin's Nest Webuye. His parents both died of HIV/Aids in 2002. Jackson found Denis in the care of his grandmother who was incapable of taking adequate care of him.



Denis loves football, drawing, singing, dancing helping out with household chores like sweeping and washing dishes.

His general health is now good. He has recently received a B on his report card for this year.

Sharon

6-year-old Sharon was rescued from a frail and ageing grandmother who was beaten regularly by Sharon's alcoholic uncle. She lived a dismal life with little food and insufficient nutrition. At the time of being found, she had never left her home, had never heard music and didn't know how to smile. She is now enjoying being in Primary One at Agape Academy school and she received a B on her report card this year.



Haggiah

9-year-old Haggiah was proud to receive a B on his report card this year. He makes friends easily because he has an infectious beaming smile all the time. He loves molding things and playing with toys. He loves singing and is a member of the Praise Team at Jackson Ongeri's Deliverance Church. He also loves dancing, drawing and listening to bible stories. He helps around the childrens home with little household chores and his health is reportedly OK.



Alex

13-year-old Alex was one of the first children to arrive at Robin's Nest. Unfortunately, Jackson recently had to relocate him to live with his uncle due to poor conduct towards the other children in the home. Please pray that he will be safe, healthy and continue to grow in Christ.



India Robins

Annu

4-year-old Annu is a victim of poverty. His dad died when he was three. His mother is a street sweeper, the lowest of the caste system, and is unable to provide adequately for Annu.



Manish

6-year-old Manish is yet another victim of poverty. His father left two years ago and his mother works very hard but can barely feed him.



Nisha

6-year-old Nisha has been living with Pastor Harry and his family for three years now. She was abandoned by her father and found by Harry's daughter Josna, very weak and dying. Her mother is incapable of caring for her due to severe abuse from Nisha's father rendering her mentally unstable. Under the care of the Singh family, Nisha is now very healthy and active. She passed her kindergarten classes and is now starting year 1.



Official opening of Robin's Nest Kenya in May 2005 with supporters from Agape Christian Church.

It's a delight to hear how the children are growing in strength as well as in their knowledge of Jesus' love for them.

Goals & Prayer Points

- ♥ India expansion requires AU\$6,500 for a purpose-built home for more children.
- ♥ Big goal: Kenya expansion requires AU\$27,000 to build a home that can receive more children and expand the school.
- ♥ Finding an umbrella organisation is an option to acquire charitable status and tax deductability benefits for the robins and their sponsors. Please pray for wisdom during our investigation process and direction in our decision-making.
- ♥ Please pray for health, financial support, wisdom to take in those children who need us most, land and materials to expand the Nests.

Seeking Advocates

We're looking for people to become advocates of Robin's Nest Childrens Homes.

This simply means that you are willing to talk to friends, family and people you meet, informing them about the work of Robin's Nest.

You'll essentially be a voice for children who can't speak up for themselves.

You'll share the vision and spread the passion for these little ones, building sponsorship and prayer partners.

If you're interested, we'd love to chat with you some more about it - please contact us (details on page 1).

Powerpoint presentation available on CD - ask us about it.

What Your Gifts Have Achieved

Thank you so much to each of you who have donated financially to the care of the little robins.

And thanks to our sponsors for committing long term to their well-being.

Your gifts pay for necessities such as food, electricity, water and clothing. In particular over the past 12 months, donations and sponsorships have provided the following substantial achievements.

- ♥ Due to regular funds through sponsorships, the three (3) children in Robin's Nest Kenya are able to receive ongoing education.
- ♥ One-off gifts totalling \$1,500 have enabled two small rooms to be built to house poverty affected children in India.

*A Little Goes
a Long Way!!*



Robin and Nisha in Agra, India

Creative Fund Raising & Support

Brodie Ehlers, aged 9, wanted to make a difference in the robins' lives so he did some fund raising of his own. He made cakes and helped sell toys, raising \$28.

Hayden Fletcher, year 8 student, wrote an article that was published in The (Newcastle) Herald on 12 May 2005, in an effort to raise awareness of the robins.

Ursula Barry asked friends and family to donate to the robins instead of bringing gifts and cards to her 50th birthday party. She raised \$500.

Nitasha Nadan spent time teaching Harry's sewing class in early 2005 following completion of studies at Southern Cross Bible School, Sydney. She also hand delivered \$1,500 in donations which has paid to build two small rooms above Harry's house for the orphans until the funds are raised for a purpose-built childrens home.

Janelle Karbowiak of Wrapped To You gift giving service donates 5% of sales to Robin's Nest Childrens Homes. More details at www.wrappedtoyou.com.au

Valentina is organising a fundraising cruise on Lake Macquarie in November.

Hunter Christian Church's Project Managers craft group is spending two of its meets sewing 9 patchwork quilts with embroidered messages of love and encouragement for each child.

Thank You So Much!

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 from as little as \$2 makes a world of difference and 100% of donations go directly to the children because the Directors fund all administrative costs from their own pocket.

Why sponsor?

Because every child in the world should have limitless expectations and opportunities in life like they do in Australia.

Robin Byrnes, Director

I've never seen anything like this; their goal in life is not to starve and die. We don't even have to consider this.

Nitasha Nadan's first impression on her visit to Agra.

Sponsors Needed

We are trying to develop and expand our sponsorship program.

Quite simply: the more regular sponsors we have, the more children we can care for.

There are no minimum amounts for Robin's Nest sponsors. Whatever you can manage will make a big difference to these children.

100% of your giving goes directly to their care because all administrative costs are funded by the Directors.

Sponsorship forms are available from the Robin's Nest office; contact details on page 1.

sponsorship/donation form

I'd like to support children in Robin's Nest Childrens Homes by ...

1) A one-off gift

\$250 \$100 \$50 Other _____

2) A regular sponsorship

\$100 \$50 \$25 Other _____

Annually Monthly Weekly

Cheques

Payable to Robin's Nest Childrens Homes. Mailing address on page 1.

Direct Credits

The easiest way to sponsor/donate: set up your regular or one-off gifts under 'Pay Payees' on your online banking program.

BSB: 650 000 Account Number: 898657905
Account Name: Robin's Nest Childrens Homes
Bank: Newcastle Permanent Building Society Ltd

3) Professional services

Describe _____

How often? _____

My Contact Details

Name _____

Address _____

_____ P/C _____

Tel. _____ Mob. _____

Email _____

I'd like to receive the Robin's Nest newsletter.

I'd like to be a Robin's Nest prayer partner.

On behalf of the robins, thank you for your interest, prayers, care and support.