



Robin's Nest

CHILDRENS HOMES

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

Good News

We're thrilled to tell you about some wonderful events happening in RNCH. There have been healing miracles in Jhansi, India. In Kenya God has protected our little ones and their community in Webuye, as well as enabling us to finally purchase three acres of land to build the new children's home. Read on to be as encouraged as we are, and there's more good news on the website.

Robin Graham

Kenya Update

Robins safe

Unfortunately Jan Suffolk's trip in January had to be cancelled due to the political crisis over the nation's elections.

Many people were killed, threatened, and around 300,000 were displaced. This relatively peaceful country changed overnight with neighbours killing neighbours. The political troubles turned into racial clashes. The country was in turmoil. Road blocks had been set up by bandits and supplies such as food was not getting through to the people. Prices increased by 300%.

This crisis also reached Webuye but, thanks to God and your prayers, nobody was harmed. While all the troubles are not yet resolved, the country has become somewhat settled for now. Please pray for this country as it has the potential to fall into chaos very quickly.

Webuye robins and house parents.



New land

Having deferred her trip to June-July Jan is on site now and has been very busy. We're delighted to announce that we've purchased the long-awaited land for the purpose-built childrens home, some three acres, just outside Webuye.

You can imagine the rejoicing going on from Webuye to Australia to Canada.

Playing Snakes & Ladders in Webuye.



Agra Update

Thanks to the generosity of one Australian donor some of our Agra robins are receiving semi-private English lessons. Their education continues in the RN children's home thanks to Harry's daughter Joyce Singh who is trained to be a teacher and speaks English very well.

Three of our robins were fitted for glasses following eye tests last year. We're thankful for such opportunities for the children, which can only happen by the support of generous donors.

Manish, Sangeeta and Devendra with their new glasses, thanks to donor giving.



Jhansi Update

Bhupendra now speaks following prayer for healing at church! He was tongue-tied (medical term is ankyloglossia) and couldn't talk despite his attempts. We had tried for months to get a price off the doctor for surgery to get his tongue snipped, but he was not coming back to town for quite some time as he was working out in the villages. When we had to rely totally on God, he came through.

All four Ram children are also completely healed of their tuberculosis following prayer at church. All credit to God and thanks to you all for your prayers!

Our growing Jhansi family.



Jhansi robins learning the recorder, donated by Belmont Christian College, NSW, Australia.



Agra robins receiving semi-private English lessons thanks to a caring donor.



Creative Fundraising

There are a lot of wonderful events happening all the time to support the robins. Unfortunately we can't list all of them so here are just a few that have happened recently.

School packs for Webuye robins

Thank you to the Newcastle, Australia, crew for donating school supplies to Webuye robins. Melissa, John and the family, along with the support of family, friends, the Radiography Department at the Mater Hospital and friends in Nambucca Valley raised money to create the school packs and courier them to Kenya. The children love them and finding their names on the pencil cases made them feel extra special.

Celtic night for Jhansi home

Thanks to Marion and Walter of Lynnville United Church, Ontario, Canada who ran a Celtic night to raise funds for our Jhansi home. Their kind effort, and contribution of all who participated, raised more than \$1,000 to purchase a washing machine, refrigerator and other items for the home.

A further BIG thank you to all the time and love while organising the night to Walter Glynn and his band of musicians and soloists who kept our toes tapping and faces grinning from ear to ear all evening.



Celtic Night Coordinator Marion Brown of Lynnville Presbytery Church and Chair of Council Ian Poole donate a cheque of \$1,000 and in turn receive a RNCH appreciation plaque from RNCH Co-Founders Grahame and Robin Byrnes.



One of the personalised school packs given to Webuye robins.



Some of the Newcastle crew getting the school packs ready for Webuye robins.



Business donations

Thanks to awesome advocate Jeff Sidway of Town & Country Cars in Simcoe, Ontario, who not only actively promotes the work of RNCH, he also donates \$1 per service and \$25 per car sale.

Marathon 4 Malaria

Naomi Chapman, a lecturer at the University of Newcastle, Australia, is running in a series of marathons to raise funds for malaria prevention in our Webuye home. Monies raised will purchase mosquito nets and malaria medication. Her first race is on 20 July, the 10km Wine Country Classic in the Hunter Valley, then on 10 August she runs the 14km City To Surf in Sydney, and finally she's running the 22km Sydney Half Marathon on 21 September. Not bad for a full time working mother of two young children. We're with you in spirit, Naomi - thanks so much!

Small change for big change

A big thanks to the St James United Church Amicitia group who faithfully donate their spare change at each weekly meeting in the hope of making a 'BIG change' to our robins.

Read more of the creative fundraising events happening worldwide on our website under Get Involved.

Prayer Points

- Sangeeta in Agra has been left weak from a bout of the measles.
- Two of our boys in Agra are battling a flu virus.
- Political and social rest in Kenya.
- Our Jhansi home is experiencing some difficulty from non Christians in the area. Please pray for their safety, peace and acceptance within their community.
- More volunteers to come forward to help keep up with the growth of Robin's Nest.
- Please pray for Jan who is visiting Webuye at the moment as she finalises the purchase of land for a purpose-built children's home.

Praise Points

- Our Webuye robins and the community were kept safe during the political unrest in Kenya earlier this year.
- Praise God for healing Bhupendra in Jhansi of ankyloglossia (tongue-tied) and all four Ram children of their tuberculosis.
- Praise God that our vision for Webuye continues following the purchase of land for the new home.

Some of our Jhansi robins, including little Bhupendra who has healed of ankyloglossia.



Practical Needs

- Sponsors for house parents: We have three couples (six people) needing ongoing support at a cost of AU\$42 each per month.
- Sponsors for new robins: Jan is currently visiting locations of orphaned children to assess their needs and see if we need to take them under our wings at Robin's Nest. We'll be searching for new sponsors soon so please let your friends know about this upcoming opportunity to make a difference to a child in need. Ongoing practical needs are listed on the website under Wish List.