



May 2008

Dear Robin's Nest friends,

It is lovely to have contact with you wonderful supporters of RNCH again. This year Grahame and I are spending a year in my home town in Ontario, Canada, but the work of our precious Robin's Nest goes on. Here is the latest information from our Robin's Nest Homes. I hope you enjoy hearing about them.



Hannah at a Robin's Nest fund-raising day

Many of you made Christmas donations and they were very much appreciated by the children. A couple of the groups were Belmont Christian College History-Makers Artreach Program and the Hunter Christian Church Newcastle Bible Study Group. We received a photo of Agra Robins with their electric keyboard, so we know the children will receive some piano lessons for those who are interested.

Raising Money Ideas:

1. One little girl in Newcastle, Australia, (Hannah—photo at left) emptied her piggy bank and handed me all her change to go to the "children with no parents".
2. On the opposite side of the earth there was another little boy whose name is Eric (photo below) from Belleville, Ontario, Canada. He also emptied all the change from his Piggy Bank "to help the children in Africa have some of the nice life that I have here".



A photo of the Agra robins with their new keyboard

3. **St. James United Church Bible Study and Goforth UCW in Simcoe Canada**, pass a Robin's Nest donation box around each meeting to drop in their spare change to raise money for RNCH.

4. **Lynette Murtland** of Waterford, Ontario, Canada kindly set up a table of sales items from local artists and merchants at the Cedar Wood Village and Nursing Home Spring Bizarre to raise money for Robin's Nest.



Ian Poole and Marion Brown - Lynneville UC Co-ordinators of Celtic fund-raising night presenting R & G Byrnes with funds for RNCH.



Jhansi children playing their recorders

5. **Carmen Locke** - Epicure (Spices and Cook wear) sales representative of Brantford, Ontario Canada donated 15% of sales at our Epicure party and sold tickets for door prizes. All proceeds were donated to Robin's Nest.

6. **Lynnville United Church, Canada**, raised over \$1200 for Robin's Nest and had a lot of fun doing it - 'tapping to the tunes' at their Celtic Night. They continue to raise funds at their brunches.

7. **The Old United Church's, Stewardship and Outreach Committee (Ontario, Canada)**, has chosen Robin's Nest as their major outreach project for the year.

Jhansi:

Another exciting gift that was given to Jhansi Robins were recorders. The recorders were donated by Belmont Christian School, Belmont NSW Australia and went to the Jhansi (and Agra) homes giving over 20 children the gift of music. In the photo, they are with their new house parent Samson Masih. Mrs Anju Lyall (Pastor's wife) is also sharing in this happy time with them.

Update on Denis:

The latest on Denis is that Pastor Jackson Ongeri went to visit Denis to check on his welfare and deliver gifts and he discovered that Denis is now living with his Aunt. Jackson doesn't feel that Denis will be retuning to RNCH any time soon. We are just happy that he is alive and please continue to pray for him.

Extending a BIG 'thank you' to all dedicated sponsors, valued prayer partners, and those mentioned above in this newsletter, as your generosity today gives the children a CHANCE, a CHOICE and LOVE throughout their lives.

Blessings,

Grahame & Robin Byrnes

Founders of Robin's Nest Children's Homes
Agra, Jhansi, (India) and Webuye (Kenya)

per *Barbara McDonald* - Secretary RNCH.



Eric from Canada