

JULY, 2020 UPDATE

Dear friends of Robin's Nest Children's Home,

"...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" - Philippians 3:13b

We have a Pastor friend in Jamaica whose church has the theme "Forward to better" for the remainder of 2020. Many ask the question during the current pandemic, "will we ever return to normal?" and their answer is "No, we are moving forward to better!" Better relationships, better churches, better prayer life, etc. This is a great theme as we look to the future.

We come to you with thanksgiving for the way God continues to provide for us through your prayerful support. Our children and staff have stayed healthy during this entire time! We have been able to provide for their needs and pay our staff on time. Many of our staff are the sole support for their immediate and sometimes extended family, so it is a joy to be able to provide for them during this time.

It has been quite a different spring and summer at Robin's Nest with the directors, managers and staff wearing teacher hats! Everyone did a great job in homeschooling, and the children enjoyed it! As you may recall, our school year goes through the first week of July, so we just finished up the year. We would like to tell you about a few of our students ...

We have two boys who graduated from Robin's Nest Preschool. These boys did very well, mastering all areas of learning and are ready for Grade One! There were also four community children who graduated from our Preschool with all doing well. Although we did not have a formal graduation ceremony, we did celebrate their achievements! Thanks to their teacher, Ms. Palmer, who has worked with the children diligently and creatively with endless energy, kindness, and joy. Congratulations on another bright, successful graduating class from Robin's Nest Preschool! This is where the love of learning all begins!

Congratulations also for our two boys in Grade Six! They both passed the PEP exams with proficiency in all subjects, placing them at top schools in the area. We are proud of both boys for their hard work, diligent studies, and well-deserved accomplishments.

Praising God today for his love and guidance in their lives,
Robin's Nest Children's Home

PRAYER REQUESTS

- One of our former residents is being deployed this month as part of the USA Air Force. We are immensely proud of him and grateful to all the brave service men and women who fight to protect the freedoms of the United States.
- We remain under a "no visitor" policy at the Nest. Until they see how everything goes with schools back in session, the CPFSA will not allow visitors to interact with children at children's homes on the island. We miss the teams and interns that assist us in many ways. The supplies that we have received from past teams have run out just recently, so we are now forced to purchase them locally, which is much more costly for us.
- Please pray for the island of Jamaica as a whole as it slowly reopens. Many people remain unemployed. There are only a few approved resort hotels open and many restaurants are still closed. There is not much moving about the island. The Jamaican government's new travel guidelines can be found at <https://www.visitjamaica.com/travelauthorization>
- Please pray for our staff and directors as they begin summer school for the children. Our normal team that assists with summer education is not able to come this year due to the pandemic. We are grateful for staff that knows the value of education and is willing to work with the children during their time off school.

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