



Field Report June 08

Joan & Vicki in India

We spent time with our partners in various places, and visited a village in the state of Andhra Pradesh where we were privileged to sit in on an English teaching program for children. The older children successfully read English stories while the younger children recited the alphabet and words beginning with different letters. Learning English will enable these children when older to have greater job opportunities. Jacob's Well will be commencing this program in Orissa in the new year.

Rejoice

We then travelled to Orissa and arrived at Rejoice to be greeted by our House Parents and children. They sang a welcoming song and performed a drama piece in English they had prepared for us.

It was school holidays for the children so they were involved in a seven day teaching program



learning about light, water, agriculture, stars, birds, fish, animals and life skills. Their creative skills were developed through a series of drawing projects, games and practical demonstrations. All this culminated in a mural depicting the elements of the series. The kids had a wonderful time being creative, playing games, getting paint all over themselves and learning, all while having lots of fun! So did we! They also spent time honing their jewellery making skills by beading necklaces and bracelets for everyone.

Seven New Children Arrive

Seven new children arrived on our second day at Rejoice. Over the next few days their new brothers and sisters at Rejoice helped them settle in, surrounding them with love and helping them in all aspects of their new routine. We are seeking sponsors for these children, so if you or anyone you know is interested in helping transform the life of one of these children please email joan@jacobswell.org.au or phone 61 3 9803 6115.



Special Needs

Child and Widow Sponsors for New Home – Rejoice Kakinada

Rejoice Kakinada will provide for 25 children and 10 widows. A child or widow sponsorship costs only \$30 per month (\$1 a day). Please download and complete the sponsorship form at www.jacobswell.org.au/pdfs/childsponsorship.pdf or phone 03 9803 6115 and help us break the poverty cycle.

Building Progress



The building work has been progressing thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, with the multipurpose hall nearly complete. Unfortunately the work has now slowed due to heavy rains. There is about six weeks of full production left and, depending upon the length of the wet season, the multipurpose hall/kitchen/cool room is now scheduled for completion in October.

To assist with the catering for our 43 children we have built a temporary kitchen extension. Once the new kitchen is completed we can then use this area as a laundry.

The boundary wall foundations have been commenced and will continue depending upon the rains.

Rejoice Kakinada



We are excited to announce the appointment of Samuel and Suraya as managers of Rejoice Kakinada Children's and Widows' Home. They have many years experience and are highly skilled in areas

of teaching and home management. We are privileged to have them. Rejoice Kakinada will provide for 25 children and 10 widows. Just as in our other home, the children will receive total care in a loving environment, as will the widows who will also help care for the children and develop their own skills as part of our self-sufficiency goal. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping transform the life of one of these children or widows please email joan@jacobswell.org.au or phone 61 3 9803 6115.

How Sweet It Is

On our fifth day at Rejoice we travelled to a village where we had sunk a bore well last September. The villagers gathered around to tell us how 'sweet' the water was and offered us a



tumbler each to join them in a drink. The water was refreshingly cool given the heat of this time of year, and the taste was indeed 'pure'. As well as using the bore well for drinking water the villagers are able to wash in clean water, lowering the risk of skin irritations and diseases. We then ventured to the village where we sank our first bore well and spent some time with the villagers there.

Travelling back we got caught in a torrential downpour and later that evening we experienced a spectacular display of thunder and lightning. This was not the last of such displays, given the extremely high temperatures – the average daily temperature was 40+ degrees.



100% of your donation goes directly to India.*

Please post a cheque, made payable to Jacob's Well India, to PO Box 680, Glen Waverley, Australia 3150.

*If a tax receipt is not required. A registered not-for-profit charity. Donations to approved aid development activities are tax deductible.

AUCTION DINNER

WHEN: Saturday 2nd August, 7pm

WHERE: Melbourne Bowls Club,

128 Union Street, Windsor 3181

COST: \$30 per head. Drinks at bar prices.

BOOKINGS: Phone Vicki 9528 5981 or 0417 037

234, or Katheryn on 0414 278 696

Not just another fundraiser, this is a night not-to-be missed, with an array of extraordinary items ready for auction. Join us for an exciting night filled with opportunity, fine food and entertainment.

Giveaways and Catering

During the night we will have some great goodies to give away. We are also privileged to have an industry-leading catering team and, with Simplot Australia as one of our corporate sponsors, the scene is set for a wonderful evening's dining. Planning for this scrumptious menu is well underway... all that's missing is YOU to come and make it a night to remember. Why not organise a table of eight for your family and friends? We need to confirm numbers for catering purposes, so please book now!

Auction Items

Auction items include a one week stay in Vanuatu at the Bukura Beach House for up to 4 people, a 30 minute solo cello performance by renowned cellist Zoë Knighton, original handcrafted jewellery, iPod, vouchers for clothing, dinners, sports equipment, kids snacks and drinks pack, and lots, lots more!

Auction Items and Volunteers Required

If you have something to donate for auction or if you would like to volunteer to help please phone Vicki on 9528 5981. We need kitchen hands as well as two or three people to wait on tables.

If you have an email address, please let us know. We would like to email you the next newsletter to save on postage. Email your address to newsletter@jacobswell.org.au