

# Reaching The Unreached

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Happenings of June 2026

Dear Well-wishers,

**Greetings from RTU.** As we start the new school year, we have been busy welcoming the new children who have come into our care, and we were so incredibly glad to welcome all of our children back to our schools. We gave them a great hope to begin this beautiful new journey with us.



**Welcoming the new children into our care**



For the new academic year in June, we extend our warmest and most heartfelt welcome to the 77 precious children - 45 bright boys and 32 resilient girls - who have just joined our family in our Children's Villages and hostels. Many of these young ones have already faced immense hardships in their tender lives. With an open heart, we offer them a promise of safety and love by creating a nurturing, joyful, and enriching environment. As our older children confidently

move onto college and independent futures, they leave behind a brilliant roadmap of what is possible, and we remain dedicated to restoring these children's childhoods and filling their horizons with unstoppable hope.

## Case Study

### New arrival



This month, 13-year-old Rohith and his 12-year-old brother, Prajith, siblings from Bodi, arrived at RTU as their mother passed away from kidney failure in January, leaving behind a grieving husband and heavy debts accumulated from her medical treatments. Working as a daily wage labourer in the neighbouring state of Kerala, their father struggled to manage the overwhelming financial burden, and the boys were temporarily placed under the care of their paternal aunt. Recognizing that their severe financial hardships threatened the children's

well-being, she brought the brothers to RTU to ensure they would receive a proper education and stable care. Moved by the family's deeply painful situation, we placed them into the nurturing environment of Nirmala Children's Village. Today, the brothers are safe, happy, and receiving nutritious, healthy meals every day. They are currently pursuing their studies in the 8th and 6th standards at Nirmala Middle School, thriving within a loving and supportive educational atmosphere. With the reassurance that his sons are safe and well-cared for, their father has found immense peace of mind, allowing him to work steadily in Kerala to gradually repay his debts and rebuild his life.

### Special events for the new and old children together



Throughout June, our childcare staff team hosted a series of engaging events for the newly arrived children and old children together, starting with a 'reunion' get-together on 7th June featuring Zumba and a Thirukkural quiz. This was followed on 14th June by fusion dance and zumba sessions and finally, on 21st June, we celebrated International Yoga Day with wellness exercises alongside an exciting 'Old vs New' themed dance competition. All these events were to encourage a healthy lifestyle while giving children a memorable platform to

showcase their talents and build self-esteem.

## Mental health training organized for the childcare staff and main teachers



From 16th to 18th June, RTU hosted an excellent three-day mental health and childcare training programme led by Fr Arul Edward from Anugraha College. The event was attended by childcare staff and teachers, focusing on the meaningful theme, 'Strengthening the Caregiver, Nurturing the Child'. Through engaging PowerPoint presentations, real-life examples, group discussions, and interactive games, participants

learned practical ways to guide children and manage their emotional and behavioural challenges. The programme also focused heavily on the mental well-being of the staff themselves. Trainees felt that the sessions were incredibly useful for relieving their own daily stress, providing them with a safe space to heal emotionally and recharge. Overall, the training was deeply impactful and inspiring. It not only gave our staff the essential skills to support our children better, but it also nurtured the caregivers, leaving them feeling refreshed, healed, and deeply supported.

## The reopening of our schools



On 4th June, our four schools reopened marking the official start of the 2026–27 academic year in accordance with the Government order. On this reopening day, our teachers joyfully welcomed the children with beautiful flowers, sweets, pens, and greeting cards, setting a wonderful tone for a new learning adventure. All the children entered our schools filled with great hope and high spirits. We also invited the new students to plant trees on our school campus that day.

## Starting of mobile science lab and mobile IT lab programme



On 8<sup>th</sup> June, the mobile science and IT lab teachers received blessings and a short prayer from Fr Antony and Fr Arockiaraj for the year ahead. Following this meaningful start, the mobile lab programmes are set to reach 6,000 students across 97 rural village schools, while the mobile IT programmes will reach 560 students across 20 rural village schools.

## Felicitation of school toppers



On 19th June, our school students came together to celebrate the achievements of our 10th and 12th standard state board exam toppers. Fr Antony honoured Monika Sree, Mahalakshmi, and Dharsan from the 12th standard, alongside Harish, Keerthi and Abirami from the 10<sup>th</sup> standard presenting them with well-deserved awards for their academic excellence. He also honoured other class toppers Mohamed Barid, Dejina, Saaivarshini and Kesiya Rosi who secured 100/100 in the school annual exams from 1<sup>st</sup> standard to 5<sup>th</sup> standard. In his uplifting address, Fr Antony highly commended the teaching staff for their pivotal role in nurturing the children's success, reminding us all that true excellence is a collaborative journey, and he also motivated every student to strive for their own highest potential.

## Student council elections



On 25th and 30th June, we conducted the Balarsabha (school council) elections across our four schools to empower children to engage directly in the democratic processes and school governance for the new academic year. Through this initiative, children were elected by their own peers to monitor student activities, forming school parliaments that serve as vital platforms for leadership. The election process saw students actively campaigning and voting for their chosen representatives. By taking responsibility for monitoring daily school activities and articulating the opinions of their peers, these newly elected student leaders cultivate essential leadership skills, build confidence, and drive personal growth, ultimately creating a more responsible and proactive student.

## General medical check-ups for our children



Our Pushparani clinic team conducted general medical check-ups for children in the Children's Villages. A total of 21 children were referred for further care, including 12 for ear wax issues, 5 for scabies, and 4 for dental problems.

As we begin our new academic year, we thank you all for believing in our mission and empowering us to create such a positive and tangible impact through education. Words cannot express our immense gratitude; your incredible blessings are truly making our services a resounding success and bringing hope where it's needed most. Because of your generosity, these bright and deserving children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds can focus on their learning rather than worrying about the hardships they face at home. We believe that every child deserves a fair chance at a bright future, and your role in this journey is invaluable. We would love for you to see the impact of your gift at first hand. It is humbling when we look back at what you've helped make possible over that time to bring real life and hope to the children. Your loyalty has been a gift to everyone our mission touches. We are always grateful for your faithfulness and your belief in our mission.

Yours fraternally,

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Director