

Reaching The Unreached

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Happenings of May 2025

Dear Well-wishers,

Greetings from RTU. As usual, we have had a busy month with the State Board exam results for our higher school students and the admission of new children ready for the start of the new school year. And we also marked the centenary of the birth of Brother James Kimpton, RTU's founder.

Celebrating the 100th Birthday of Br James Kimpton



On 23rd May, to celebrate what would have been Br James's 100th birthday, we held a special function where we invited local people from the surrounding villages to honour his life along with our children and staff. There was a special prayer service given by our staff. Fr Antony shared photos about his trip to the UK and the great pleasure he had meeting many generous supporters. During this celebration, two of our alumni students acted as Caroline Walker (former volunteer and author of the biography of Br James) and David Cassidy from Bournemouth (one of RTU-UK's founding trustees) who had just come to attend the 100th birthday of Br James Kimpton. A hot lunch was served to staff members and alumni students in Br James's honour, recognising his work among them.

Organizing the 20th RTU alumni reunion



The 20th RTU alumni reunion also on 23rd May, was a heartwarming and productive event, uniting over 102 alumni and their families. The gathering fostered active engagement in upcoming initiatives, including participation in the 100th birthday celebration of RTU's founder, planning for a health camp in June and volunteering for a significant event in July. Ultimately, the reunion underscored the strong and lasting connections within the RTU's alumni group and their inspiring commitment to RTU's future.

My visit to the UK and meeting our supports



From the 6th to 22nd May, my journey around the UK unfolded into an incredible tapestry of unforgettable moments. Meeting supporters from Frimley, Bournemouth, Christchurch, Bath, Wells, Painswick, Malvern, Nantwich, Wrexham, Conwy, Chester, St. Helen's, Liverpool, Ipswich, Walton and Douai Abbey proved to be an enriching experience that far surpassed my expectations. I also had some tourist visits to Salisbury Cathedral, London, Stratford upon Avon and Snowdonia. The consistent warmth and generosity I encountered left a profound and lasting impression. I was deeply touched to cherish their love and their promise to continue their support of RTU. Their commitment means a great deal to us all and provides a strong foundation for our ongoing work. I am immensely grateful to Mo Houlden, from RTU-UK and all those who helped organise our various engagements, whose thoughtful arrangements and companionship were instrumental in making this trip an exceptional and deeply cherished chapter in my memories.

New children coming to RTU



Twin sisters, Anushka and Anushiya, aged 11, have come into our care this month. Sadly, their mother died from sickness nine months ago, and their father works as a labourer on construction sites, often traveling long distances for daily wages. He also has an elder son (17) and an elder daughter (15) who attend the local Government school. Due to his need to work far away, the father found it difficult to care for his two younger daughters and brought them to RTU. Fortunately, they are now receiving good love and care and are settling in happily at Nirmala Children's Village.

Children's Summer Camp



"Kindling minds with fun" blossomed into a memorable Summer Camp for the children in our care who have no relatives to return to during the long school holiday. 51 enthusiastic children immersed themselves in a vibrant spectrum of activities which included learning Sudoku, matchstick and ice stick challenges, word unscrambling, creative team poetry, kite making and flying adventures, dictionary explorations, the A-to-Z naming game, listing Indian war weaponry, Tangrams, fancy dress, and stimulating crossword puzzles. Our counsellors and childcare staff joined together and organised this camp well. The camp proved to be a valuable experience, effectively kindling young minds and significantly enhancing the children's knowledge.

Children's trip to Kuttralam, Tirunelveli and Tiruchendur



As well as the Summer Camp, a heartwarming journey unfolded for 92 children and foster mothers through southern Tamil Nadu, creating cherished memories at every turn. Their day began amidst the natural beauty of Kuttrallam Waterfalls and the Papanasam Dam, followed by a spiritual immersion in the significant Nelloiyappar Temple of Tirunelveli, offering a glimpse into the region's rich heritage. The exploration continued with an engaging visit to the Science Museum, and culminated in the serene coastal town of Tiruchendur, where a refreshing dip provided a joyful conclusion to a day brimming with discovery and wonder.

Schools and Education

Public exam results - great achievements

The State Board exam results for our 12th standard students were announced on 9th May and all of them passed. The school toppers were Mahalakshmi who scored 554/600, Bhuvana 543/600 and Sheela with 542/600. Our 11th standard toppers were Dharsan with 498/600, Monika Sri with 496/600 and Pitchaimuthu with 488/600. Our 10th standard toppers were Abinaya with 471/500, Bhavana Sri 463/500 and Dharaneeswaran with 451/500. We congratulate all our students and teachers for their hard work in passing these exams. This collective success is a moment of great pride for our school, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our students for their hard work and to our teachers for their invaluable guidance. This achievement truly reflects the spirit of excellence we strive for.



Case study

Mahalakshmi's Journey at RTU: From Adversity to Achievement

In 2018, Mahalakshmi and her family faced significant upheaval when her father deserted them. Her mother, struggling to care for three daughters, found support through Jeevan Jyothi hospice and joined the Sirumalar Children's Village at RTU as a foster mother, bringing her daughters with her. Mahalakshmi continued her education at St Peter's Primary School, starting from the 5th standard. Despite the earlier family challenges, she demonstrated remarkable dedication to her studies. This hard work culminated in her successful results in the 12th standard public exam, where she achieved an impressive score of 92%.



Awards for one of our professional students



On 12th May, Angala Eswari, a student at Shenbagam School of Nursing, achieved the top state-level award from the Tamil Nadu School of Nursing Association (TNSONA) and secured 3rd rank in her first year, earning a silver medal and Rs.1250. Having come to RTU in 2020 after the loss of her parents, her success is truly commendable. We congratulate her and wish her all the best in her studies.

Teacher's annual review and action plan for 2025-26



All of our teachers engaged in a highly valuable two-day professional development initiative, commencing with a programme review aligned with the Tamil Nadu Education Department's curriculum and followed by collaborative planning for the upcoming academic year. These sessions fostered a strong sense of teamwork as educators collectively developed comprehensive action plans, with a significant emphasis on exploring diverse teaching methodologies to effectively cater to varied student learning styles and proactively address potential knowledge gaps. Importantly, this training also served as a crucial opportunity for teachers' professional growth, equipping them with innovative methods, effective strategies, and practical tools designed to further enhance their teaching capabilities in the classroom.

Organizing trip to Vadipatti and Kuruvithurai for all our school staff



After the training, we held a day trip for all our teachers and staff members from RTU's four schools, along with the educators of our balwadis, day care centres, the mobile school science lab, mobile IT lab, and the mobile tailoring unit, who collectively visited the

Vadipatti Basilica and Kuruvithurai Temple. This unified gathering was to offer prayers for the upcoming academic year. They sought blessings and knowledge for all the students commencing their studies this year, marking a spiritual beginning to the new educational journey.

Achievement by the Home Sponsorship support programme beneficiaries

The recent announcement of the State Board exam results for 12th standard students brought joyous news for the children attending government schools who we support in their homes to enable them to go to school. All 10 12th standard students successfully passed with Kishore standing out with an impressive score of 576/600,



followed closely by Tamilselvi at 548/600 and Ashubha with 532/600. Similarly, the 11th standard results saw 19 out of 20 students clearing their exams, with Angela Mercy leading the way with 535/600, Hemalatha securing 468/600, and Nanthitha achieving 428/600. In the 10th public exams, 13 out of 15 students passed, with Latha scoring a notable 437/500, Sathana securing 414/500, and Bhuvaneshkumar achieving 400/600 marks. These achievements highlight the dedication and hard work of the students, and we extend our heartfelt appreciation to all who excelled in their examinations. We hope to be able to sponsor these students through college.

Visit RTU in October

The next planned visit to RTU for supporters from the UK will take place in October and you are more than welcome to visit us and see all our various programmes. We will take care of all the arrangements and accompany you throughout. Mo Houlden from RTU-UK will be organising the visit and do [email her](#) if you would be interested in joining us or would like more information.

In this moment of celebration for our Year 12 students achieving a remarkable 100% pass rate, we extend our deepest gratitude. This success, born from their dedication and the unwavering support of the RTU family, has been significantly amplified by your generous contributions. Your provision of bursaries and vital resources has demonstrably improved overall grades which will have a lasting effect on their successful futures. For this, we are profoundly thankful. We deeply value your partnership in this holistic endeavour to empower our children. Thank you again for your compassionate support; it is invaluable, and we hope to continue this meaningful journey with you.

Yours fraternally,

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