



COVER STORY

The Revd (Sqn Ldr) Eleanor Rance writes from Basrah to confirm that British Forces have extended and refurbished one school and completely built a second school in their area of operations.

"Thanks to your generosity the second school has been furnished entirely with funds raised by ICING in Riyadh. A small amount of your contribution also topped up the furniture delivered to the extended school." says Eleanor.



"Due to the heightened security situation over past weeks, I was unable to attend the opening of the schools myself, but the men of 1 Sqn RAF Regt, and our BAS Comd, Gp Capt Nigel Wharmby, made a formal visit on Wednesday 25th August. I hope the photos give you an idea of what has been achieved in such a short timescale."

The new school consist of 6 classrooms, a storeroom, ablutions, and ancillary meeting rooms and offices. The school is built around a courtyard. Each classroom has been fitted with 13 double desks, a blackboard, store cupboard, and teacher's chair and desk. The rooms have been fitted with fans and decorated simply. The flooring is made up of tiles laid out in a checkerboard pattern. It is expected that each school will serve up to 250/300 children aged between 6 and 12 years, during 2 'shifts' each day.

The RGBB's efforts in support of ICING continue and elsewhere in the publication details of the Summer Ball fundraiser show what can still be achieved by those willing to spend a little time & effort to assist those less fortunate.

In addition to funds from the RGBB, BAE Systems in Riyadh continues with their support for the community. Pictured below, Paul Dugan hands over a cheque on behalf of the company to Lady Cowper-Coles, patron of ICING in Riyadh.

