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Dear friends and supporters

At last, the moment we have been waiting for!

All our students are returning to school. Our thanks to our staff who recorded the video clips for us. Here is the link: https://youtu.be/TiOyzRI7S_c.

We are facilitating a slow return, with a gentle re-introduction to school life. The children now have the chance to meet their friends again, their health is being checked. They are receiving nutritious food every day to help them re-gain their weight, energy and health. We will help them with their mental health as well. We are working with a local psychiatrist who is talking to each student individually to understand their concerns and issues. Many students have lost friends or relatives and are living in homes where there is still much grieving.

Our focus in education will be on languages and maths to start. Gradually introducing more classes as the students' confidence returns. We are conducting an assessment of each student individually to understand their aims and aspirations as well as their concerns and worries. This will be particularly important for the older students whose visions of their future life have been severely disturbed by the war.

We are also looking after the physical and mental health of our teachers and other staff, too. They have lost family members, others have suffered injury. Some volunteered to protect the region and have experienced things that they never expected to see and certainly weren't trained for. Our aim is to help the school remain an oasis of calm and tranquillity.

Our training centre and workshops are going to be perfect now for helping older students develop new skills to help them set up their own small businesses or help them become employable. We are also working to start some programmes there once school is running smoothly.

We are investigating when it will be safe and practical to make a return visit and we will let you know when we have positive information.

We hope to receive more video over the next weeks and to be able to update you soon with more scenes from the Nicolas Robinson School.

We thank you all for your support, and please do help us find more sponsors for the students to help them complete their education.

With our very best wishes
Max and Kathryn