

Winter 2010 Newsletter

► 20 years – \$20,000 appeal

2010 is the 20th anniversary of scholarship provision in East Timor, led by Arie van Klinken. The Foundation's appeal in 2010 is to raise \$20,000 towards this work. Since its launch in March we have raised in excess of \$8,000, which includes almost \$6,000 from the luncheon. This is a tax-deductible project and we commend you to give generously and help us reach our target by December.

► St Mary's Children's Home

Last year Timor Children's Foundation held a successful appeal raising money for Philomena to renovate the burnt out children's home in Dili. For the past three years she and the children have been living as refugees on the floor of church halls, manses, and wherever else 2 adults and up to 25 children could be accommodated. We are delighted to announce that the renovation work has been completed and Rev John Ruhle's family will be part of a team who are going over to celebrate this achievement in June. Many thanks to everyone who gave generously to this appeal. Look forward to John's update in the next newsletter.



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► Check it Out!!

Timor Children's Foundation has a new, improved, website. Check it out and let us know what you think!



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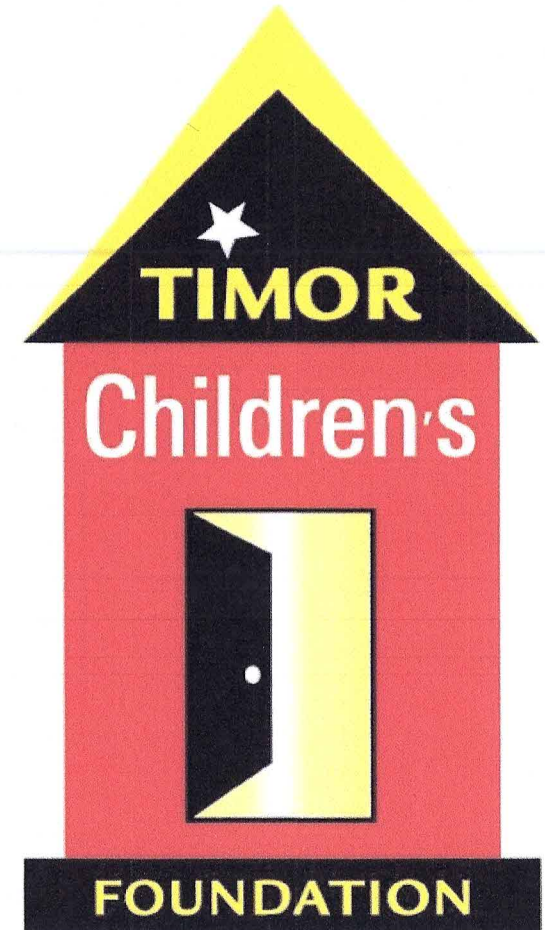
- Mr Nathan Godfrey (Chairperson)
- Rev John Ruhle (Co-Leader)
- Mr Arie van Klinken
- Mrs Helen Findlay
- Dr Liz Jones
- Dr Dick Copland
- Mrs Julia Godfrey
- Rev Henry Swindon
- Rev Peter Arnett
- Mrs Sandy Nolde (administrator)

To make a donation please complete the enclosed donation slip and post to:

Timor Children's Foundation
Mrs Sandy Nolde
PO Box 363
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For information about the newsletter or to enquire about the work of the Timor Children's Foundation please contact Julia Godfrey on (07) 3892 2976

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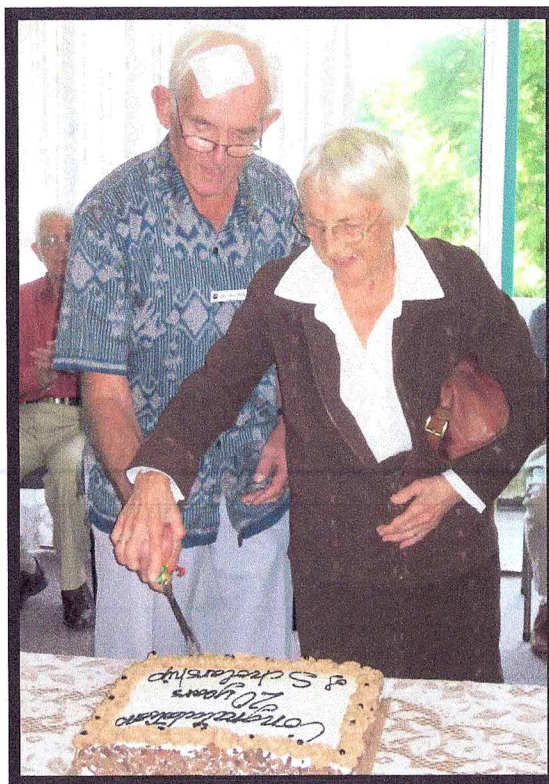
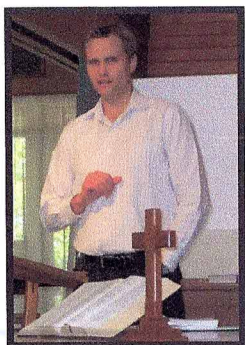
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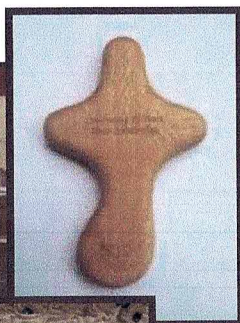
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► 20 years celebration luncheon

On Sat 8th May the Kenmore Uniting Church was once again the venue for a successful Timor Children's Foundation fundraising luncheon. Helen Findlay and her team arranged a very interesting group of speakers, which included personal stories from two East Timorese recipients of scholarships as well as an update on the Foundation from the Chairperson, Nathan Godfrey. The main focus during the Luncheon was honouring Arie van Klinken and all he has achieved over the past 20 years. In recognition of his tireless efforts over the past 20 years Arie was presented with a hand carved cross created from Banksia timber.

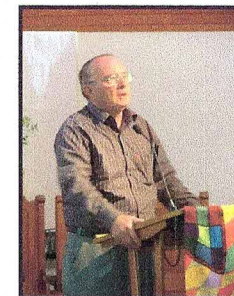


One of the van Klinken's children, Dr Jeannet Kessels, has found her own unique way to fundraise for scholarships. A veterinary surgeon at Springfield in Queensland, she runs a breeding program for Groodles (a cross between Golden Retrievers and Poodles). The money made from the sale of puppies is donated to scholarships in East Timor. We were fortunate to have a Groodle at the lunch. "Dilli" is pictured with Mrs Findlay at the conclusion of the luncheon.



► Farewell Rev Alan O'Hara

Rev O'Hara has been part of that scholarships committee since he first returned from East Timor in 1999. He has been a friend, fellow traveller, encourager and supporter for many years. The Timor Children's Foundation wishes to thank Rev O'Hara for all he has contributed and to wish him well in his retirement.



► ABC Radio – Encounter program

On Easter Sunday listeners of ABC Radio's Encounter program would have heard the story of Tarragindi Uniting Church's link to the Timor Children's Foundation through Bob Mitchell. It was titled, "We're Bound" and was described as, "Giving sacrificially to the children and young adults of East Timor has changed the lives of a small Christian congregation in an affluent part of Brisbane's inner southern suburbs. In 2002 the Wellers Hill-Tarragindi Uniting Church endorsed the Timor Children's Foundation set up by one of its members, Bob Mitchell, after he and others visited orphanages in East Timor and witnessed the devastation and suffering there. The Foundation has donated mosquito nets, scholarships, school books and nutritional support for hundreds of East Timorese children. Photos, cards, visits and love flow between the two worlds, changing and enlarging both communities with a commitment that is as binding as family now."

www.abc.net.au/rn/encounter/stories/2010/2859960.htm

Refer to the website if you wish to obtain a podcast or transcript. If you wish to receive a CD copy please contact Julia Godfrey on (07) 3892 2976.

