

► **2014 Timor Children's Foundation Luncheon**

Speakers: Dr Malcolm Campbell and Dr Jeannet Kessels

Date: Saturday 17 May

Venue: Indooroopilly Uniting Church

Time: 12noon presentation followed by 1pm lunch

Cost: \$25 p.p.

For tickets please contact Julia Godfrey on 07 3892 2976 or email info@timorchildrensfoundation.com

Dr Campbell is a Brisbane Dentist who first visited Timor with Rev John Ruhle last year. He was able to provide dental check-ups for children living at the Samaria Children's Home. At the luncheon he will share some of his experiences as well as his vision for working with the Timorese in the future.



Dr Kessels is a senior Vet at the Springfield District Veterinary Clinic and the Project Coordinator of Goodles Australia. The veterinary clinic coordinates and supervises the Goodle breeding program and all proceeds from sale of pups (after costs) are donated to our Foundation. Jeannet led a group of interested Goodle Australia supporters to Timor during 2013. At the luncheon she will share her history with the Foundation and the insights her group gained while visiting Timor.

Springfield District Veterinary Clinic has a number of golden retriever puppies needing a good home. Proceeds will also contribute funding to the TCF projects. To find out more please call Rachel at the clinic on 32881574.



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► Samaria Children's Home

The following is an excerpt from Filomena's most recent report. "We are grateful to the Timor Children's Foundation for the Christmas bonus which you gave us. We used this money to buy a washing machine because it was getting too much to hand-wash the clothes with a brush. It was a great blessing from God via you. Some of the money we used to buy two wall-mounted fans to replace the ones that no longer worked in the boys' and the girls' rooms."



The children are all well and attending school.

► Scholarships

Moises has provided scholarships to almost 300 students for Semester 1 this year. Students are studying a range of courses from vocational study such as computer/office skills and brick laying, to tertiary courses in education (school teacher), business and economics.

► Timor Children's Foundation Committee

Our Foundation is fortunate to have key people in Timor ensuring the success of our projects. We also have a group of dedicated members of the Executive Committee located in southeast Queensland. Our skills are wide ranging, our experience with Timor is varied but our passion for making a difference in the lives of young Timorese people binds us together. Together we are:

- Rev John Ruhle (Chair)
- Dick Copland
- Helen Findlay
- Julia Godfrey
- Nathan Godfrey
- Liz Jones
- Sandy Nolde (Administrator)
- Lydia Pitcher
- Robyn Pugh
- Pippa Tomane
- Paul Tomane

Earlier this year we began strategically planning for the future. A mission statement was created:

Empowering future leaders of Timor Leste.

Empowering: providing opportunities through education, improving health and nutrition, showing trust and faith through scholarships, providing infrastructure, opportunities and most of all hope.

Future: focusing on children and youth.

Leaders: Leaders in their family, in the community, places of education, churches or work places.

Timor Leste: where our attention is focused.

Our Foundation would love to see a future where we weren't needed. Where children don't require external funds to provide daily food. Where education is seen as a priority not a luxury for the minority. Until that time we are committed to continuing our work and ask for your continued assistance.

Some of our strengths:

- We are a small organisation. We know our recipients and care takers and have regular contact with them, i.e. there is active monitoring.
- Our financial donors can have confidence when contributing to TCF projects. With very few overheads, more than 95% of donations are received by our projects in Timor.
- There is a long history. The scholarships have been operating since 1991 and the support of Samaria children's home since 2002.
- 1,100 students have gone through the scholarship program over the past 23 years.
- Regular communication through newsletters, TCF website, church and community talks and the annual luncheon.



If you have comments or feedback which you would like to add please contact Julia Godfrey on 07 3892 2976 or email info@timorchildrensfoundation.com

► Prayer Request

Please continue to uphold the faithful people assisting the Foundation in Timor, for Moises, Filomena, Rob and Catharina. That they would be sustained and have energy in the work they do; that they would see a way through any difficulties they face; and for good health for themselves and those they love.



East Timor or Timor-Leste, officially the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, is a country in Southeast Asia.

Capital: Dili

President: Taur Matan Ruak

Currency: United States Dollar

Government: Unitary state, Republic, Democracy, Parliamentary system

Official languages: Portuguese Language, Tetun Language

Timor Children's Foundation complies with the World Relief Australia Code of Conduct which is a voluntary code that sets minimum acceptable standards for smaller Non-Government Organisations that work in the international relief and development sector.



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