

► **Samaria**

During Team 1's visit Dr Vanessa Reher conducted a dental clinic at Samaria where she examined most of the children and provided Fluoride treatments. After returning from Lospalos Team 3 completed the treatment for the children.

In all AUD\$7,542 worth of treatment was provided including 4 extractions, 23 fillings and Fluoride applications.

Malcolm spoke to Philomena regarding the health and wellbeing of the children. Most are reported to be in good health. All the children are doing well at school and are passing exams. One girl who finished Year 3 in 2018 was dux of her class. There are a few renovation requirements which the Foundation has approved.

In total the joint project provided over \$350,000 worth of dental treatment.

To everyone involved, congratulations and sincere thanks for your care, professionalism and time given to looking after the Timorese. We appreciate you!

► **Bridge The Gap 2020**

Plans are underway to have a Bridge The Gap group visit Timor in April 2020. The aim of the trip is to visit a clinic and Samaria Children's Home, support the dental work, fundraise for the Foundation and trek on Atauro Island. Each person commits to raising \$2000 as well as covering their travel expenses. For more information please contact Rev John Ruhle on jkruhle43@gmail.com

► **Thanks Churchie**

The students in Biggs House raised funds which were donated to Samaria Children's Home. Thank you very much for your support. If other community groups or schools would like to assist with raising funds for Samaria we would be very grateful. There is very little cost in running this project so close to 97c in every \$1 reaches Filomena and the children in her care.



► **Thanks JAFFA Club**

The children attending JAFFA Club each Thursday at Wellers Hill-Tarragindi Uniting Church donated pillowcases to Samaria Children's Home at the end of June. Dr Malcolm Campbell delivered them when he visited. They were very excited to receive their gift.



JAFFA Club pillowcases

Mal & Philomena with the pillowcases

► **Who Are We?**

The committee has a breadth of knowledge and expertise that enables us to ensure the Foundation runs smoothly. Over the next few newsletters members will be introduced to provide an insight into why they choose to be involved in TCF.

Keith and Jan Elcock

After attending a number of annual TCF Luncheons and learning of the many activities sponsored by members of the TCF committee we joined when the need arose for the position of secretary. We have been humbled by the dedication and passion of this small group who have contributed so much over a number of years.

Julia Godfrey

My husband, Nathan, visited Timor Leste with Bob Mitchell in early 2006. On returning he joined the Board. The following year, while being at home with two small children, I joined the committee and worked a few hours a week on admin and marketing. 13 years later, I continue to compile stories for the newsletters and assist in any way I can. In 2014 we took our three children to Timor. This had a profound affect on them and has enabled them to understand why we invest our time and energy into this cause.



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► Scholarships

TCF provides a range of funding through our scholarship project. It costs:

- US\$50 per semester/high school student
- US\$100 per semester/student attending a tech college
- US\$200 per semester/student attending a tertiary institution
- US\$300 per semester/scripsi student (higher level tertiary study)

With the downturn in the value of Australian dollar the Foundation is facing some difficult decisions. Do we increase our efforts to raise more funds so that the same number of students can be supported or do we need to reduce the number of scholarship recipients? We encourage our supporters to consider a monthly direct debit or to plan ahead your financial contribution for this financial year. Tristan would be happy to assist and can be contacted on admin@timorchildren.com

► Hygiene Packs

The Foundation believes that it is important for female students to have access to education and strives to maintain a balance between the number of male and female scholarship recipients. The cost of disposable sanitary items is high in Timor. To ensure this does not prevent females from attending classes, each student is provided with a hygiene pack once a year. These handmade, washable pads are sewn by a local Timorese business "BeleKria." Not only are we caring for our students but we also support an entrepreneurial enterprise. A big win, win!



Hygiene Packs

► Luncheon

The 2019 Fundraising Luncheon was a huge success. The Gap Uniting Church welcomed us and proved to be a fabulous venue, the mix of young speakers were passionate and informative and the performance by Churchie Community Chorale was as outstanding as ever. A sincere thank you to everyone who prepared food, assisted with set-up, attended to support us or gave a donation.



John and Tahlia presenting at the Luncheon

► New Faces on the Committee

Welcome to Tristan Rolls who has agreed to assist with accounting and the receipting of donations. Ruth, our hard working admin person for the past four years, needs to have some time off and the Committee is delighted that Tristan has offered his expertise.

Welcome also to Roy Ballantyne who has recently retired and would like to use his expertise and experience to assist us to improve our website, marketing materials and appeals. Thank you for your energy, knowledge and enthusiasm.

► Helen Findlay

Helen was part of Arie van Klinken's original scholarship committee, before they amalgamated with the Timor Children's Foundation. She ran the original Fundraising Luncheons, at Kenmore Uniting Church, preparing a lot of the food herself and spending weeks before hand promoting to local churches and community groups. She has continued to support our activities, even after stepping down from the Committee a few years ago. One of Helen's signature contributions was her melt-in-your-mouth shortbread. This year, Helen baked shortbread and nenish tarts for us to sell which were a big hit.



Shae and Helen with shortbread

► Dental Trip Report

June 2019 saw the 6th trip to Timor as part of the Timor Children's Dental Project. The project was run again in conjunction with our partners Glebe Rd Uniting Church and Griffith University and this year also saw collaboration with Maluk Timor, an NGO with an office in Dili. Twenty-four people volunteered to take part in the combined enterprise, and this enabled us to form 3 separate teams to send to Timor.

Glebe Rd Uniting Church were recipients of a \$59,000 DFAT Friendship grant. This enabled them to purchase dental equipment and materials, to pay some transport costs and some wages for a local workforce. In addition, late last year, Dr Carmel Marshall donated considerable dental materials and equipment to TCF. We transported a large amount of equipment in March this year in a Rotary Shipping container. The shipment arrived in May and was received by the Principal and staff of the Marcello 2 School in Dili.

The TCF team was the 3rd group to arrive. They travelled to Lospalos and found the roads were in better condition than last year.

Early on the Monday morning they set up two operative dental chairs and a surgical treatment room in the Immanuel Clinic. This allowed the three operators to have their own treatment room and assistant. However, this left only one team member to assist with sterilizing and post-operative care. Thanks to Isabel, Dr Monica Liddle and Hannah Liddle for translating for the team.



Dental Team at Lospalos

Treatment performed at Lospalos

- AUD\$115,000 worth of dental treatment was provided.
- 93 patients were treated
- 203 extractions including 60 surgical extractions. (average of 2+ extractions per patient)
- 56 fillings