## **Timor Children's Foundation**

#### Wild Timor Coffee Co.

For many years' Dr Malcolm Campbell has been selling Wild Timor Coffee to raise funds for the Dental Project. Here is the story behind this fabulous coffee, we hope it inspires you to try it out. Another way you can support TCF!

"Wild Timor Coffee beans are more than just coffee; each one represents support provided for a developing community. Our motto is "Every bean counts."

Wild Timor Coffee was founded in 2012 by Shannon, Cameron, Tom P and Tom M. Soldiers in the Australian Army, they were deployed to Timor-Leste with their comrades as peacekeepers. The boys developed friendships with the village people in their area and were indignant at the poor treatment they received - especially exploitation at the hands of coffee brokers, who offered far less than was fair for an excellent product.

Wild Timor Coffee was formed as a means of buying the coffee at a good price. The green coffee bean was duly paid for and shipped to Australia. We established our brand in Melbourne and opened our first café - Wild Timor Coffee Coburg.

We continue to buy green coffee bean from our Timorese brothers and sisters each harvest we attend. We offer them a fair price, usually determined by matching and raising the price of other buyers. Once in Melbourne it is roasted and sold.

Tasting notes: caramel, chocolate and cherry sweetness; hints of soft citrus and rum. A natural hybrid of Arabica and Robusta beans, only found in Timor-Leste. Timorese coffee retains the excellent qualities of both, resulting in a hardy plant with a smooth, velvety flavour."

Coffee Prices begin at \$13 for 200gm beans (plus postage). Please order through our website www.timorchildren.com There is a button on the Home page which links to the order form.

Information from https:// wildtimorcoffee.com



#### TCF is on Facebook and Instagram

Check out timorchildrensfoundation for more info, cool stories and interesting photo's

Insta post from 16 Feb: Did you know that Timor Leste is home to some of the worlds best snorkelling...right off the shoreline? Located in the southwest corner of the Coral Triangle, over 2,000 fish species and 500 coral types call Timor home. And the amazing part is, it's almost completely untouched! Tourism rates are low, resulting in full immersion experience upon each trip. There is so much beneath the surface of this beautiful country.



#### New Website

www.timorchildren.com has been revamped and we'd love you to check it out! Donations can now be made online through our donate button. Many thanks to Maddi Campbell and her team for creating the website for us.





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# WINTER NEWS 2020

#### **COVID-19 in Timor**

As soon as the first COVID-19 case was announced in Timor, the government declared a state of emergency. Schools and churches were closed, as was all public transport in and between towns. Many people left Dili to go back to their home villages. There were 24 cases, with no known local transmission. No new cases have been detected in over a month despite regular testing. As in Australia schools shut and instead operated through television and textbooks. Churches and schools have now resumed. There remain tight border controls on the few people coming into Timor. Please pray for the government leaders as they work to navigate through this season. Pray also for the many people who have lost their source of income with the state of emergency restrictions.

Sadly, Rev John Ruhle and the Bridge The Gap group had to cancel their trip to Timor in April. At this stage there is no planned visit during 2020, however, the committee is grateful to Moises da Silva and Rob and Catharina for their updates and diligent work on our behalf.

#### Samaria Children's Home

The kids sound like they are happy enough. They have been doing their schooling and also run Sunday School from home. The Ministry of Education has announced that schools will start up again on 26th May which they are looking forward to. Filomena has been undertaking some renovations around

the home, including erecting a cover over the pathway between the kitchen/ dining area and the children's bedrooms.

We would be grateful if community groups and church congregations could make a donation to the Samaria



Children's Home during the year. If you would like a committee member to speak please contact Julia on 0432 500 358.

When Tahlia turned 16 earlier this year, she asked her friends to donate to Samaria rather than give her a gift. TCF treasurer, Tristan Rolls, said there was a number of new donations made that month and he was touched by this young person's thoughtfulness and generosity. If you would like to make a donation to any of our projects in lieu of a gift, we can send you a card to give the recipient. Contact donations@timorchildren.com for more information.



New awning between dining room and bedrooms

#### Scholarships Program

In Semester 1, 2020, Moises provided scholarships to 252 students. As in Australia, Timorese universities are delivering their course material online. It is certainly a challenging time for students, not made any easier by the fact that some have also lost their source of income due to the state of emergency restrictions in place. Please continue to pray for the students to persevere and overcome the challenges they're facing.

Bele Kria have sewn an additional 110 hygiene packs for Moises to give out to female students when they collect their Semester 2 funds. The pack contains 2 liners, 7 pads, underpants, bar of soap and a plastic bag which is all contained in a fabric, drawstring bag. The washable pads enable female students to continue their studies and also support a local enterprise. We are delighted with this partnership.



Hygiene Packs

#### Annual Fundraising Luncheon

YOU ARE INVITED TO TIMOR CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

# Annual Luncheon

12noon on Saturday 29 August 2020

Have a small gathering at home and show your support in 2020. We will send you an update video with all our news and some entertainment. Check out our new website and make a donation to ensure we can keep our projects running.

For more details www.timorchildren.com or phone 0432 500 358

#### Dental Report

If the eyes are the window to your soul, the mouth is the window to your health. "Your mouth is the first part of your digestive system, so if you have good oral health you are more likely to have good overall health as well," says Carol Tran, vice president of the Dental Hygienists Association of Australia.

Dr Malcolm Campbell has been very pleased with the oral hygiene of the Samaria children over the past four years. Although he cannot visit them in person during 2020, he is confident that they can maintain the regular brushing until he is able to see them again.