



# TIMOR CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

— ONLINE NEWSLETTER —

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With prayer there is hope.

We are grateful to the Lord Jesus Christ, who can prepare parents we do not know, God uses their loving hands to help us.

May the Lord Jesus bless the family, church and nation of Australia.

I, on behalf of the Timor-Leste Students, would like to say thank you to every person and family who took part in student difficulties here. Pray for the 268 students in the semester.

And our prayers that the virus we face will quickly pass.

God bless us.

Rev Moises da Silva

## Website

The new TCF website is brighter, more colourful and easier to use. Donate online, order Wild Timor coffee, view previous newsletters and find out what is happening with our projects. Thanks to Malcolm, Maddie and Tristan for their work on the update.

<https://www.timorchildren.com/>

## Struggling with ideas for Christmas Presents?

Consider making a donation to Timor Children's Foundation. If you donate before Mon 14th December we can post a TCF card for you to give the recipient. Donate via the website and then email [donations@timorchildren.com](mailto:donations@timorchildren.com) to request a card. Wild Timor Coffee also makes a great gift! It can be purchased through the TCF website.

## Video Updates

14 short videos were compiled for our Annual Luncheon which was held online in August. If you missed the event, please follow this link to watch them. <https://www.timorchildren.com/events-1>

It includes updates from Moises and scholarship recipients, Catharina chatting to Filomena while the children at Samaria play and sing, Churchie's Wild Timor coffee drive, and much more. Sincere thanks to everyone who joined us online on Sat 29th August and who donated afterwards. As our first attempt at an online event we were very pleased with how it was received, however, we look forward to 2021 and the potential to meet in person again!

## Bridge The Gap

The trip to Timor wasn't able to proceed in April, however the participants are planning an event so they can still raise valuable funds to send to Timor. If you enjoy trekking, you might wish to take part... or you could sponsor someone to assist with their fundraising. More details will be available early 2021.

## Congratulations Catharina!

Earlier in November, Catharina Williams-van Klinken was promoted to Professor of Linguistics at Dili Institute of Technology, becoming the first person to be appointed as professor in Timor Leste. These pictures provide a glimpse into the way Timorese celebrate with lots of colour, formality and symbolism.

Catharina has been an essential part of the Timor Children's Foundation after her father began the scholarships project multiple decades ago! Since then we've been so thankful for the connection she has provided within Timor Leste, and we are excited to celebrate her latest achievement.



## Condolences

In September Filomena's husband passed away. TCF sent our condolences and Catharina has been doing a wonderful job of supporting Filomena, while our newest committee recruit, Rev Esteban, has been writing messages of comfort in Portuguese which she has appreciated.

## Dental Project Update

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, there hasn't been a dental trip during 2020. The dentists who donate their time to go to Timor are now expected to have additional registration that wasn't previously required. At the moment, there are no trips planned for 2021 as they work through the protocols and restricted travel situation. Donated dental items are being shipped over so that other agencies located in Timor can benefit from them.

## Groodles Australia

Our continued thanks to Groodles Australia staff and families who purchase puppies thereby making a donation to TCF. We appreciate the contribution you make to our projects.

## Thanks Tristan

It's with sadness that we say goodbye to our wonderful treasurer, Tristan. The TCF members are grateful for how Tristan has helped modernise our giving, receipting and transferring processes and we wish him all the very best for his future.

## Positions Vacant – TCF Treasurer

We are now looking for an eager person to join our committee!

### This volunteer position needs to:

- Prepare monthly financial reports for TCF, using accounting software
- Make payments on behalf of TCF
- Respond to emails from donors
- Bank cheques received
- Attend to regulatory requirements, including having the accounts audited.

### Skills required:

- Basic understanding of accounting concepts
- Ability to read and interpret basic financial reports
- Ability to use accounting software

*Please contact Julia on 0432500358 if you are interested to discuss this further.*

## Want to keep in touch?

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