



# TIMOR CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

— ONLINE NEWSLETTER —

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## Containers for Change

Do you have bottles and cans which you would like to donate to Timor Children's Foundation? In 2019 my son gathered cans and bottles from far and wide to pay for the representative sport teams he qualified for. His enthusiasm waned as soon as the events were over. Now we have another project to support! Drop them off to a Containers For Change location, use the QR code and funds will be deposited into the TCF account which assists children living at Samaria. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity in supporting this initiative.

## Churchie and Wild Timor Coffee

In 2021 Churchie is delighted to announce that Biggs House will again collect chapel donations and coordinate a coffee drive in Term 3 to raise funds. Timor Children's Foundation has been the focus of their social justice projects for a number of years and the boys are looking to build on the success of the 2020 coffee drive. The Foundation would like to sincerely thank all of the house leaders, teachers and wider school community in advance for their contribution, it's very much appreciated.

## Tribute to Arie and Anneke van Klinken



Arie, Anneke, Moises and Rusti

Anneke van Klinken passed away peacefully at home in Brisbane on 19th February, aged 94. She and her late husband Arie started arranging scholarships for East Timorese church leaders in the 1990s, and remained involved in East Timor as long as their strength permitted. Anneke's last visit to Timor was a few years ago. TCF grew in part from this informal scholarship program and has built on the deep long-standing relationships that Anneke and Arie had over the years with some of our friends in East Timor. Dr Lydia Pitcher and Rev John Ruhle attended the funeral on behalf of the Foundation on Tuesday 2 March at Indooroopilly Uniting Church. To read more about this remarkable couple's lives search for this article in Journey Online, published in August 2013. <https://journeyonline.com.au/features/set-free-to-live-for-others/>

## Samaria Update

Filomena and the children are well, although we continue to uphold Filomena since her husband passed away in September 2020. When Catharina returns to Dili (she has been in Australia for a few months prior to her mother passing) she will be able to provide a more detailed update.

## Scholarships Update

Moises da Silva continues to meet with scholarship students prior to the commencement of each semester. He also uses funds to directly support tertiary and vocational institutions such as Dili Institute of Technology (DIT), Filuro ladies college and Don Bosco. We would also like to acknowledge the vital role that World Relief Australia (WRA) provide in giving us tax deductible gift recipient status. The current project cycle expires 31st Dec 2021 and the committee are working towards continuing the project in a sustainable way for a further three year project through WRA.



## Dental Projects Update

No dental trips are planned for 2021 so Dr Malcolm Campbell has made arrangements for perishable products to be shipped to Timor and used by local dentists.

## How you can join the TCF committee – opening for a Treasurer

There is an opening on our committee for an enthusiastic, caring person to join us as Treasurer. Anyone interested in discussing this further can contact Rev John Ruhle on 0406 123498

## Fundraising Ideas for 2021

- Make cards, jams or jewellery and sell them to friends and family
- Host a dinner party and ask for donations
- Ask that donations be made to TCF in lieu of birthday presents
- Hold a garage sale
- Have one less coffee or take away lunch and instead make a donation
- Organise a Wild Timor Coffee fundraising drive

This saying sums it up. Individually we may just give a little, but when many people give a little it becomes a lot.



## Groodles Australia Update

The Foundation is continually grateful for the ongoing financial support from our major sponsor, Groodles Australia. With each puppy sold, a donation is made, and some more Timorese young people are given the opportunity to learn and equip themselves with an education. Our Foundation is then able to continue striving towards our mandate of 'Empowering Future Leaders of Timor-Leste.' A litter was born in late March and the sales from this litter should meet their target donation commitments to TCF for the 2020-21 financial year. They hope to expect more litters closer to the end of the year.

For more information check out <http://www.springfielddistrictvets.com.au/groodlesaustralia/>

The Groodles Australia project was established by Greater Springfield Veterinary as a way to raise money for the East Timor Childrens Foundation and to provide families with beautiful, healthy Groodles raised under constant supervision of qualified veterinarians and nurses from conception all the way through to the puppies being available for sale. A Groodle is a Golden Retriever and Poodle cross.



## Thank you Southside Uniting!

Southside Uniting Church (formally made up of five churches from the south Brisbane area of Tarragindi, Holland Park and Yeronga) has formally agreed to fundraise and support Timor Children's Foundation for three years, 2021-2024. We appreciate this very much and look forward to working with you during that time. A Southside Congregation Luncheon is planned for later this year. For more details please contact Rev Esteban Lievano on 0407 731950.

## Annual Fundraising Luncheon

### The Gap Uniting Church

12noon on Saturday 21st August

Entertainment, presentations and updates about how our projects are going will be followed by a light lunch and refreshments.

\$25 pp, payable through our website [www.childrensfoundation.com](http://www.childrensfoundation.com)

## 2021 APPEAL: Easter weekend Flood Recovery

Many living in Australia experienced the heavy rain over the Easter weekend this year. Unfortunately, the weather event was far more devastating with 350mm of rain falling over 2.5 days, creating extensive flooding in Timor Leste. The scale and impact has been catastrophic. The banks of the rivers and canals broke, and water poured through the streets. The ocean high tide met the land floodwaters, submerging the port. Roads and bridges have been washed away, homes and businesses have been destroyed, and power has been turned off resulting in food and precious health supplies being destroyed. Some roads leading from Dili to the Districts have been damaged resulting in food, drinking water and medical supply deliveries being affected. It is also a double calamity as Dili was in lock-down due to Covid-19 when the weather event occurred.

- Rev Moises da Silva (Coordinator for the TCF Scholarship scheme) lives on high ground, so he and his family are okay. Many of the students need additional support because it is hard to travel between Dili and their home towns, so their families are unable to send their regular support.
- Mrs Filomena da Vasconcelos (Samaria children's home) had water into the property and prepared to evacuate on the Saturday night, however water levels didn't get high enough to go into the house. She has been concerned for others in the community who are much worse off than she and her household are.
- Rob and Catharina told us that it is the most amount of rain they have experienced in the 18 years they have lived in Dili. They are safe and have been invaluable in keeping us abreast of what is happening.
- TCF would like to support the work of Maluk Timor, a Timorese health agency, who are working hard to provide medical care and support at this time, even though much of their resources and supplies were damaged and destroyed. They have a COVID team and a HIV team. There is concern that other diseases such as dengue, diarrhoea and wound infections due to dirty water will rise. TCF's financial support of Maluk Timor allow them to keep these essential services operational.

Donations to this appeal are non-tax deductible and can be made through our website <https://www.timorchildren.com/donate-now>

Please select the second option "donate to Samaria, Dental Project or Area of Greatest Need".



## Want to keep in touch?

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