



Summer News 2017

Farewell Arie van Klinken

Jan 1925 - April 2016 91 years old

Arie van Klinken passed away on Sunday 24th April surrounded by his family. The following week a funeral service was held at Indoeroopilly Uniting Church, which was very well attended, including some of the Timor Children's Foundation executive committee.

Arie had had many occupations, both in the Netherlands and Dutch New Guinea as well as in Australia after he emigrated with his family in 1964. He is survived by wife, Anneke, six children and many grandchildren.

Arie first visited Timor Leste in June 1989, aged 64, and then visited almost yearly for the following 19 years. He created and led the East Timor Scholarship Fund, which subsequently amalgamated with TCF in 2007. Many of Arie's supporters still receive our newsletters, donate regularly, attend our annual Luncheon and uphold the work Arie felt led to bring to our attention. We are in debt to him for the legacy he leaves behind.

Right: Arie & Anneke at the Luncheon in 2014.



Right: Malcolm's pic of child's mouth with decayed teeth.



It is important to note that DMF is not necessarily an indication of treatment needed but rather an indication of past disease experience. The children at Samaria have a DMF below 2, which means that their disease experience has been low when compared to the Marcelo school children. I believe it is because of a healthier diet at Samaria, with less exposure to sugary foods. Their treatment needs are almost zero now that all the children present have had all of their treatment provided through the Dental Project.

The TCF Committee congratulate Malcolm, Liz and Maddie on a successful trip. It is especially encouraging to read Malcolm's dental data which proves Philomena is not only doing a wonderful job caring for the emotional, social and educational needs of the children, but that her focus on healthy eating is evident through their dental health.

► Gift Appeal

Give the gift of health and hygiene this Christmas and New Year. All donations received will go towards building a new amenities block at Samaria so the children have a clean, safe, private area to use.

Your gift can be received in two forms – either as a one-off donation or as a monthly direct debit. Please complete the donation form and post to PO Box 405, The Gap Qld 4061 or direct debit to Timor Children's Foundation BSB: 014-002 Account: 1101 81834 and send an email to Ruth on accounts@timorchildren.com to with your donation details. (This appeal is not tax-deductible).



Above: Mal's photo of current bathrooms



still expecting a further 25 students. Students are not supported for their first year of study, as this is a time for students to demonstrate their commitment to their study. I also met with Pedro de Silva from Partnership for Human Development, who provided advice about emerging areas of skills needed in Timor, including building skills and tourism and hospitality training. TCF will be investigating courses which provide education in this area so that we can direct scholarship funding towards courses with a greater chance of employment afterwards.

Dr Malcolm Campbell's trip report:

On this visit I spent four days treating the children at Samaria and one day at Marcelo School which we have connected with via the Glebe Road Uniting Church team, in particular Dr John Fisher who is also a dentist. You may be interested in the following statistics regarding Samaria:



31 patients were examined and treated

Oral hygiene scores were greatly improved from Sep 2015

Left new toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Approximate value of treatment provided was A\$15,500 (cost of A\$2,000 for materials)

Due to Glebe Road Uniting Church's association with Ekaristi Church and the associated school, Marcelo School, an aim of the Dental trip this year was to visit the school and conduct some limited examinations of a sample of the school student population.

As a group we had brought over 700 toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes to distribute to each student.

Although Dr John Fisher and I had intended to examine a sample of 5 students from each class, every student attending school that day was brought for us to review.

Malcolm reviewed - 312

John reviewed - 324

Total children seen - 636

Total decayed teeth – 3311

Average DMF scores for children under 12 years old:

Australia – 1.2, Remote Indigenous Communities – 2.4

Samaria Children – 1.97 Marcelo School – 5.2

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► Samaria Children's Home

It's always refreshing to receive Philomena's reports on how the children are. She is honest and unafraid to tell us exactly what is happening. Here are some excerpts from this year:

13 May: "The kids have their first term exam results. Most did well, two didn't. Manuel failed his grade 5 exams, because he's so naughty. Nelvia did not do well in her grade 3 exams, because she only studies when she's being watched. All the other kids did well."

Filomena wants you to know that they were not involved in the large protests over the maritime border with Australia. She believes this a government issue, and as Christians they are not involved in it. However, she asks that you keep praying.

25 July: "The children and I are all well. At present they are doing second term exams. Money spent in April, May and June was as per the receipts for everyday expenses. I'd like to inform you that the ceiling has been fully installed. We're not using the gas stoves yet because we are worried about the children [they are frightened about the gas bottles exploding], so we're still using the kerosene stoves.

At present we're working on the door between the kitchen and dining room, and are putting in little doors underneath the benches [to make storage space]. When all is finished we'll prepare a financial report on the kitchen rehabilitation expenses. The deep well has also been covered with a tight cement cover." The last issue was requested by the committee to ensure it was safe for the children to play near. *Comments in [brackets] are added by Catherina in her interpretation.*

► TCF Exec Committee

We have had some changes to the committee this year, farewelling Paul and Pippa Tomane, and Helen Findlay and welcoming Maddie Campbell and Ruth Grieve.

Pippa and Paul joined the committee when Arie stepped down, in order to continue representation from Indooroopilly Uniting Church. The Committee thanks them both for their work at our Annual Luncheon's. They ensured everything ran smoothly from PA to dining room set up and food provision.

Helen was one of Arie's original supporters and raised funds and awareness of the projects through second hand book stalls, running the Annual Luncheon for many years and speaking to

various groups. Her husband John gave her great support, helping with sound and other duties for the Luncheons, book sales and church markets.

Right: Helen with Groodle (May luncheon 2010)

Sandy Nolde has been the Administrator for the past six years, banking donations, writing receipts, updating the website and many other 'behind the scenes' roles which are vital to the Foundation's success. Julia asked Sandy to share some of her story with you.

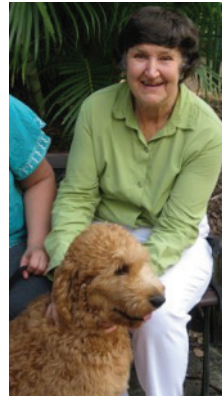
"When I retired from UnitingCare as Payroll and Accounting Officer in 2007, I began doing some bookkeeping for something to do in my spare time. I completed a Cert 4 in Accounting and was accepted as a registered BAS Agent. Around this time Rev John Ruhle, Timor Children's Foundation Chairperson, asked me if I would like some paid work Administrating the Timor Children's Foundation which I accepted. After discovering that mine was the only paid position I decided that I could not accept payment when all other committee members and directors were volunteers. This makes Timor Children's Foundation one of the very few Charities that do not have any employees and very low operating costs.

I have really enjoyed my time with Timor Children's Foundation. I love that we are making a difference in Timor Leste providing Scholarships to those with no chance of getting higher education without our help. Our Samaria children's home supports around 26 children to be fed, educated and given a loving family in a home headed by Philomena.

The Australian committee of Timor Children's Foundation and our administrators in Timor are a dedicated bunch people working to make a better life for one of our close neighbouring countries."

Sandy has stepped down from the Administrator role as she is moving out of the Brisbane area at the end of 2016. The Committee welcomes Ruth Grieve to the Administrator position. If you have questions on donations or receipts please direct them to her by email admin@timorchildren.com or telephoning 3300 6528.

As Sandy mentioned, the TCF committee is 100% voluntary and are all committed to keeping our overheads as low as possible so that as much of your donation is received in Timor as possible. Previously the Foundation has advertised that as much as 96% is given to our projects, which truly enables you to make a difference. Most committee members have paid employment and work on TCF from home, after hours. We aim to bank and receipt donations within a month of



receiving them. If you require a quicker turn-around please contact Ruth and every effort will be made.

► Address Change

Please address all correspondence to:
PO Box 405, The Gap Qld 4061

► 2017 Timor Leste Trip Report

During September three members of our committee visited Timor to conduct our annual reporting. Dr Malcolm Campbell and his daughter Maddie were accompanied by Dr Liz Jones.

Liz provided the following report:

Along with providing assistance to the dental team I also spent time checking up on the scholarship program. On our first night in Timor Leste we had dinner with Rev Moises de Silva, who oversees the distribution of the scholarship funds, and his daughter Natalia, who is currently studying in Indonesia. Rev Moises has finished his time as Moderator of the Protestant Church in Timor Leste (IPTL) and is awaiting his next posting.

The next day we met with three of the new members elected to the Synod of IPTL: the Moderator Rev Lorenzo dos Santos, the General Secretary Rev Juliana Temparaja and the Treasurer Rev Nellyann Santo Nope. They emphasised how valuable the Scholarships program is both for enabling students to continue their education but also in building bridges between IPTL and the Catholic Church in Timor Leste.



The following day we met with Rev Moises de Silva, assisted by our wonderful translator Catharina Williams-van Klinken. Rev Moises reported that 281 students were currently being supported with scholarship and he was