

TLC News Update

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Madre Fidelia and girls of St Theresa of Avila Dormitory overjoyed at clean water pumping from the new well.



The well in the process of construction.

A well dug well!

Funding from our community has enabled skilled workers to successfully dig and construct a well on the grounds of St Theresa of Avila Dormitory. It was a precarious and painstaking task undertaken with care. Madre Fidelia PRR and the girls were delighted to have clean water coming from their well!

Renovation of the toilets is underway.

Other project news

We have committed to funding **Music Tuition** at the St John de Brito secondary school. Mestra Meta is a music teacher who will be offering tutoring to musically talented students who will benefit from lessons.



This simple stove system replaced open fires in the school kitchens

Previously, the women at the Parish Schools have cooked the daily meal for the children on an open fire in closed, unventilated huts. In collaboration with Fr Jeka and tradesmen in Liquiça, a simple stove/oven has been designed and built for use in each of the huts (school kitchens).

Beginning the journey towards priesthood

Bernardete Luan shares news of **Aniceto Dos Santos Da Conceição**, a young man from Liquiça studying to become a priest.

Aniceto was born in Liquiça in November 7th 1996. He is the second of six children. He has one sister and four brothers including a brother who passed away years ago. His father works as a (non-permanent) teacher at São João de Brito Catholic Elementary School in Liquiça, while Aniceto's mother is a householder and also dedicates herself to work for the Parish, running the "Cruzada", a group for the Catholic young children at the Liquiça Parish. All of Aniceto's brothers and sister are now studying, from elementary up to university level. His elder brother, Anjelino is also a seminarian in Major Seminary. Aniceto is now in his first year of the Seminary (Minor Seminary).

"We realise that education is very important for children and we want our children to have a better education than what we had. The condition of our family at the moment makes things really hard

for us but we both believe that we will get through all of this and our children will get the brighter future. We will always try our best for them."

– Aniceto's parents

Aniceto is a smart and a diligent student. He always does well in his studies. Asked what inspired him to enter the priesthood, Aniceto said:

"I have had a thought of becoming a priest since I was in the middle school. After finishing my studies at São João de Brito Catholic Middle School in Liquiça, I went for a test for the Seminary Secondary school in Dili, Balide. Unfortunately, I did not pass... In 2015, I went for a Minor Seminary test and I was so happy that I finally passed and could continue my dream.

I am inspired by seeing the daily life of some priests who dedicated themselves to serve the poor. I want to dedicate myself in serving the poor.

I really thank the TLC group who has helped our Parish and have offered their kind hearts to support me."

– Aniceto Dos Santos Da Conceição

Timor Lesté Companions, on behalf of the Catholic Communities of Grovely, Samford and Mitchelton, have pledged US \$50/month to assist Aniceto in meeting his study costs during his time in the seminary.

The students of Maubara school along with teachers and Fr Jeka celebrate the arrival of the stationery and other goods donated by our schools and parishes during the 2015 Schools4Schools Collection Drive.



Safe arrival of goods!

Through the generosity of **Brad Gilders** (Gilders Transport), the TLC were able to send four pallets of donated goods to Rotary Australia at West Footscray, Melbourne, free of charge, in late October 2015. Pallets were shipped in a container to Dili, arriving safely on 26 January 2016. Items generously donated by Our Lady of Dolours and St Williams Schools, parishioners and community included eleven computers, sewing machines, three microscopes, sporting goods, school stationery & supplies and footwear. Father Jeka and the Liquiça Parish were delighted and send their sincere thanks and prayers to all.



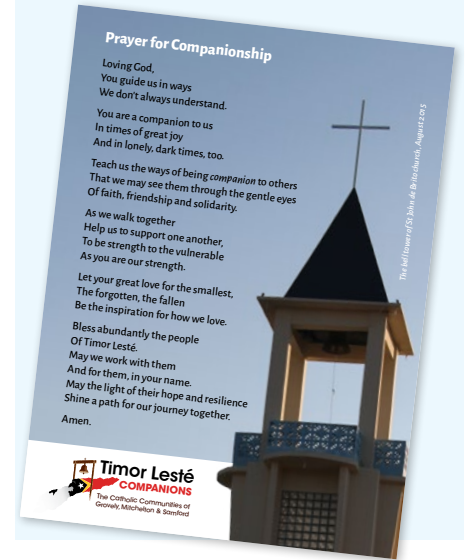
Thanks to 'Days for Girls'

Along with donations to the schools and parish, the industrious and talented women of 'Days for Girls' produced 40 beautifully made sanitary kits for the girls of the St Theresa de Avila Dormitory. The girls are grateful for your thoughtful donation.



Companions in prayer

Timor Lesté Companions invite you to pick up a prayer card at the entrance of the church. Praying with and for our friends in Timor Lesté is an important way we demonstrate our commitment to them and our shared experience as Catholics.



Student immersion

Investigations have begun into organising an immersion trip of students from Timor Lesté to Brisbane. The aim is to have two students from Liquiça stay for approx 4-5 weeks from late September with families in our community and for them to spend time at Mt Maria College.

Do you have experience with student immersion or hosting overseas students? Are you able to offer us assistance, help ensure our visitors have a safe and richly rewarding time in our community?

If yes, please email Danielle: mprzybylo_dmoss@hotmail.com

Lend a helping hand or just stay in touch

Timor Lesté Companions (TLC) comprises a team of parishioners from Grovely, Samford and Mitchelton dedicated to fostering our sister relationship with St John de Brito in Liquiça, Timor Lesté. We maintain regular communication, share faith and provide funds raised by our generous community for various worthwhile projects. Sometimes we need a few helping hands for specific initiatives, sometimes we just want to share news quickly.

First name:..... Surname:

Email address: Phone:.....

Skills/hobbies/interests:

I'd like to join this group I can't attend meetings, but I'd like to help out Please share news with me

Please return completed form to St William's Parish Office or email your details to: timorlestecompanions@groupspaces.com