

Yes, I would like to help fund the building of the Teacher Training and Resource Centre at Same, Timor Leste.

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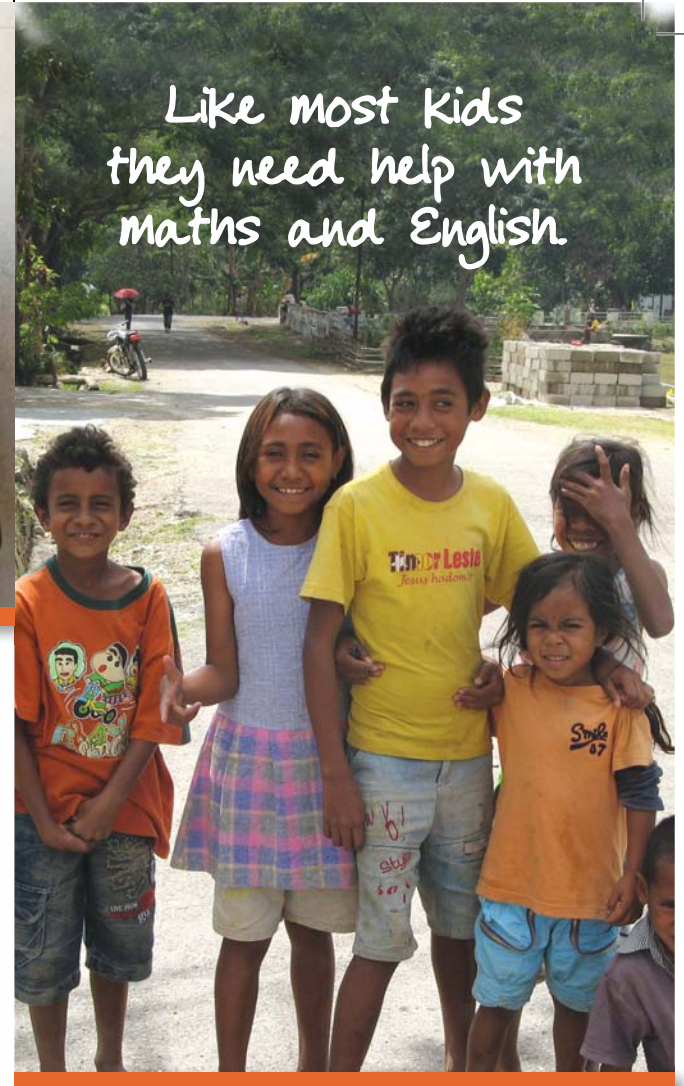
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The Same Teacher Training and Resource Centre

— an initiative of Northbridge Rotary Club



The problem is their teachers need your help first!



Help teach the teachers in Timor Leste.

For several years Catholic Education has been sending volunteers from Australia to parts of Timor Leste, to hold seminars and provide training for Timorese teachers of Maths and English. These seminars concentrate on teaching techniques and the Timorese teachers are also provided with teaching aids and materials to assist in the classroom. This work is vital in a school system where only a small percentage of the teachers employed have had any formal teacher training.

Northbridge Rotary Club's aim

The Club has reached agreement with the Timor Leste, Ministry of Education in the Manufahi District to construct and equip a Teacher Training and Resource Centre within the grounds of the Rialau Primary School in the town of Same.

The town is located about 90 kms south of Dili, and is relatively isolated because of its location in the hills and the fact that it takes 5 hours by 4WD over poor roads to reach it from Dili.

There are 84 schools in the Manufahi School District, with approximately 500 teachers and 15,000 students. The volunteer teachers from Australia have been using the existing classrooms in the Rialau Primary School, but this means that normal classes have to be cancelled during their visits.

A dedicated Teacher Training & Resource Centre will allow Catholic Education to increase their teacher training efforts and provide local teachers access to teaching aids and



Often classes have to be suspended while teachers are being trained

materials. This is expected to have a significant multiplier effect on the quality of education throughout the district.

Northbridge Rotarian Tony Clifford travelled to the District in October 2008 and together with officials from Catholic Education observed the teacher training and met with the District Superintendent of Education to discuss the proposed building project. He came back from Timor Leste convinced that this is a very worthwhile project and that our partnership with Catholic Education and their volunteer teachers will

provide a lasting benefit to the teachers and students in the Manufahi School District.

How can you help?

The Rotary Club of Northbridge is seeking funding for the building and equipping of the Teacher Training & Resource Centre from the general public and local community groups.

Timor Leste has a long-standing relationship with Australia, dating from the dark days of World War II when the local inhabitants helped support the 500 men of Number 2 Commando against the 20,000 occupying forces. They are our closest neighbour who, as an emerging nation, are doing everything they can to help themselves but still need our help in education, which is the key to their future.

You or your community group can donate by sending your donations to the Rotary Club of Northbridge:

Fill in the form overleaf and send with your cheque made out to:

'The Rotary Club of Northbridge Benevolent Fund' and mail to: Northbridge Rotary, Timor Project, PO Box 80, Northbridge NSW 1560.