



Gratitude Report

2018



From the Provincial

Dear Partners in Mission,

In a world that can too often be suspicious of the gift of compassion, looking back on 2018, I am grateful for the many examples I have seen of how small acts of kindness can create possibilities of greater change. In the way of generosity, each small act of kindness can benefit both the giver and receiver.



Fr Brian McCoy SJ (centre) visiting with boys from NOSSEF School in Timor-Lesté. Soon the boys will have a brand new dormitory – more on page 10.

Our mission is simple. We serve our vulnerable brothers and sisters as we trust they would wish to serve us, were our roles reversed. In this way we try to become one family under God. Our large family is able to connect with members overseas through the work done at the frontiers by our fellow Jesuits and their partners, and through the accompaniment of Jesuit Mission.

Jesuit Mission is the international relief and development ministry of the Australian Jesuit Province. Through their careful stewardship, your kindnesses - small or large - are carefully delivered where they are needed most.

In December I met the boys pictured from NOSSEF school in Timor-Lesté. These students who live in the mountainside around Railaco walked miles from their homes to live at the school. From modest and illiterate families, I found their faith and joy remarkable. They cannot know how their future may unfold, but they are drawn by the opportunity

to improve their lives through the promise of education. Education offers the chance to broaden their horizons, to determine the course of their own lives, and to make a valuable contribution to their community and country. All this was made possible from the myriad of small kindnesses provided by supporters of Jesuit Mission.

Pope Francis has encouraged us to 'wake up the world'. I pray that your commitment to Jesuit Mission will bring joy and meaning to your life, as it does to members of our greater international family, and help us accompany those in our world who remain excluded and vulnerable.

My gratitude and thanks for all your help and support,

Brian F. McCoy S.J.

Fr Brian McCoy SJ
Provincial

From the CEO

Every year I am struck anew by the commitment of our community to reach out with generosity. Here in Australia we are bombarded with messages that can distract us from our real work: to be men and women for others. Yet many of you have prioritised supporting the work of Jesuit Mission.

In 2018, our supporters, event committees and volunteers, together with the unfailing support of our Parish priests, their parishes, and the communities of our Jesuit and Companion schools, stood together in solidarity with amazing results. Through donations and events, 6.5 million dollars was raised in 2018, a 37% increase from the previous year. In turn, funds distributed through Jesuit Mission's partners directly improved the lives of many who faced the challenges of poverty and discrimination.

There were many highlights of the year. From the first graduation at a secondary school in Timor-Lesté, (see page 11), to community

events, to extraordinary gifts enabling the construction of the multi-million dollar Xavier College of Education for teacher training in Hazaribag, India, (see page 17), there was much to celebrate.

In 2018 I was fortunate to visit partners in India, Thailand, Cambodia and Timor-Lesté and meet participants in the programs which have enabled so many to lift themselves from poverty and embrace new possibilities.

These programs break cycles of poverty through agricultural, livelihood and vocational training. They protect the well-being of communities by providing medical care, schools, food, income-generating projects and improved access to clean water and toilets. They provide refugees, asylum seekers and other vulnerable individuals with pastoral care, social inclusion, education and advocacy.

I am so grateful to you for joining us in serving our most vulnerable



Jesuit Mission Rector Fr Trung Nguyen SJ with CEO Helen Forde at the 2018 Maytime Fair.

sisters and brothers living in the "margins" of our world. Your decision will have benefits that multiply for years into the future. Please enjoy in the following pages just a few of the stories of change that you have made possible.

With sincere gratitude,

Helen Forde

Helen Forde
Chief Executive Officer

About Jesuit Mission

A ministry of the Australian Jesuit Province, Jesuit Mission works with our most vulnerable sisters and brothers empowering them to live full and free lives. To create the greatest change we go where we are needed most in Asia and Africa.

Our Vision: Faith, justice and reconciliation for a full and free life.

Our Mission: In the name of Jesus and in the spirit of Ignatius, we are called to the generous service of others.

We have a preferential love of the poor and uphold the innate dignity and promote the rights of God's most vulnerable people from all faiths and cultures.

We partner with Jesuits and other companions overseas to empower women, men and children living on

the frontiers to liberate themselves from poverty and injustice through participation in programs that build skills, capacity and resilience to live full and free lives.

We invite Australian companions into communion with our global human family. Our shared faith and love of Jesus compels us into authentic relationships and the spirit of Ignatius guides us to be men and women for others.

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Front Cover image: Children learning through song and play at Xavier Jesuit School in Cambodia, see page 12 for more.

• Your support, your impact



54 projects supported which delivered:

- Education
- Health, Water and Basic Rights
- Livelihood and Vocational Training
- Services for Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Leadership Training and Capacity Strengthening
- Pastoral Care.



Over 30 projects focused on education and livelihood training for over **12,000** vulnerable people in India, Timor Lesté, Myanmar, Cambodia, Thailand, Angola, Zimbabwe and Malawi. An additional **20,000** students benefitted from attending Jesuit educational institutes in Hazaribag, India, which were developed with your kind support.



22 partners in 14 countries.



Over **46,000** people directly supported.



In Timor-Lesté, Myanmar, Cambodia, Thailand and India, more than **650** students who would otherwise not have been educated received scholarships and/or hostel accommodation.



In Thailand and Timor-Lesté over **7,500** people received professional medical care.



In Cambodia, over **900** people living with disability received support in areas including education, housing and the provision of wheelchairs.



In Asia and Africa over **8,000** refugees and internally displaced people received support.



In Myanmar, Thailand and Cambodia over **400** people, including refugees, received housing support with new homes constructed or rental assistance provided.

In a world where one billion people face struggles of injustice, poverty and oppression every day, there are many calls for help. At Jesuit Mission, when determining our strategic directions, we draw inspiration from St Ignatius' focus on discernment and reflection when setting priorities.

Accordingly, we support works where:

- the need is greatest and most urgent
- spiritual and material benefits may be expected
- those who benefit will help others
- the most positive results are likely
- others are not available to help

We keep always in mind the guiding principle of Ignatius' life, "in all things, to love and to serve".



Malawi

Louise, Aline (in their latest lifejacket design) and Kapinga, continue to respond to adversity with inventiveness.

Saving lives, building futures

Aline was born in Dzaleka refugee camp in Malawi, Africa, where the average stay is 20 years. Thanks to your support, Aline and her high school friends Louise and Kapinga are receiving a priceless education from the Jesuits. Despite their grim surrounds, these extraordinary young women had the perspective and altruism to consider the welfare of others.

Concerned about the number of drownings in Lake Malawi, these three students won a prestigious award at the National Schools Science Fair for the design of an

affordable life-jacket. Louise, who is one year ahead of Aline and Kapinga, has since topped her class in the national exams and has applied to the Malawi University of Science and Technology.

Their teacher Shadrach says *"Our aim is to train people in disaster prone areas to make the jackets for themselves so that they can be safe during flooding or crossing dangerous rivers."*

Thanks to your vital support, and to their own determination, these young scientists exemplify how it

is possible to defy the odds in the pursuit of a full and free life.

One of the poorest countries in the world, with one of the fastest growing populations, Malawi is unable to provide for its own citizens, let alone its refugees, who are obliged to live in camps.

Through no fault of their own, communities in this congested camp manage a legacy of violence and trauma with a bare minimum of resources, short of drinking water and often eating only one meal a day. Most fled violence and

genocide in Rwanda and nearby countries. The key to avoiding undesirable survival strategies - forced marriage is a common strategy to provide for daughters - is education.

Our partner Jesuit Refugee Service also offers pathways to self-sufficiency. Your generous support allows participants in their Livelihood and Vocational Skills Program to study practical agriculture, beauty therapy, hairdressing, computer skills, business management and entrepreneurship.



An early prototype, illustrating the use of recycled materials.

Angola

Finding refuge

Paulina says: "Before my life had no dignity. Now I am my own boss. My hope for the future is to see my small business growing. I also want to help other refugees in the community to learn how to do something in life to assist their families."

In 1994 Paulina ran from the mass slaughter of the Tutsi people during the Rwandan Civil War in Africa. She escaped, but her upheavals were not yet over. Three years later, with her husband and their seven children, she again fled civil war during Mobutu's dictatorship in the (now) Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Once in Angola, she was desperate. Her children were hungry. She had to beg on the streets, and was in peril of resorting to "survival sex" to continue.

Then Paulina's life was touched by generosity. She was one of

the luckier refugees to join a livelihood and vocational skills program run by our partner Jesuit Refugee Service. With training, a start-up kit and a modest grant Paulina has transformed her life by starting a small business. She now sells ice cream, cake and juices at the market while her children learn business skills by selling from home.

Once she was publicly ridiculed for being unable to pay her debts, and desperate to survive. Now, thanks to your support, Paulina has dignity, self-empowerment and hope for the future.





Sister Jacqueline sharing a meal with staff and children at the Loving Care Centre.

Giving care, respect and companionship

Our partner in Hunan Province, Ricci Social Services runs the "Loving Care Centre" in collaboration with The Centre for Disease Control. They have provided medical and holistic care for adults and children living with

HIV or AIDS for over 15 years. With a 14% increase in HIV cases in China last year, the centre will need ongoing resources to continue their extraordinary work with these excluded people.

As well as compassionate palliative care, the centre works to actively bring meaning and dignity to the lives of those in their care. Some patients benefit so much from treatment that they can return to their families.

Children at the Loving Care Centre have regular classes and activities plus afternoon tutoring. In order to strengthen community life and integration with the local community, the centre holds birthday events, outings and activities with local volunteers.

Ambitiously, the Centre aims to reduce discrimination and re-establish respect and connections for people after diagnosis.

Mr Zhao has been a patient and resident for ten years, dealing with AIDS, progressive blindness and now cancer. At first he was very difficult to deal with, he was understandably frustrated and unhappy. With thanks to the enduring care he has received, he now feels God loves him and takes care of him in a special way.

"I understand now that the breadth and the depth of life is far more important than how long it is. The value of my life depends on how I am willing to share it with the others" he said.

His reconciliation with himself, others, and God has allowed him to reach out and help two younger patients who share similar health issues.



A Pakistani Christian family of refugees hide their faces to prevent unwelcome attention by authorities. They will soon be leaving Thailand for a new life in Canada.

Accompanying asylum seekers

With thanks to UCAN journalist Tibor Krausz

Australian resident and soccer player Hakeem Al-Araibi received global coverage after being detained in late 2018 in a Bangkok Immigration Detention Centre (IDC).

Unfortunately, hundreds of others get no such recognition.

Like Pakistani Christian, Iqbal Saleem and his two brothers, who fled their hometown of Karachi after receiving death threats for printing Christian Bibles with cartoonish drawings of Biblical patriarchs. The illustrations aroused the ire of some Muslim men who began accusing the Christians of blaspheming against Islam by portraying Israelite patriarchs and prophets such as Abraham and Moses, who are also venerated in Islam, as crude caricatures.

After escaping with their lives to Thailand, they were arrested in a random check by Thai police for overstaying their visas. All too soon they found themselves among some 100 other men squeezed into a cell the size of a large living room. Their overcrowded quarters had only two squat toilets and a large tub-like basin from which detainees splashed water on themselves with plastic pails if they wanted to bathe. There was no privacy. They were only allowed outdoors in the yard for two hours twice a week and disease was a constant companion.

Boredom and dejection often took their toll in the IDC. *"Time passes very slowly in there,"* Iqbal says. *"You wake up, eat, sleep, wake up, eat, sleep."*

Iqbal and his brothers were eventually released after a Catholic charity posted bail for them. Many other detainees have not been so lucky. *"I met some people who had been there for eight, nine or ten years. The IDC has become their home in a way,"* Iqbal says.

This project, funded by Jesuit Mission, is run by Fr Michael Kelly SJ. Fr Mick works tirelessly to assist asylum seekers in Bangkok. For many who live in hiding from Thai police, he provides room rent and medical expenses. He also funds exit fines which are required before asylum seekers may leave the country.

Your kind support of Jesuit Mission allows Fr Mick to provide solace and hope to many.



Timor-Lesté

Building for the future

Proud of their uniforms and their school, these are some of the students at NOSSEF Senior School in Railaco. This rural school was established with help from the Jesuits. It now educates 300 students, both boys and girls.

The boys, grateful for the opportunity to attend school and living too far away to go home each night, built their own tin dormitories in 2015. Increasingly cramped conditions with each new arrival and limited access to food and clean water did not prevent the boys maintaining high spirits. They even established a vegetable garden to supplement their food and sell nearby.

Their resourcefulness was rewarded when a visiting Australian member of our community saw the conditions they were living in and said that

he would like to step in and personally provide them with improved facilities.

And so began the boys' dormitory project. A selfless supporter of Jesuit Mission, he has been consistently sending funds as he has earned them, and the construction of the new boy's dormitory is now well underway (pictured on page 11).

Supplemented with contributions from other kind supporters, this dormitory will have room for 88 boys.

The determined students may come from an impoverished rural background, but in 2018 every single student passed their leaving exams, and they are willing to make whatever sacrifices are needed to be the face of hope in this young country.



These temporary kitchen facilities and sleeping quarters serve about 40 boys.



Accompanied by the generous Jesuit parish of St Canice's in King's Cross, Sydney, and taught with

heart and mind by two Jesuit and 20 lay teachers, the students at Railaco are learning responsibility, leadership and to be men and women for others.



The boys' dormitory under construction at Nossa Senhora de Fátima (NOSSEF) school at Railaco.



Students express the exhilaration of graduation, the culmination of ten years of vision and planning.

Rejoicing with the first graduates of Loyola College

"It was a privilege to be in Timor-Lesté for the week leading up to the first Year 12 graduation; an event that will not leave my memory for as long as I live." said Neville Harpham.

Alumnus of St Ignatius' College Riverview, ex-chair of its College Council and engineer, Neville has for many years donated his

time, expertise and significant contributions to ensure that Loyola College would succeed.

"These young people deserve to 'go forward' and be leading citizens for their country. There was so much happiness and joy during and after the ceremony."

Exam results surpassed all expectations, with valedictorian Salvador topping the country, and a number of his classmates topping their subjects. Our heartfelt thanks to every one of you who donated to make this dream a reality.

Cambodia

Unlocking potential at Xavier Jesuit School

The Xavier Jesuit School (XJS) in Banteay Meanchey Province is transforming the previous rote-learning method into enquiry based, inclusive and participative learning.

XJS is vibrant and evolving. Whilst construction continues around them, students from marginalised communities are receiving a quality education under the loving direction of Australian Jesuit Fr Quyen Vu SJ.

With your kind support, Jesuit Mission has partnered with Jesuit Service Cambodia to offer scholarships to students experiencing poverty, by providing all accommodation, living and tuition costs.

Meet Sophea, who is one such lucky recipient (pictured above right between two friends).

Family difficulties prevented Sophea from starting High School until she was 16, quite a few years behind her peers. Starting school was doubly challenging, the mismatch of age with her more academically advanced classmates made her shy, reserved and uncomfortable.

She was also anxious about leaving her single mother and siblings to manage without her.



Her first visit home increased her guilt. Sophea's mother was gone: she had left to find work elsewhere. Sophea's grandmother had been left in charge of her younger brother and sister. Her older brother had found himself in debt. Her guilt at leaving them again meant she almost did not return to school, but she took her mother's advice to think of her future.

Starting a new school year meant Sophea was no longer the youngest. She took new scholarship students under her wing, easing their loneliness with her jokes and games. She soon found she could express herself more easily, and her hidden talents began to emerge.

In mid 2018, she entered a drawing contest in association with UNICEF

Japan and surprised everyone by winning First Prize in the international section. She claims she did not know that she could draw!

School remains a daily challenge, but Sophea has found her inner strength. She has learned that perseverance, effort and kindness will provide a way forward.



Sophea receiving the Drawing Contest prize, in December 2018.



Your support has brought smiles to the faces of children like these, who can now enjoy the challenges and rewards of a Jesuit education.

India

Boosting self-esteem

We have uplifting news to report from our partner, Hazaribag Jesuit Province in Tarwa, India. At St Joseph's School, the construction of a new study and dining hall which will benefit up to 150 Dalit girls is now complete.

The Dalits were once called the "untouchables", a group of oppressed day-workers who typically own no land. Self-esteem and life's possibilities have blossomed since the Jesuits have brought them education.

St Joseph's already had a boys' hostel and dining hall, but many of the girls were still sharing one toilet, one dormitory, one shed for cooking, and meals were eaten outside on the ground. During monsoon they ate in the corridors. There was no designated place to study. Now, says 15yo Nidhi, *"We do not have*

to worry whether it is rainy winter or summer season. In the new building the light has improved a lot. The place looks much more clean. Now I can focus in my studies better."

Her friend Divya says she used to be frightened as a lack of space in which to study and eat caused noise and tension. She used to have headaches and find it hard to concentrate. Always an excellent student, Divya now feels more at ease and her headaches have stopped.

"Nidhi and I would like to thank our beloved donors from Australia that it is through their love and support we have such privileges as we are having now" says Divya



The new building is a major boost for the self-esteem of the Dalit girls.



The girls can now eat and study inside out of the sun, rain and dust. Dining tables, chairs and desks are on their way.

Myanmar

Forming leaders with compassion

The newly opened Myanmar Leadership Institute (MLI) aspires to form a generation of influencers who will lead with competence and serve with compassion. Thanks to your generous support, the Institute is able to train tomorrow's leaders to see their work through the lens of social justice.

"Rebuilding the country requires unearthing, nurturing and growing the leadership capacity of the country's youth, and strengthening relationships that bridge ethnic divides and build peace," said Australian Jesuit Fr Mark Raper SJ, head of our partner Myanmar Jesuit Mission.

One of Myanmar's future leaders is 23 year old Victoria, who was accepted into MLI after years of experience as a youth worker and teacher. She has lived and taught in an Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp in Kachin State, worked in Peace Training in Myitkyina, and educated women and children through a WASH (Water, Sanitation, Hygiene) initiative.

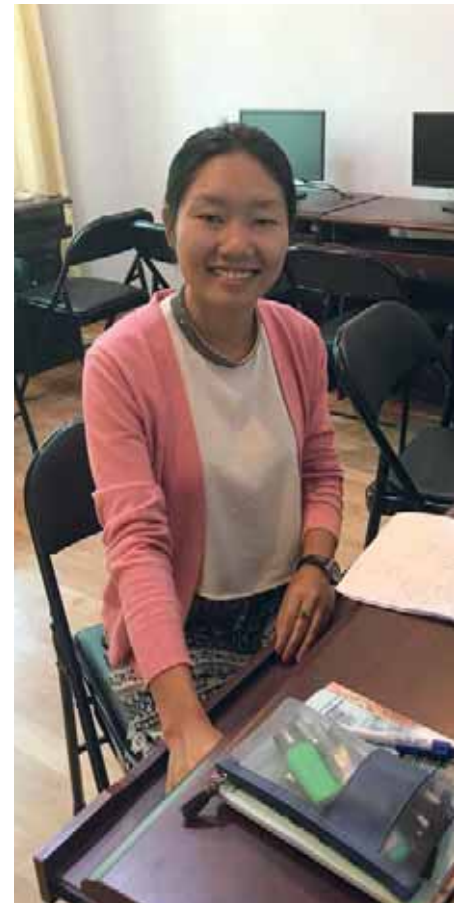
"The biggest problem for Kachin is civil war and it affects everybody. I faced lots of challenges. I had to lead lots of people, and I realised that I needed training to improve my skills." said Victoria.

Saving her meagre salary, Victoria moved to Yangon where she studied English at the Jesuit-run Campion Institute for English studies. It was here she learned of MLI and applied for the Graduate Diploma in Leadership.

Being accepted into MLI makes possible Victoria's vision for the future.

"One day I will teach something to the next generations and my neighbours. Leadership is really, really important. In my experience, I had challenges in leading people. I did not know about leadership styles. Most of our leaders only know how to command. They did not know how to negotiate to reach their goals... Now I know I have to lead myself before I can lead others."

MLI offers a curriculum which includes nation building, ethical principles, social inclusion, restoration of peace and human rights, along with discernment, strategic thinking and direction setting.



Victoria wants to return to her home state of Kachin to share with colleagues what she has learned at MLI.



MLI teachers and students.

Reflecting with Fr Trung Nguyen SJ

Rector of Jesuit Mission

It doesn't take much to change a life. Sometimes all it takes is a little wheelchair. Such was the case of young Chomden whom I encountered in Cambodia.

Chomden was born with a soft cranium causing her to be under-developed both mentally and physically. As a baby she was abandoned by her parents and left in the care of her grandmother. It was not known how to care for her without causing further harm. So Chomden was rarely moved or bathed, and lived a life of isolation.

Only when she was eight years old was her condition discovered by Jesuit Mission's partner Jesuit Refugee Service. They were able to provide her with a simple wheelchair. Her whole life was transformed, and so were the lives of those who care for her.

Using the wheelchair as support, Chomden pushed it around the house. Her physical strength and mental capacity greatly improved and she was able to be more independent, even taking care of her own personal hygiene. This reduced the burden on her grandmother, who no longer had to care for her every need.

It was a real joy to see Chomden moving around the yard energetically and joyfully, and knowing that she now likes to go to school and play with her friends.



Fr Trung Nguyen SJ with Chomden and her grandmother, who are so grateful for the gift of the wheelchair. Your support has given them so much. Having a wheelchair allows Chomden access to many things, including the possibility of normal friendships.

Having faith in tomorrow

We are so grateful for a modest bequest from one of our supporters, because it has had such a liberating effect in India. This selfless gift has enabled the creation of a small community "Uplift" project. Led by Australian Jesuit Fr Tony Herbert SJ, the project provides money management skills and guidance, assisting participants to become self-sufficient.

"Before when we needed money we would go to the shopkeeper, who would lend us money at interest of 10% per month," said Lakshmi. This rate of lending is about 24 times more than we pay in Australia. It was just not possible to begin any profitable enterprise or manage unforeseen expenses.

Married with three children, Lakshmi is 23 and lives in a

hamlet on the outskirts of Chatra town. Her husband Navin migrates every year to Hyderabad to work in a factory, so care of her young family has been her priority. Jesuit Mission's partner approached Lakshmi to assist with administering one of a number of "Women's Savings Groups" in her area. At first she was a bit nervous about taking it on, but her confidence has slowly grown, and now she is doing well.

"Now we as a group have decided that with our money we have saved, we give among ourselves loans when needed and take interest at 5% per year, cutting out all that interest of the money lender. That is what is encouraging us. Especially if there is a night time emergency and we need money to buy medicine, or to go to the doctor, we have it here with us in the village" said Lakshmi.



Lakshmi (rear right, with her sister-in law and children) is developing skills of gentle but strong leadership.

You could "will" something into existence

Another member of our community left a significant bequest which has made possible the expansion of the Primary Teachers' Education College in Sitagarha, Hazaribag, India. Our partner there, the Hazaribag Jesuit Province, is committed to prioritising the poor and marginalised in all its works with special consideration to the Indigenous and Dalit communities.

This generous bequest will allow the Jesuits to offer secondary teacher training whilst leveraging the facilities of the existing



Architect's rendering of the new main building at the Xavier College of Education.

primary teacher training campus. Construction and fitout of an extensive new building is scheduled to be completed by late 2019 with the first intake of 100 students planned for 2020.

No matter what size, leaving a gift in your will to Jesuit Mission can

have a huge effect. We are humbly thankful for the bequests we have received in 2018. We hope the families of those who mentioned Jesuit Mission in their wills find solace in the knowledge that this generosity lives on, and will continue to resonate around the world.

Welcoming missionaries

Having taken a vow to go where they are needed, Australian Jesuit priests Fr Quyen Vu SJ, Fr Phil Crotty SJ and Fr Mark Raper SJ (pictured from left to right) serendipitously shared some time at the Jesuit Mission Office in December 2018.

In recognition of your kind support, Fr Phil said *"You were always for us, co-missionaries. You are people who walked the walk with us, and talked*

the talk. That's something I am so thankful for".

Other visiting Jesuits in 2018 who enriched us with their presence included Fr Bob Slattery SJ, Fr Santosh Minj SJ (Provincial of Hazaribag), Fr Michael Kelly SJ, Fr Peter Pojol SJ, Fr Joaquim Sarmiento SJ (Jesuit Superior of Timor-Lesté), Bishop Enrique "Kike" Figaredo SJ, Fr Jorge Serrano SJ and Fr Paul Horan SJ.



Action creating change

We welcome every member of the Jesuit Mission family to take part in our events. Our amazing volunteers and guests come together in solidarity, whether at our mammoth fairs or at intimate discussion groups.

Thank you for generously giving your time and energy to raise funds for a faith that does justice. Your efforts brought joy and hope to many.

In 2018, your generosity and involvement in community events raised over half a million dollars.



Maytime Fair



Discussion Forums



Indian Bazaar



Golf Days

Being "On immersion"

"My initial thoughts on this immersion were that I was going to have some sort of satisfaction with helping people from a country less fortunate than ours. However, my expectations were exceeded and my experience there turned into a journey in which I would find a sense of purpose.

"I found out that there are different ways to interpret a 'rich' person or community", said Angeline Sangyum, law student and graduate of Jesuit Companion school, Loyola Senior College in western Sydney.

"Timor-Lesté is rich in culture and respect for their collective identity as Timorese people. They have such happy and welcoming hearts which are open to EVERYONE. I was touched by this concept and hope to



A number of students from our Australian Jesuit and Companion schools spend time "on immersion" each year, like Angeline, front row, third from right.

express their values through my own life here in Australia.

"Thank you all for helping our new generation in realising their potential and importance.

"To be forgotten is their biggest fear so please remember our Timorese brothers and sisters, in your prayers and genuine donations. Again, Obrigada/Obrigadu Barak!" (Thank you very much!)

Dreaming of Magis

Jesuit Mission is launching a Magis Education Program into Australian Jesuit and Companion school curriculum, initially in the form of a competition. Students research an international program which is supported by Jesuit Mission, then dream up an appropriate fundraising campaign. Finalists present to a judging panel, and the winning entry is implemented by the school.

This initiative aims to foster a greater understanding of the students' capacity to be effective as "men and women for others". In addition to relevance within religion, english and geography,



Runners-up from Jesuit Companion school St Ignatius College Geelong devised a 'whole of school' relay called the "Race for Ulmera". They were pipped at the post in 2018 by the "Tinsel for Timor" picnic, which the judges felt resonated richly with the spirit of breaking bread together.

students investigate the principles of international development and ethical advertising.

Among the winning entries so far have been: a walkathon based on a map of Cambodia, a Christmas music and picnic evening called "Tinsel for Timor", and a world

record as students gathered to form "the largest human image of a country".

The ingenuity the students have shown in rising to this professional challenge instil in us great hope for the future.

Sothea is a mechanic who works hard to support a family of four. He and his wife Ci Yai both live with physical problems. She needs a wheelchair because of a hip defect and he is a polio survivor. Our partner Jesuit Service Cambodia runs the Metta Karuna ("Loving Care") program, which helped Sothea to set up his own mechanic shop. He now has lots of customers and is paying off a house. The couple dearly hope to see their children finish school. Your generous support serves many people living with disabilities like Sothea to escape the limitations of poverty and plan for the future.



'As every good thing, every grace, flows from the generosity of our Creator and Redeemer, may he be constantly blessed and praised for it all, and may it please him each day to open more widely the fountain of his graciousness in order thus to increase and carry forward what he has begun in your minds and hearts.'

- Letter of Ignatius to young Jesuit students, 1547



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