



# DAYS FOR GIRLS

St Declan's Pastoral Care News...



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Greetings! I hope this correspondence finds you well and happy.

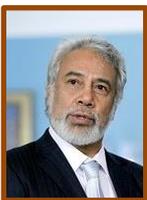
## Timor Update - BIG NEWS!

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April Libby arrived back in Sydney** from Timor-Leste after spending eight days overseeing the progress of the 'Learning Centre for the Youth' Project in Dili - Timor-Leste.

The 70 kits that were completed in March are being transported to Dili via the help of Sr Irene Macinante. The Sisters were organising two pallets for transportation and we were very fortunate to have the kits included.

On this trip, Libby said that the DfG kit response is still very positive. Some of the girls told her they have less personal hygiene problems and are able to do the normal things they couldn't do whilst menstruating.

During her time, Libby met with the Timorese Commissioner who is giving his support towards the Project; that through Libby's hard work the Centre will improve the future of the Timorese young people. She is a "Strong Woman".



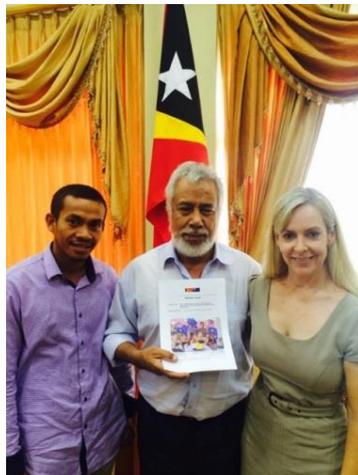
Libby also met with His Excellency Xanana Gusmão who is the

Minister of Planning and Strategic Investment (for The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste). He is also the former Timorese Prime Minister. Libby asked him if he would be patron of the Project. He, very happily, said 'yes'. Libby has a new 'best friend' in Xanana Gusmão.

Libby has the support of the Timorese community and is absolutely over-the-moon by the response she has received during this visit.

**Libby and her friends have been very busy raising funds** and through Rotary, Libby was told a substantial monetary donation will be presented by the Lower Blue Mountains Rotary to Libby for the Project.

Because of the positive feedback for the DfG kits in Timor, \$1,000 will also be presented to Libby towards DfG. Now that's GREAT news! This money will be given



to Beverley for DfG to continue the purchase of kit resources and the possible purchase of sewing machines and over-lockers to be sent to Timor-Leste.

All extremely exciting news for the Project and DfG. Smiles all round!!!

## More DfG Kits please!

**There will be another drive for action** in a few months (as mentioned in our previous newsletter). I will be inviting St Declan's participants to cut and sew. Due to further donations we are ok for undies, face washers, soap and zip-lock bags.

**Stay tuned** for more updates, requests and news!

## Keep in Touch...

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Once again, thank you all for your generosity, energy and enthusiasm. See you soon.

With a heart-felt smile,

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