

**GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH PROJECTS 2012
GRANTS PRESENTATION - 2 December 2012**

**Friends of Baguia, East Timor: Grant Funding \$5,774.19
6 months of salaries for 6 part-time Kinder and
6 part-time Primary School Teachers**

Over the last two years GWUC has generously provided funding for teacher salaries at both the Ossofulari Junior Primary School (2010) and the Baguia Kindergarten (2011). This year we have applied for continued funding for these two projects.

This year the grant is helping to fund teacher salaries in the sub-district of Baguia, a remote mountainous area in East Timor. The voluntary teachers in the rural school of Ossofulari and the Baguia Kindergarten will receive a small stipend, enabling them to support their families and afford some basic teacher training. The Timorese see education of their children as a vital step in the building of this new nation and the support for schools is gratefully received.



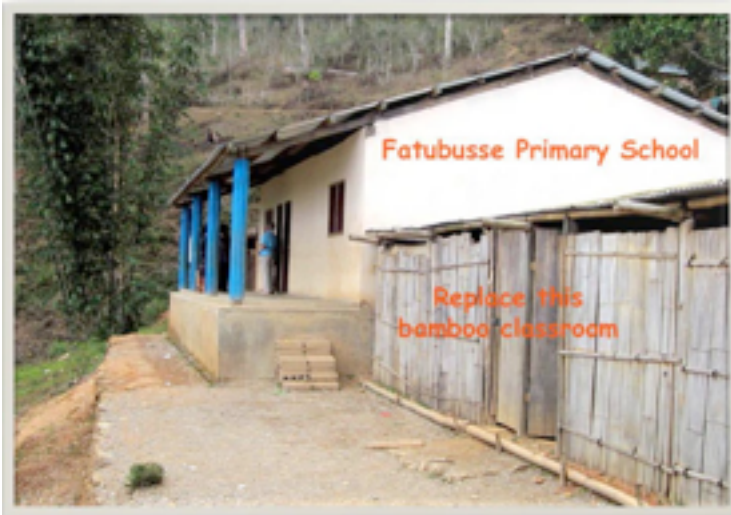
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Friends of Ermera, East Timor: Grant Funding \$2,000
Classrooms for the Fatubusse Primary School

This remote Primary School has more than 200 pupils with 3 teachers. Presently the school operates in two shifts. One group of students attends morning and another group in the afternoons.

At least four permanent classrooms are needed to allow all students to attend a full day.

The 2012 grant will fund the completion of a third weatherproof classroom.



Mission in Action, Kenya: Grant Funding \$5,674.19
Ponda Mali

This year the Kenyan group continued the ongoing relationship with Ponda Mali, Pastor Williams and the children of the school. The school provides education and a feeding program to over 100 children of the local slum area.

The school provides a nutritional lunch every day to the children, to ensure that they are having at least one meal a day.

This lunch consists of beans, porridge and ugali.

The Grant money is for the purchase of some of this food.



**Uniting Church Frontier Services: Grant Funding \$5,950
Palmerston NT, Derby WA and Charleville QLD**

Frontier Services is the major provider of aged care, health, family and community services, and pastoral support to people in remote Australia.

Frontier Services is a charity and national agency of the Uniting Church that grew out of the pioneering work begun in 1912 by the Rev John Flynn (“Flynn of the Inland”).

The grant will allow purchase of:

AGED CARE

- Terrace Gardens, Palmerston, NT. (A low care facility south of Darwin). Patient Lifter.
- Ngamang Bawoona, Derby, WA. (A low care needs hostel). Medical Trolley.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

- Charleville Early Learning Centre, Charleville, QLD. (2-6 year olds pre-school). Soft Fall and eight small meal tables.



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**Habitat for Humanity Australia (Vic): Grant Funding \$2,500
Yea Heights Estate**

In response to the 2009 Bushfires, Habitat for Humanity undertook several projects to assist families in their short, medium and long term recovery from one of the worst natural disasters in Victoria’s history.

The major response from Habitat for Humanity is the building of 25 new homes at Yea for families that either can’t or do not want to return to their old block. This is the largest project undertaken by Habitat in Australia and will help rebuild fire affected communities. The total project cost is \$5.3 million and so far the roads, paths and other civil works have been completed along with the first houses. More are planned for completion by the end of 2012.

The Grant money requested will go towards the landscaping of the 25 homes at Yea including garden mulch and a tree to be planted on each block to signify a new start for each of the families. This work will be carried out by volunteers and members from GWUC are most welcome to come and help with this work.



Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project: Grant Funding \$3,000
Outer Eastern Asylum Seeker Support Network (OEASSN)

The COP Grant will pay for part of the annual rent of a house in the outer eastern suburbs, provided for the use of Asylum Seekers who have no other housing available. Annual rental for one house can be up to \$16,000.

OEASSN raises funds for and supports the asylum seeker tenants of (currently) three houses in the eastern suburbs. Hotham Mission ASP manages the houses through their housing officer, pays for the utilities used by the tenants, and provides caseworkers for them.

Members of OEASSN provide support by:

- paying the rental on the properties, in addition to assisting the tenants to settle in to the area,
- liaising with schools, medical practitioners etc,
- driving the tenants to appointments
- arranging English tuition,
- helping the tenants to locate and use local facilities (transport, libraries, councils, post offices).



Kormilda College, Darwin: Grant Funding \$1,000
'Library' of football boots for indigenous girls

Kormilda College is a secondary school that provides a full secondary residential education program to Indigenous Students from rural and remote communities in the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Queensland.

The Indigenous Girls' Football Team at Kormilda College has been running for two seasons. They have been included in the local schools competition and also have been given the opportunity to play in the local NTFL youth girls' competition. The girls have been waived the registrations fees but are required to wear boots to be able to play at this level. The students often don't receive money from family, which means that many girls are unable to participate in these football programs.

The COP grant will be used to create a kitty of footy boots for the girls to borrow when needed.

