



Newsletter

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I would like to apologise for the delay in sending you this newsletter but we have had a lot going on lately.

Firstly, we went to Sydney in March and visited with the Consul General of East Timor, Abel Guterres. He was very supportive of our plans and is going to help us as much as possible.

I would also like to let everyone know that all the toys, clothes, typewriters, etc that were donated have been received in East Timor and have been given to the Dominican Sisters in Dili to distribute between the two orphanages (Dili & Soibada). Once again, thank you.

We, the East Timor Childrens fund, have sponsored two youths from the enclave of Oecusse, which is on the Indonesian side of East Timor (see green section of map below), to come over for World Youth Day in July 08. World Youth Day is a big celebration with Pope Benedict XVI and being hosted by the Catholic Church.

Mario & I will be heading over to East Timor on the 8th May 2008 to get updates on the orphanages in Dili and Soibada as well as photos and the development of the children we are all sponsoring.

We will also be meeting up with the District Administrator of Soibada to look at the possibility of forming a Friendship Relationship between the Gold Coast and the district of Soibada (we will let you know more when we return).

Lastly, please keep the 22nd August 2008 free, as we will be having our official Launch with a number of special guests and speakers including Abel Guterres the Consul General of East Timor. We will keep you updated with our progress on this event.

