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ATAURO NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2010



Craft group on Atauro



Hospital in Dili



Atauro Island



Local kids at play



Ferry to Atauro (once/wk)



Local restaurant



Craft group products

A SISTER PARISH—UPDATE

It has been just over a year since Jennie O'Neill and Cathy Jarvie (along with Paul Blundell from Grovelly Parish) headed to East Timor to be hosted by David and Margaret Hall (PALMS volunteers with FPET).

So much has happened in such a short period of time. To sum up the year:

July 2009

- Investigatory trip by Cathy and Jennie (under the instruction of the Pastoral Council)
- Presentation to All Saints Parishioners and a raffle to raise funds for a water tank—\$1,123.05 raised

August/September/October/ November

- Building a relationship with the parishioners of Atauro through email
- Issue of our first newsletter to keep you informed
- Personal contact with Atauro through Doug Perrers (one of our parishioners), who was stationed in Timor Leste with the Army.
- Fund raising event (book launch promoted by two of our parishioners) to assist with the fishing industry on Atauro - \$1,680 raised

December

- Visit to Atauro by Hayley O'Neill—donation of rosary beads, money to assist with their chapel needs and note pads and pens
- Christmas Gift Cards for maternal health available—\$545 raised

January/February/March/April/May

- Selection of a site for the water tank
- Building of the water tank—completed
- Donations to Atauro—formula/bottles/ diving masks/badminton equipment/ medicines

June/July

- Further donations to Atauro of anti-fungal cream (see article over), formula, bottles, teets, rice cereal (thanks to Amcal Albany Creek)

August

- Thanks to good rains, the water tank filled with water!



Congratulations to Leper pictured, who recently gave birth to a baby boy named 'Sozinho'.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL APPROVAL

After considering the investigations and relationship formed with Atauro, the Parish Pastoral Council would like to announce that it has invited the Catholic community on Atauro Island in East Timor to join us in a Sister Parish relationship.

The Parish Priest on Atauro Island, Padre Chico, has advised us that they are still in Mission Station status, but application has been

made for them to become a parish and they hope to have approval for parish status shortly.

In the meantime however, we are able to continue our relationship building with Atauro as well as our support for them.



A Mass will be held in the near future to recognise this and we will let you know when a date has been finalised.

The Pastoral Council wishes to thank you all for your prayers and contributions.

May God continue to guide us on the right path and enrich both our communities as we journey together.

Contact Jennie to join the Sister Parish Team Via Parish Office

WHERE IS ATAURO ISLAND?



MAP OF ATAURO ISLAND?



Baby—Cleft Lip



Baby—Infection & Skin Peel-



10 year old boy—skin peeling

MEDICAL CONDITIONS TREATED:
 Skin, chest, eye and ear infections
 Back pain
 Infected gums
 Sores on body & head
 Vision
 Dizziness
 Rashes
 Itchiness

MEDICAL VISITS TO ATAURO—Margaret Hall

MAY 2010

A visit by FPET's team to villages on Atauro found a number of problems. One major one being a village where a skin peeling infection was found to exist on most members of the village. Above are two images of the infection. It is hoped that the anti-fungal cream that we sent over will help alleviate the suffering of these people. One 10 year old boy has had the infection for six years.

A little baby with a cleft lip was identified (pictured above) and she was due to be seen by doctors on the ship Mercy in July.

Many of the infections found can be cured with a course of anti-biotics, but for the people of Atauro accessing these medicines can prove very difficult.

AUGUST 2010

The US Navel ship 'Mercy' was able to see a number of people from Atauro, including the baby the with cleft lip, who they operated on (we are awaiting news of the success of the operation). Unfortunately, due to security issues, the ENT team from the 'Mercy' were unable to pay a visit to Atauro. This was disappointing as it was a much anticipated visit to try to assess the reasons behind the high rate of deafness on Atauro.



VEGETABLE PATCHES

Due to the increased water supply available with the new water tank 15 pilot vegetable patches have been started.

WHAT NEXT?

We are waiting on a response from Padre Chico, as well as Margaret to see what other areas we may be able to assist with.

It is expected that more formula, bottles and medicines will be forwarded again soon (donations received will cover this).

We would also like to forward some school supplies like pens, pencils and sharpeners. Maybe you have some old ones laying around that you want to part with! Just leave them in the parish office marked for Atauro.

Ways you can contribute:

- *Prayer
- * Buy a Gift Card (your choice of Maternal Health, Fishing Industry, Education, Water Provision, General)
- *Make a donation (leave this at the parish office marked for Atauro Island— let us know if you want to support a special area)
- *Commit to a monthly contribution by way of Direct Deposit (you may state an area to which you would like to see the money go)

Please pray for the people of Atauro Island, especially the three young people who recently attended an Introduction to Community Health with FPET's team in Dili. May they return with the knowledge to assist others on Atauro.