

## DILKUSHA CHILDREN'S HOME

### Fiji

On behalf of our Dilkusha Home family, I greet you all. 2017 has gone with all its activities and now we welcoming 2018 with its duties and tasks to be done for our children and the family.

I would like to inform you all that the Superintendent has been changed in January 2018, from Deaconess Leba Laveti to the new Superintendent is Deaconess Salaseini Waqasovea Kacivakawalu.

This year 23 children are in the surrounding schools;

Dilkusha Kindergarten	01
Dilkusha Girls School	15
Dilkusha Boys School	01
Dilkusha High School	04
Nausori Special School	<u>02</u>
TOTAL	<u>23</u>

All of them were equipped with all school items and look beautiful with their new uniforms, bags, shoes and other school necessities.



There a 11 children in the Nursery age range from 1year 6months to 4years old,5 girls and 6 boys[1 set of twins]. I would like to inform you that a retired school teacher, is now teaching our children in the nursery and also helps supervise our Primary children's Home work. It is our prayer that this year's education will be a successful one.

I would like to thank the Methodist Church in Fiji and Rotuma for the great calling and task is given to me as the new Superintendent of the Home also I would like to thank the Department of Social Welfare for working hand in hand for the life of the 38 children in our care as we have to mould them to be a better and responsible children. To all sponsors, visitors, families and friends of the home locally and overseas thank you very much for providing cooked meals, birthday parties but most especially your love, care, support and prayers for our family.

It is my prayer that God Almighty will greatly bless us all and I hope that this year we will work together for the betterment of the children under our care.

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## Sri Lanka

The program in Sri Lanka works through projects with two well-established and well respected organisations – Sisters of the Good Shepherd and the Salvation Army. Both are currently child sponsorship programs covering all ethnic groups and religions. The projects were visited by the Sri Lankan Project Officer in late 2017, with all costs for the visit being met by the officer, and not World Families.

In Sri Lanka, children attend middle school from year 5 to year 11, then move to college for two years to achieve their A levels. Schooling is free but there are many additional expenses. Girls in particular are at risk of not attending school, due to poor parenting and addictions, with many girls left alone and vulnerable while parents work. It is unlikely a teenager or young adult will get any job if they have not completed college or vocational training.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd work in 68 locations across Sri Lanka, where nuns are based and undertake their work, with many diverse projects from diverse donors across the globe. The World Families' project is administered by a senior Sister, Sister Prisca, from her convent in Wattala, an outer suburb of Colombo city. This project is based on individual sponsorship of children all over Sri Lanka. Nuns based across Sri Lanka alert Sister Prisca to dire circumstances affecting families and those individual children requiring help to stay at school. Sisters have the ability to offer the girls the choice of moving to the girl's home they run where they can attend school. Files are kept on each child and the circumstances that found them requiring sponsorship, and their progress. Their book-keeping is immaculate, with copies on the computer of everything as well as a hard copy book with individual children's stories and their records. Nuns visit the families and children and check on their schooling and circumstances. The Sisters wish to continue their individual sponsorships, as there are direct benefits for the siblings and the child sponsored. They also run an elders' home and are looking to start a project upgrading facilities.



**Children and Mum at Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army program is currently administered by an efficient female New Zealand Salvation Army Officer based in their head office in Colombo. While the program is currently also a country-wide child sponsorship program, world-wide the Salvation Army are moving away from individual child sponsorship, towards community-based programs. As children mature in this project, World Families have the option of supporting two worthy Salvation Army projects – the Haven and the Sunshine Home. These are female-oriented projects, supporting single pregnant and new mothers with safe accommodation in Colombo or supporting teenage girls and young women who are in the remand system, victims of domestic violence and abuse who stay with the Salvation Army for safety and security. Funding will be directed to skills-based support for young women.

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## Good Shepard Sisters Nong Khai Foundation, Thailand

The Good Shepherd Sisters Nongkhai Foundation is a publicly certified welfare organization. The Children's Sponsorship Programme began through distributing sponsorship to poor students around the Nongkhai area and developed into the "Child and Youth Development Programme". We are supported by World Families Australia, funding organization and private donation.



In 2017 we proudly had 12 students completed Pre-Bachelor's Degree and they could get appropriate occupations in keeping with their ability. Fifteen students also graduated with a Bachelor's Degree.

Ms Suchawadee Phimfod, sponsored by WFA, graduated in Animal Science from Kasatsart University Sakonnakorn Campus. She now has a job as a veterinary officer at Lim Paiboon Pig Farm in Prajinburi province.

Go to our web site to see the complete report from Nongkhai at:  
[www.worldfamilies.org.au](http://www.worldfamilies.org.au)

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# PHILIPPINES PROJECT REPORT March/April 2018

By WFA Project Officers Bruce & Elaine Smith and WFA Treasurer Glenn Smith



Roy and Baby Carandang  
Local coordinators

**Poor access to education undermines adults and children's potential to improve their lives. The Philemon Academy Foundation provides children, youth and adults with educational opportunities that help keep them safe and learning the skills they need to survive and thrive.**



The main purpose of this trip to the Philippines was to witness our first Year 12 students that have been right through the school graduate! Wow, to see the transformation that has taken place in these seven students lives and those of the younger students is amazing. A big thank you to all that support this project and the children, your contributions are making a massive difference! They are still living in shanties with poor conditions but now have a chance to break free of those conditions. All including our teachers live on or below the poverty line!



Our Year 12 graduates



Thanks to contacts and friends we have made with members of the University Council and the Board of Regents of Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Muntinlupa (PLMun) university run by the local government of Muntinlupa City, we have been able to offer positions for university studies to all our year 12 graduates! They have to pass the entrance exam but given their year 12 results that should not be a problem.

This is an amazing opportunity for these graduates that would not normally have been available to them.



## MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND OPTICAL CLINICS



### Help us fund child Medical check-ups!

Most of our children in our projects don't get medical checks and so treatable diseases are not treated and vaccinations are missed.



### Help us fund child Dental check-ups!

Most of our children in our projects have never had Dental checks or treatment. We have dentists willing to help but funding is needed for dental supplies and possible treatments. Good teeth are important for these children's development

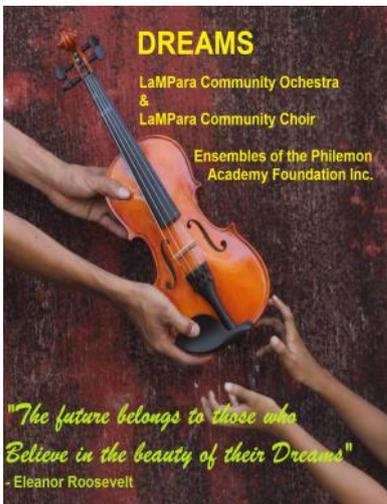


### Help us fund child Optical check-ups!

Many of the children in our projects are restricted in their education because of treatable eye conditions. Once treated they excel in their studies!

### Help us meet these important checks that most of us take for granted!

The following is taking the place of one of our projects through the Philemon Academy Foundation. "Misyon" who were teaching our children orchestra are no longer able to fit in with PAFI's curriculum but we are grateful for the contribution they made to our kids!



## DREAMS

### Eradicating systemic poverty through performing arts

LaMPara Community Orchestra & LaMPara Community Choir Are Ensembles of the Philemon Academy Foundation Inc.

Composed mainly of indigent children from Las Pinas, Muntinlupa and Paranaque, known as LaMPara.

The LCO and LCC are venues for children of few educational opportunities to develop their musical gifts to high levels, guided by capable world-class musicians.

This project is the initiative of these world-class musicians who began independently coming on board with the Philemon Academy Foundation Inc. over the last two years. They all came with a similar word "what can we do, how can we help?"

The children are so blessed to have this opportunity but your help is needed to sponsor the children, the project, and help us buy instruments etc.

### YOUR DONATION WILL HELP THESE CHILDREN ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS!

For more information on this project contact Bruce on 0414953533 or Elaine on 0141434533 or Email [wfafinance@bigpond.com](mailto:wfafinance@bigpond.com) gifts over \$2 are tax deductible



# WOMADelaide

Thanks to everyone who came to WOMAD to help on the stall.

**On the plus side** – we sold over \$400 worth of goods and our donation tin is much fuller than when we arrived.

We had one person offering to volunteer (we'll have to see if they contact us) – a couple of people wanting to start new projects/further information/ and a number of people taking our brochures. Because we were stallholders, the WOMAD site has a permanent link to the WFA site, so anyone going on to the WOMAD site may follow up on us.

Some people had a good time (although for some the heat may have made it more of an ordeal) and it helped with networking with similar organisations.

**The weekend itself** – talking to other stallholders around us who had all been coming for the past 8 years or so, this was the slowest WOMAD weekend they have ever had in terms of sales and people coming into the stalls because of the heat and the location of our stalls in the sun. My understanding though, is that each year stalls may be put in a different spot. Unfortunately, we have no control of where our stall is located or the weather - and WOMAD weekend is often hot.

**Set up of displays.** There were some issues this year, particularly with set up – as being the first one there was an underestimation of how much work was involved in setting up and a lack of knowledge of how we could display things in the marquee. This was ironed out a bit during the course of the weekend, but if we are to do it again, we will probably need to have a wall of hessian at the back and then the hessian strips with pictures around the sides. It will need two people who are prepared to go down for a day before WOMAD starts to set up. The dimensions of the stall for any future reference are – 300cm each side – 275cm at the back and height 210cm.

**Attracting interest** – other stall holders had goods displayed outside their marquee. Again if we are to do it again we should have some displays of brightly coloured goods such as the Maasai blankets and Ethiopian scarves outside the stall. We were of the understanding that only a small number of goods could be sold but that was not so. We need to have more things for sale next time.

Other stallholders had things like hair braiding and children's activities to attract custom. We could look at some things that reflect our projects e.g. the Ethiopian coffee ceremony/Injera making/hair braiding/or something reflective of our Asian projects etc.

Whether we could do some of this would depend on the temperature, particularly if we are cooking! And we would have to find out what WOMAD would permit.

**Rostering** – Rostering was done on the basis that we had to be there until quite late at night, while, in reality most stallholders in our vicinity closed by 9pm. Rostering was deliberately left a bit flexible. If we were to do it again did a flexible system work, or would a rostering system where everyone was given set times work better?

The cost for WOMAD was the \$1,300 stall fee and the cost of new brochures (which we massively overestimated and will have for some time to come!). It may take a couple of months to really see if there is a benefit to having a stall. Also – talking to other stallholders – they got more benefit in these ways the longer they had stalls at WOMAD.

We will need to assess whether we had a good return for the cost of the stall ie money received for projects through sale of goods and for WFA through the donation tin? Getting more volunteers (and we need to think what do we want people who volunteer to do – work in the office? Help project officers? Take on a project?), attracting more sponsors/donors, and/or getting people to start up new projects? Anyway- some food for thought.

Regards, Vicki

## Liwan School Repairs



A quick update to share a photo of the Liwan School repairs that are now underway. Due to the generosity of donors, we were able to send funds to get started on the repairs. Materials have been purchased and transported out to Liwan to start on the first classroom. More funds are required, but it is great to see the work underway.

This very remote school (grade 1-4) was WFA's first project in the Liwan area at the request of the elders. This school was completed and opened in 2008. Everything for the school, health post and boarding houses needed to be carried in by men or mules as there is no road. Ten years on from being built the school is in desperate need of repairs – like all buildings in the region, it is built with the local method of mud plaster over sticks, and this generally only lasts for about 7 years before needing repairs.

Thank you to all who have donated toward the repairs. **Donations are tax deductible.**

There are a large number of children in Liwan that we are seeking sponsors for. The child sponsorship program in Liwan runs differently to others. You can either choose to only sponsor for 12 – 18 months, or to be given a new child every 12-18 months. This is because it is difficult to 'follow' a child in Liwan for a sponsor without causing jealousy – and jealousy can have dramatic outcomes in that very remote area. No child or family receives money as individuals because the entire village is so very poor so it would cause inequality (and fights). So sponsorships provides improved food security, books for all the school children, employs teachers, buys oxen and so on. If you would like to sponsor a child (about \$6 a week - \$70 per quarter) please be in touch.

If you would like to donate (**tax deductible**) toward the **Liwan Project (LIW)** please either:

- Send a cheque made out to World Families Australia and post to PO Box 11, Hope Valley 5090 with a note attached saying it is for **Liwan Project (LIW)** with your NAME and ADDRESS to get a receipt as donations/sponsorships are tax deductible.

Or by internet transfer with the details **Liwan Project (LIW)**. If paying by internet must put your name and at the same time **EMAIL** to the WFA office [wfafinance@bigpond.com](mailto:wfafinance@bigpond.com) your postal address for a **receipt** for the donation.

World Families Australia sponsorship account

Name:	World Families Australia	BSB No.	065-149
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Speakers are available to tell groups about the work of W.F.A.

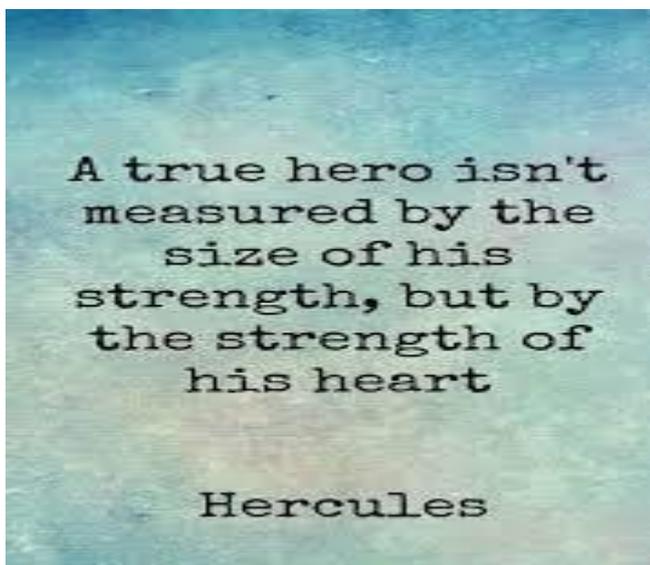
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## LAST DAY FOR YOUR GIFT THIS QUARTER

1st June

### Please Note

**Any articles for the next newsletter should reach the office by 3rd July**



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