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MISSION COORDINATOR UPDATE

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*To each person in the Carmelite Mission Support
Groups around Australia*

May the 2005 year be filled with many new threads of hope for each of you and especially for every person in East Timor.

My second year as the Carmelite Mission coordinator has now begun. I will be putting out a bi-monthly sheet to update you on East Timor happenings. The following are a list of the projects.

Formation House at Hera

A fence has been built around the property, architect plans have been completed, water is in the process of being piped to the property from the town and an artesian bore on the property and a bridge is also being built for access to the property in the wet season (*photo below*).



Temporary Formation Houses in Dili

Programmes and work experiences for the novitiate and postulant houses began in October 2004 and are operating well because of the new skills that the young men have been taught.

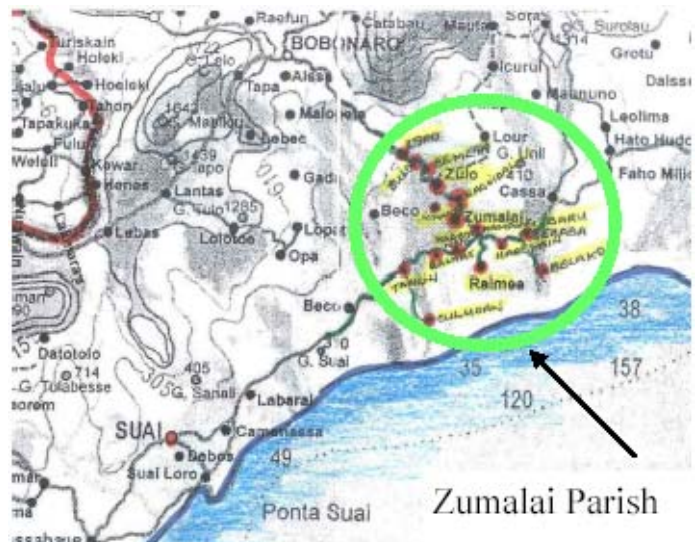
Fatuhara Student House

Many of you would have seen old photos of this house, with its open drains so close to the outside cooking area. It has now been demolished with the new house well underway (*photo below*).



The Zumalai Compound

The word Zumalai rolls so easily off each of our tongues as it has become now such an everyday word.



The youth activities continue to take place on the Zumalai compound, the mobile clinic still operates out of Zumalai for a week each month, a number of local people are learning the skills needed to operate

the woodwork and engine maintenance workshop. The young men who have joined the Carmelites at Zumalai are working hard to develop the property and set up programmes where the people can partake. The people in this isolated area of south, west East Timor are still facing a food crisis and disease is rife. There has been an outbreak of Dengue fever over the whole of East Timor.

The following are the projects of the various Parish Mission Support teams.

Coorparoo - Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Brisbane)

- They are still in the process of raising funds for a new Hilux Toyota car for Zumalai. The old Hilux has now gone to the novitiate in Dili.
- The parish makes a donation every month towards the living expenses of the young men training at Zumalai.
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel School at Coorparoo has raised a large amount of money for the Zumalai Catholic Primary School.

Cranebrook - Corpus Christi (Sydney)

- In the past, Cranebrook parish has donated a large amount of money towards the school in Bulu. They continue to help the school and village.
- The parish has also paid for the medical treatment and costs for Nando, a little boy who has a bad glandular disease, to recuperate away from his home village with the Carmelite Sisters at Maubara.



- Half of the money from their last big raffle has gone to the purchasing of essential medical supplies, maintaining the four wheel drive vehicle and running some of the nutrition and medical education programs run by the Carmelite Sisters.
- Cranebrook parish is also exploring the idea of importing tins from Zumalai and selling them here in Australia.

Foster - St Joseph's (small country town in Gippsland, Victoria)

- Part of the three parish mass centres. Fundraising stalls are held after mass on a Sunday. They are raising funds to purchase a rotary hoe for cropping in the villages.

Jamberoo/Kiama - NSW

- Their present project is to purchase a large generator for the Zumalai compound which needs electricity for the workshop.
- Do a great deal of awareness raising of issues in East Timor. Have raised large amounts of money from the Wollongong diocesan schools.

Middle Park - (Our Lady of Mount Carmel) and Port Melbourne (St Joseph's)

- Had gift giving trees for Christmas in both parishes where parishioners chose from a list of things (which included food) that the children of East Timor would appreciate.
- Many of the people have "Friends of Zumalai" money-boxes in their homes.

Wentworthville - Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Sydney)

- Their latest project was a water tanker for the Zumalai compound.
- Have raised money for a tractor and farming equipment for the village of Raimea which is part of the Zumalai parish.
- Have had big fundraising events where large amounts of money have been raised for the Carmelite works on the Zumalai compound.

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