



So what does my sponsor money actually do?



- **Food-** At Kids Ark and Shallom schools, a nutritious meal is given to all the students in the middle of the day. That's over 1000 meals of rice, vegies, and sometimes meat! For some kids this might be the only meal they eat for the whole day.

- **Teachers wages-** are one of the biggest challenges for our project partners. For just US\$180 a month, sponsorship money can cover one teachers wage.



- **Medication-** Recently a donation made to one of our project partners, allowed them to purchase much needed medication for a large group of children living in a very remote area. The medication was life-changing for these kids and radically improved their quality of life.



- **Rent-** Every project needs space to run their programs, provide shelter for those at risk and be a place of refuge.



- **Staff wages-** All of our project partners are able to do the amazing work they do through the volunteer services and the professional workers that serve into the ministries in East Timor. Earning a fair wage is everyone's right and the path to long term growth in the country.

As always, the TLC team and the Project Partners want to say thank you for your ongoing support of the work in Timor. Without your partnership none of this would be possible.

Thank you.

A new clinic for LEBUTUM

2017 has seen a brand new clinic built for Lebutum village!

In the last 2 years a road has finally been built to make this village accessible, making it easier to

Lebutum is a village high in the mountains of East Timor. In this village and its surrounding district live 100 families who survive on just one meal of rice a day. For most families this meal contains vegetables on average of once a month.

On Nurse Branca's first trip to Lebutum on horseback 10 years ago the people of Lebutum were so afraid of strangers they ran away and hid. Branca continued to visit there over the years running a makeshift clinic under a tree in the centre of the village. When the people of Lebutum got sick and needed medical assistance they had to walk for 6 hours to the nearest medical clinic.



provide much needed resources. The foundation of the clinic was laid early in the year by a local team, followed by a group of students from Springwood High school in July to lend a hand with basic building. Then in September another group of volunteers from various parts of Australia- including Hawkesbury Valley Baptist Church, Ipswich, Melbourne and Alice Springs- finished off the doors and windows.

We are very pleased to report that the clinic is being put to good use!

If you'd like to support the work being done by Kids Ark in Lebutum go to the website to sponsor.

www.tlcfund.org.au





Our dream for 2018

100 sponsors for each of our project partners

If each of our project partners in Timor had just 100 sponsors each, this would be enough to cover a large portion of each of their running costs—staff wages, food for the communities they serve and support, rent for the homes that house young girls at risk, money for medication, resources to plan and run programs in their communities....

Just 100 sponsors each!

Can you partner with us in making this dream a reality?

>Tell others about the TLC fund sponsorship program

- >Point them to the website to sign up
- >Host a fundraiser to raise money for one or more of the projects

Let us know if you have any ideas and we can all work together to help our partners serve into the people of East Timor.

Changes to sponsorship and payment processes.

We've had some really great changes to the sign-up process for sponsorship making it easier for both admin and sponsors to use.

Now when sponsors sign up on the website they can organise their payment on the spot with secure payment through PAYWAY.

We'll be sending more information to current sponsors soon to allow everyone to change over to the PAYWAY system if they want. It will allow sponsors to check on their payments by signing into their account through the website.

More info coming soon!

[Go to website](#)



Come with us.....

We have a number of opportunities in 2018 to join with us in supporting our partners in East Timor. Have you always wanted to jump into something bigger than yourself? Have you ever felt the call to serve overseas? These 2 week trips will give you a taste of mission while lending a hand to our project partners in the incredible work they do.

Dates for 2018

Thursday 29th March -



Saturday 14th April

Trip:

Launch of "Safe Water", Development of
TLC fund, General repair work

Friday 6th July - Saturday 21st July (closed trip)

Trip:

Springwood High School

September TBA



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