



KLIBUR DOMIN NEWSLETTER No.2 – APRIL 2013

WELCOME

"Welcome to Klibur Domin's newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading about our latest events and program developments. Klibur Domin, with the support of Ryder-Cheshire Australia, is committed to work with government through Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Solidarity and other INGOs to relieve the suffering of people who are affected by Tuberculosis disease, disabled and destitute people. I am proud of our facility and our staff who provide quality care for our patients and clients at Klibur Domin and in the remote community. I am glad to be a part of Klibur Domin, and I hope you too will be a part of our important work in Timor-Leste, by either donating to support our programs or volunteering with us. Klibur Domin is a vital part of the development of healthcare and social assistance to vulnerable people within remote community in Timor-Leste."

Director, Joaquim Soares, Klibur Domin

MDR-TB PATIENT FEATURES IN GLOBAL REPORT

To mark World TB Day (24 March), the Treatment Action Group (TAG) and the Sentinel Project (a partnership between the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, USA and the National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis in Chennai, India) have co-released a report on the diagnosis and treatment of children with MDR-TB around the world. This report, entitled *We Can Heal: Prevention, Diagnosis, Treatment, Care and Support: Addressing Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Children*, highlights the urgency with which the increasing prevalence of MDR-TB in children must be addressed. The story of one of Klibur Domin's patients, Jose who turns seventeen this year, features in the report. Jose is the youngest MDR-TB patient at Klibur Domin. He is 17 years old; his date of birth is listed as 1 January 1995. He was 16 when he was diagnosed with MDR-TB; his intensive treatment at Klibur Domin began on 12 September 2012. So far Jose has been responding well to treatment. Jose is originally from the Baucau district. He is an orphan, and has never attended school. Jose is an avid soccer fan, and would like to learn to play the guitar but doesn't know the chords.



TB COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FEATURED IN CRS LENT CAMPAIGN



Anna Correia, one of Klibur Domin's local volunteers who assist with community-based tuberculosis detection and treatment, was featured in the Lenten campaign of one of our donor partners, Catholic Relief Services (USA). Here is an excerpt from her story: *"My name is Ana Correia and I live in East Timor, an island nation near Australia. I'm a volunteer at Klibur Domin, a TB clinic supported by CRS. I volunteer for many reasons. It's important to help people and to stop the spread of TB. But I am happiest with the opportunity to learn new things. I couldn't stay in school as long as I wanted to, so volunteering gives me the chance to keep learning and to help others with my knowledge. TB is a very serious problem in East Timor. The disease is easily spread among people living in houses with poor ventilation, which are common in our rural villages. As a volunteer, I walk long distances to different communities so I can share information about preventing and treating TB. Throughout my years of volunteering, I have identified many positive cases of TB and helped patients get the medical care they need... I love volunteering and never want to stop learning. I'm 25 years old now, and I want to continue learning and helping my community when I am a grandmother and even a great-grandmother."*

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Over the 01 & 02 December, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities was marked by a range of activities in which Klibur Domin was an essential partner. On Saturday, a Sports Competition for People with Disability was held in Dili, with a Table Tennis and Bochi Ball, a 100 metre Sprint, a 3 km Tricycle Race, a 3km Wheelchair Race, and a Wheelchair Basketball Match. Several of Klibur Domin's clients enjoyed participating in these events. On Sunday 02/12 December a Concert, Art and Disability Exhibition was held at Christo Rei and opened by Senior Joaquim Soares (Director of Klibur Domin) as Chairman of the Disability Working Group. Several disability organisations had stands at the exhibition, including Klibur Domin, and Fred Hollows where several KD clients and staff got their eyes tested on the day. At the conclusion of the exhibition a convoy progressed through Dili consisting of the different organisations and their staff and clients, a truck with speakers and music, many motorbikes, and people on bicycle wheelchairs. For many this was the highlight of the celebrations! On Monday there was also a televised discussion around the political issues of disability in Timor-Leste which was moderated by Joaquim Soares and broadcast on TVTL.



ST DAMIEN'S CLIENTS ATTEND LOCAL SCHOOL

In January 2013 two of our CBR clients staying at St Damien's Respite centre, Jito and Antonia, started at the nearby pre-secondary school run by Franciscan nuns. A ramp has been built for access to the classrooms, and an accessible toilet is under construction so that Jito does not need to return to Klibur Domin. Jito dos Santos is 21 years old from the village of Laclolema in Liquisa district. Both his parents died before his 5th birthday, and when he was seven years of age he had a serious bicycle accident and injured his spinal cord. In 2004 the staff from the CBR program found Jito at his aunt's home in Liquisa; he had no movement and had been lying in bed for more than 5 years. Jito became an inpatient at Klibur Domin for nearly two years, and since that time the CBR program has continued to support him and his family. Jito had stopped

going to school after his accident, however in 2007 with the encouragement and support of the CBR team Jito returned to primary school which he successfully passed, and now stays at Klibur Domin to attend the nearby pre-secondary school. He is in the 1st year junior high school class. In the same class is Antonia de Jesus Martins, who is 20 years old and from Taknela in Ermera district. She is the oldest in a family of 8 with four younger sisters and three younger brothers. In 2002 she slipped on tiles and damaged her spine. In 2004 she came from Dili Hospital to spend two years as an inpatient at Klibur Domin. During this time and regular visits since 2006, the CBR program has helped Antonia to walk again. She had also stopped going to school and wanted to return but the distance was too great from her home to the school in Ermera. Now along with Jito they both attend the nearby school and stay at St Damien's House at Klibur Domin.

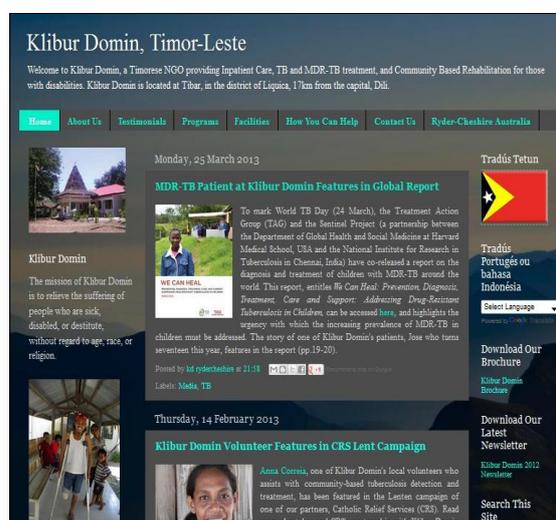


VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS

For two weeks in October Clare Shaw from Target TB UK stayed at KD to conduct Monitoring & Evaluation on the TB program. From 08 -12 October Peter Newton and Fr Francis Burns visited KD. Fr Burns came to see the St Damien's Respite Centre which was built with his generous support. Peter Newton visited various communities to collect information and a Board of Management meeting was held during his visit. From 04-20 October, Jane Gorew from the Ryder Cheshire Home in Ivanhoe, Melbourne assisted at KD, particularly in providing instruction on writing patient histories. From 09 November to 18 December, Laura Meli from Canberra conducted her internship from University of Melbourne here at KD; amongst other administrative assistance she wrote a proposal on expanding the MDR-TB program and collected information on the MDR-TB Genexpert machine. From 10 November to 27 February 2013, Nikita Taiwa conducted her student placement from Charles Darwin University here at KD. She assisted the CBR and Inpatient services. From 26 November to 18 December, Paul Kopanidis, a regular volunteer, spent time at KD to conduct a survey into the side-effects of TB medication. From 24 December to 9 January, Patricia McDonnell assisted with administration and management at KD. On January 7th Siobhan Reeves started at Klibur Domin assisting with program support, and will remain at Klibur Domin until December 9th. On April 15th, Kees Sprengers from New Zealand visited Klibur Domin to photograph our facilities and programs and KD will continue to work with Kees over the course of the next few months. We look forward to welcoming more volunteers later in the year

NEW WEBSITE: KLIBURDOMIN.ORG

Klibur Domin has a new website! Please visit www.kliburdomin.org for news updates; testimonials from staff, beneficiaries and donors; information about Klibur Domin's history, programs and facilities, and to download the Klibur Domin newsletters or brochure. The website is also available in Tetun.



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