

AUTUMN 2026

Innocents Relief

Autumn Appeal



Your help is needed for our Orphanage in Timor Leste

The Dom Gabriel Manek Orphanage supports 30 girls needing full time care. Some are orphans and others are unable to live at home due to poverty, abuse or other reasons. Unfortunately, the orphanage does not receive any government or diocesan support.

We are struggling to meet their yearly expenses which have risen to AUD 50,000.

We would like to ensure that the girls continue to have access to a good education, tuition in English and Portuguese and nutritious, protein rich meals.



Your financial support will make a significant difference to their quality of life.

How to Donate

Account Name: Innocents Relief Ltd

BSB: 084-034

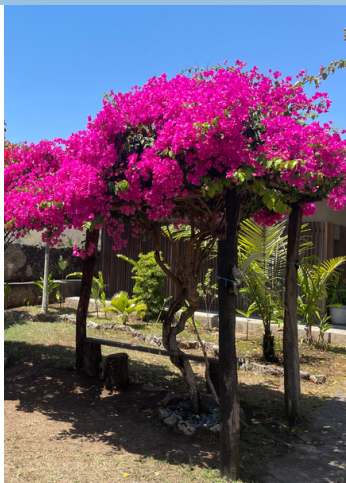
Account No: 851082278

Reference: Your name + Orphanage

Email: donors@innocentsrelief.org.au with details of your donation and a receipt will be issued.

Cheques: PO Box 4096, St Lucia South, 4067

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible





From the President

Welcome to IR's Autumn Newsletter for 2026

With your help, our commitment continues, supporting disadvantaged children across 23 Centres in 8 different countries.

Some wonderful examples of your donations at work over the past six months include:

- Provision of 50 school desks and teacher training days in Malawi
- Purchase of 100 laptops for 4 Centres in Timor Leste
- Flood relief assistance for our South African Centre
- School fees, uniforms and school stationery for many of our Indian Centres

Our mid-year Appeal is raising funds to cover the yearly expenses of the Dom Gabriel Manek Orphanage in Timor Leste.

The orphanage supports 30 girls who do not have a home or cannot live at home. The Sisters do a great job, creating a loving environment and ensuring the children's education is well supported and that they are prepared for life beyond the orphanage. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated and will create an opportunity for these girls to move beyond poverty.

I thank my fellow board members for the work that they do in continuing our mission. Our Board greatly appreciates your donations and our heartfelt thanks is extended to all of you for your ongoing support.

Michael Carter B. Eng, B Bus, M.Sc
President, Innocents Relief

Thank you!



Thanks to our generous donors, these old classrooms will soon be replaced with 4 brand new classrooms!

Our **Christmas Appeal** exceeded our target and raised nearly **\$40,000**. This will cover the construction of one classroom and the Maliana Diocese will fund the remainder. Excess funds will enable the installation of 30 laptops by Innocents Relief Board Members in September.

Exciting times ahead for the St John Paul II students in Maubara, Timor Leste!



News from our Centres



It has been a fruitful year for St Martins Primary School in Malawi.

Until now, many students have been sitting on the floor or three to four to a desk.

50 more desks have made a significant difference to their learning experience!



In addition, their teachers have benefitted from **professional development days** which will enable them to teach the new school syllabus.



The staff also discussed the school's new child protection policy.

They were grateful to receive an example of a student education program from IR as an essential component of the policy.

It is a requirement of Innocents Relief, that all of our Centres implement a comprehensive Child Protection Policy.



The **Holy Family Care Centre in South Africa**, was hit with torrential rain from Jan to Mar this year. **IR funding enabled the purchase of 50 school raincoats and gumboots for the children.**

Such basic items, have made a tremendous difference, helping students stay warm and dry during the extended period of wet weather and flooding.

100 laptops for Timor Leste!



In mid April, the doors were sealed on another container, laden with educational supplies, bound for Timor.

In addition to the laptops, our Centres will receive desks, chairs, books, guitars, keyboards, sewing machines, sporting equipment and more.

IR Board Members will install the laptops at 4 of our Centres in September. The students will benefit greatly from exposure to this technology, opening up new pathways for their future.

Time to bid farewell to the IR Office

Late last year, IR volunteers gathered at the office for the last time to collect paper files and memorabilia. As the new Board now meets at a home in The Gap, there is no longer a need to hold this space.

This was home for IR from 1988 to 2025 and we are very grateful to Fr Pat Richards for providing this room and the St Thomas Aquinas hall rent-free for 37 years. So many rich conversations and meaningful actions took place here. It will be missed.



Finding good homes for the office equipment and Association Records



Our PCs, laptops, monitors and printers were happily received by SubStation33.

They will reuse useful components in laptops etc. to sell at reduced rates to disadvantaged students.

Our Timorese Centres will be recipients of SubStation33's refurbished laptops and we are very grateful for their generous rates.



The State Library of Queensland was thrilled to be asked to archive the IR Association records.

Innocents Relief's history, as a long standing Brisbane-based charity, will now be preserved for anyone interested in researching its story.

Our gratitude is extended to our past Secretary, Robyn Collins and the SLQ for making this possible.



Have you got time on your hands?

IR is managed by a small group of dedicated volunteers. Since the pandemic we have worked remotely at home, but we gather for Board meetings, each month, at The Gap. Excellent morning tea is a feature of these meetings!

If you are interested and can help please contact Clare on 0432 204 479 for further information.



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