ARE YOU READY TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE?

It’s all happening!

What a great few months we have had in the Cagliero Project office!

In March I headed over to Cambodia to see how our three volunteers over there are going. It is always a privilege to be able to visit Cambodia and it is humbling to witness the hard work and dedication of our Cagliero volunteers and the Salesians with whom they work. I have included some photos about the journey and written about the experience.

Our ‘immersionists’ are also getting ready to depart for Samoa in late June (pictured above). We had a fabulous preparation weekend Don Bosco Camp in Safety Beach. The group represents Salesian schools and works from all over Australia and they are AWESOME! There is such a diverse ranges of skills and talents. It is going be a wonderful journey. Jess has written a detailed account of the weekend where lots was learned and much fun was had!

It is that time of year when people start to think about what they are doing and where they are headed. We have begun accepting applications for January 2015 and will do so until October. NOW is the time if you have ever considered long term volunteering. We have some amazing opportunities available.

Thanks again for your ongoing support of the Cagliero Project. Many blessings till we write again!

Lauren and Jess

A new Rector Major has been elected for the Salesians of Don Bosco. We wish Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime every blessing for his time as Rector Major.

Fr. Angel pictured here with Fr. Bernie and Fr. Greg, our vice-Provincial and Provincial.
Visit to Cambodia
by Lauren Hichaaba

It was a pleasure to be able to visit Cambodia and witness firsthand the good work being done by Bess, Romina and Melissa. Bess is working with the Don Bosco Children’s Fund on their HIV program. I attended the distribution program where they support and educate young people impacted by HIV/AIDS. It was great to see Bess at work. The Khmer people really respond to her gentle demeanor and it is evident that they really appreciate her efforts to learn the Khmer language.

Romina and Melissa are both working very hard at Don Bosco Technical School. Romina is teaching English in the school and running formation seminars for the students. When I arrived she was in the midst of running a seminar and all of the students were hanging on her every word. Melissa is also teaching and helping the school with their marketing. She is getting ready to launch a new website for the school that will help them to promote the sustainability of the school through different business ventures that they offer. It looks fantastic!! As per usual our volunteers in Cambodia have wonderful supervisors – Cynthia at DBCF and Fr. Roel at DBTS. They are guided and supported by these excellent mentors.

Bess will return to Australia in June after a year of service and Romina and Melissa will return next January. We wish those in Cambodia and all of our volunteers the best of luck as they continue their volunteer journey.

DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

We are currently accepting applications for departures in January 2015. These will be accepted until October 15, 2014.

Visit: www.cagliero.org.au to obtain information on how to apply.
Twelve inspiring young people prepare for the trip of a lifetime

For two weeks at the end of June and beginning of July this year, a group of twelve will embark on an immersion trip to Samoa. The two weeks will give the group an opportunity to volunteer, learn about the Samoan culture, experience living with a Samoan family and visit the Salesian works in both Savaii and Upolu. On Friday the 2nd of May to Sunday the 4th of May the group gathered together for the first time to learn about Samoa and plan some of the work that they will be doing while in the schools and Parishes. It was a wonderful opportunity for the group to gather together to get to know one another and learn about the unique culture of Samoa.

The group participated in activities that involved team building, including a competitive dessert competition of ‘My Kitchen Rules-Samoan style’. The group had a great time creating the desserts but unfortunately for the judges it was not the same experience tasting them!

The small teams also planned a variety of activities, games, input and leadership sessions that will be used during school and parish based activities. The Saturday evening involved an introduction to the culture of Samoa. As dancing is a huge part of the culture the Samoa, the group worked together to choreograph a dance to the song ‘Happy’ to perform while in Samoa. The group is diverse in the skills that they bring to the group and this will be a great asset while in Samoa. It will be a wonderful immersion this year and we are all very excited about departing at the end of June.

The Cagliero runs an immersion program every year. In 2015 we will go to Cambodia.

For more information please visit: www.cagliero.org.au
News and Reminders

The Bus has been purchased!!

You may remember that our amazing volunteers Declan and Catherine walked around the island of Savai’i with Fr. Mosese and the ‘Walk for a Bus’ team last year to raise money for a much needed school bus! Well after all of the hard work and fundraising a bus has been purchased. What an amazing accomplishment!

Check out www.donboscosamoa.org for more details and photos on the bus.

T-Shirts in Cambodia

Don Bosco Technical School in Phnom Penh runs a printing press that delivers fantastic screen printing at a really low price. All the profit goes directly back into the running of the school! We recently had our Oz-Bosco t-shirts printed there and they look fabulous. Please contact the Cagliero office if you are interested in ordering some t-shirts.

Please keep us updated with what is going on with you – we love to hear and share your news!

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