



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN VENILALE ?

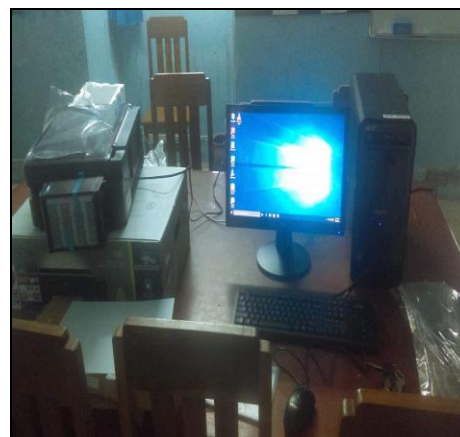
January - March (2018) Activities

Partnership's donations & projects

Donation for Uai-Oli Primary School;

Boss went to Dili bought the computer and printer with a good price after we got the donations from Mansfield Christian Fellowship Church through FoV. This donation is going to Uai-Oli Primary School and it is to be distributed in the next meeting as the FLO have contacted the committee.

We did a test for the first time to make sure those equipments works fine at the community center and it is now ready to be distributed to Uai-Oli school



Projects

Venilale Welcome Sign project is on progress;



Jack and Joni worked on the welcome sign renovation.

They remove the previous concrete wall and put a new one as that's the easy way cut the concrete to make letters.

Mestra Candida sent five of her students to help cleaning up the area around the welcome sign.

Once we finish the project we will send the updates in our next FoM minutes.

Uai-Bua,s Basketball Court

Uai-Bua Basketball court refurbishment;

Teachers and students from Uai – Bua School are happy to voluntarily work on their basketball court as it reduce the labor cost.

The students also have to carry water from the nearest water spring and collect the stones for the foundations.

The process of concreting has come up to the middle line of the court itself but unfortunately the school runs out of cement. The principal of Uai-Bua school have let the FLO know that the school will finish the project by getting the involvement the parents of the student where they will ask to contribute 1\$ from each students.



ART Gallery at the community center;



Few months after the music and art classes at the community center ended we got enough funding from Friends of Venilale to buy the art equipments as a way to start the art gallery. After nearly one month working on those paintings now can put them up at the community center.

Those are small size canvases 25cmx35cm but after this we are trying to get more canvas with various sizes in Dili.

We keep working on the paintings and hopefully we can fill up the gallery soon, some of the canvases were given to the local artist so that they can be including in the future projects. We also will include our previous students to come and join with us at the center as that was our main objective of the proposal.

Visits - Tourism

From December 2017 up to March 2018 we have got few visits from the local and international visitors.

At the end of December 2017, a couple from Darwin El Mae and her partner visit Venilale for one week stayed at the local's house. They were able to have had the great experience of visiting Venilale; Went to the tourism places, visit uma lulik, observed the process of making tais, they spent time with the local community, visit and helped Jony at the community center.

They made a video of their trip and share them on our facebook page. They were so happy to have visit Venilale.

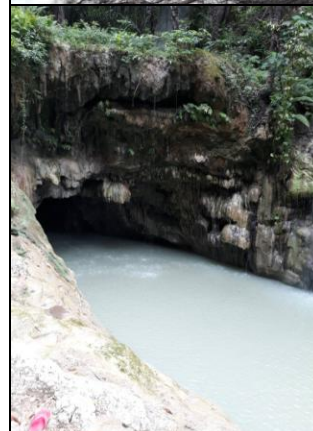


Valentine's Day: Jony with his local and international friends climb up to Mt. Ariana to celebrate Valentine's Day.



A quick visit on Easter holiday; Motorbike riding down to Uai-oli to visit natural bridge in a rainy day was possible.

One of Boss friend who is very passionate in visiting the sites arranged this visit as she really wants to visit those places, she was happy to pay the locals \$10 as a entrance fee to visit the natural bridge and the water fall. This was also Boss first time at the new waterfall. Free transport and a lunch after getting back to Venilale was a great day for everyone at the end.





Timor Adventure Group Visit Venilale:

A group of students and teachers from Finley, NSW, Australia visit Venilale. The visit was organized by Timor Adventure in coordination with the FLO.

As it was required by Timor Adventure a welcome singing and dancing was beautifully presented by the students of Osoake primary school.

Jony brought them to visit the hospital, tais place, donate some sport equipments to the orphanage and walk around the town.

A lunch was provides by Jony's Aunty at the community center before heading down to the waterfall and the hot spring.

The group was able to pay \$ 90 for the food, \$15 for the welcome dancing and \$10 for the guide.

Other Activities



Jony organized a cleaning day at the community center with the students and teachers from Uato Haco Public primary school.

An Update

- The committee have decided to employ a new tour guide as a replacement for Ernesto's position.
- Jack is now studying English in SOLS Bercoli for six months
- With the replacement of our new tour guide the committee also has decided to continue run English, music and art classes at the community center at the end of this month.
- The mentoring program for the new tour guide will be responsible by Jony and Boss.
- There are now two volunteers in Venilale from Peace Corps Organization and they are located in Bercoli and Fatulia.
- We are now in between wet and dry season.
- The parliament election is on the 12th of May, 2018.

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