

OBRIGADU BARAK!

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Desks for Kay Rala School



Because of the great response from all of our generous donors, SETRA was recently able to send \$1520 to our Sister School in Manatuto to build 30 more desks for the students. Kay Rala Secundaria school had been rebuilt with some government funding after its destruction in 1999, but apart from chairs and blackboards, the students and teachers have had very little else. Thanks to previous donations, students from the Nova Project High School delivered \$3000 when they visited in April of 2005. Other than tuition scholarships, what the students and faculty most wanted was desks, so students wouldn't have to write their exams on the floor!

We asked the faculty to find local carpenters to make the desks, so that the money would help the larger community as well. With the help of Victor Soares, Kay Rala's Public Relations Director, local carpenters were found who could start work immediately. In May we received the photo below of the carpenters at work on the desks, and in June, the photo above arrived! Each desk costs \$35. So far we have raised enough for 70 desks. Each desk seats two students, so over 1/3 of the students now have a place to write their essays and exams, make art, and do science experiments. Victor reports that the students are all very happy with the desks, and we hope we can continue to raise enough to build desks for all the students when they return to school in September.



Teacher Joao Marques with Manatuto carpenters

Tuition Sponsorships Help 73 Students More Help Needed to Reach Goal of 100 Sponsors

"Obrigadu Barak" (*Thank you very much*) to all those who gave so generously to sponsor a Kay Rala Student. 38 individuals have donated tuition for 43 students to attend Kay Rala Secundaria during the 2005-2006 school year. **Sponsors will be receiving photos of the students they have sponsored in September when the students return to school after break.**

Nova students and SETRA coffee sales have raised funds to sponsor scholarships for Kay Rala students for the last two academic years. (*See the back page for photos of students sponsored in 2004-2005.*) In April Nova students delivered funds to pay for 30 students for the 2005-2006 school year. Along with individual sponsorships a total of 73 students will be able to attend school next year because of SETRA donors.

Annual tuition of \$40 pays for books, supplies, uniforms and salaries for most of the teachers. Of Kay Rala's 20 teachers, only 8 are paid by the government, and the remaining 12 are supported by student tuition, usually receiving \$150/month for their work. Kay Rala faculty have consistently sacrificed their own pay to allow students to attend school even if their families cannot pay tuition. Last year 100 of the 315 Kay Rala students could not afford tuition. **SETRA has pledged to find sponsorships for 100 student tuitions, so we need 27 more individual sponsors to meet our goal!** *See the back page for details on how you can help, and photos of the 30 currently sponsored students.*

Kafe' Timor Loro-sa'e available at Rolling Thunder, Sat, Aug. 13!

Many of you have come to appreciate and savor the rich taste of Organic, Shade Grown, Fair Trade coffee from East Timor. On **Saturday, August 13 from 12-5 PM you can come buy coffee from our booth at Rolling Thunder in Seattle's Magnuson Park.** SETRA makes \$5 on every pound of coffee we sell at events like this, so come on down and see our display of photos from the Nova school trip, photos of the Kay Rala students, and the beautiful Timorese weavings that we'll also be offering to raise money for our projects in East Timor. Just follow your nose to the SETRA coffee table, and stock up!

We've just heard that a severe blight has profoundly impacted the shade trees on Timor this season. Though the coffee plants were not directly afflicted by the blight, they depend on the shade provided by the trees. It is expected that coffee yields will be way down this year, but we will do our best to continue providing East Timor coffee to our loyal supporters.

To order coffee any time, complete the form on the back of this newsletter, or call 206-782-8773 for more info.

Salt from the Sea Brings Opportunity

Students at Nova and SETRA members are investigating the possibility of importing sea salt from Manatuto to distribute in Seattle. The local salt we brought home is excellent in flavor and texture, and salt is becoming an essential gourmet item for discriminating cooks in the Northwest as well as the rest of the USA. Like other SETRA projects, we aim to "give to the community twice". Exporting the salt will increase the economic opportunities for the family producers in Manatuto, and the profit from the sales here will continue to support our current projects, HIAM Health, and Kay Rala Secundaria. We hope to arrange for a small shipment soon so we can have samples for potential buyers to taste. . **If you would be interested in purchasing this excellent sea salt, in any quantity, please call us at 206-523-3656 or 206-523-3278.**



Kay Rala students prepare salt for their family business in Manatuto. Salt is sold in liter-sized woven palm baskets, seen in front.

Theater for Public Health

UW student and friend of SETRA, Andrew J. Bryant, is living and working this summer in East Timor. Andrew is working with "Bibi Bulak" (*translated Crazy Goat*) Theater Company to bring public health messages to the rural towns in Dili and Manatuto Districts. Andrew is studying Public Health at the UW Health Alliance International Program, where long-time ETAN and SETRA supporter, Marianne Mercer works. Andrew's girlfriend, Clarice, is the daughter of Elwin Wirkala, long time ETAN activist who traveled to East Timor to observe the referendum vote in 1999.

Andrew follows in the footsteps of other active SETRA members who have traveled to East Timor to see for themselves the devastation there and the hopeful spirit of the people in the face of all their challenges. His work is desperately needed in a country that has little infrastructure and serious health problems, some of which could be alleviated with education and medical supplies.

Andrew had the opportunity to visit Kay Rala school and HIAM Health, and is helping our friend, Victor, investigate the salt export project from on the ground in East Timor. Andrew will return from his travels in late August, and we look forward to hearing about his adventures. Thanks, Andrew!!

Sister School Founder Receives Award



Ashley Barnard, pictured with here with her parents Linda Tally and William Barnard, received the Max Block Humanitarian Award for her accomplishments in helping to found the Nova / Kay Rala Sister School Project. Ashley graduated from Nova this year, and will be attending American Friends University next fall.

SETRA Video Project

Angelica Macklin, a local film maker, is currently working with Nova students to sort through hours of our rocky footage from East Timor to compile a short fundraising video for SETRA. The film will include footage and photographs from the trip as well as interviews with founding SETRA board members.

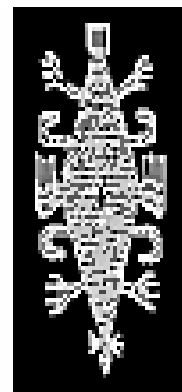
Even though Angelica has been working overtime and is giving us quite a deal on the final video, we still need to raise funds to cover the cost. **Look for upcoming announcements for our fundraising "Breakfast and a Movie at the Rendezvous", and you might even catch an early peek at the Timor video.**

Nova Students in the News

In May Seattle P.I. writer Robert Jamieson sat down and interviewed Nova students for an article he wrote covering the Nova trip to East Timor. It covers a brief history of Timor as well as a basic summing up of our thoughts and feelings of the trip. You can find a copy on-line at the following address:

<http://www.etan.org/et2005/may/29/2teens.htm>

To see other past articles about SETRA and the Sister School Project, go to www.etan.org and look for their on-line newsletter, Estafeta.



Obrigadu Barak! SETRA Donors

These people have donated time, energy, space and money to help people in East Timor rebuild their country:

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to *Martin King and Cheryl Grunpock*, without whom our Nova trip to East Timor could not have happened. You changed many lives through your thoughtful generosity. Obrigadu Barak!

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I want to give \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 other _____

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My TOTAL CONTRIBUTION IS \$ _____

I want to buy Kafe Timor Loro-sa'e Fair Trade Organic Timor Coffee

_____ bags regular @ \$10/16oz bag for a total of \$ _____

_____ bags decaf @ \$10/12 oz. bag for a total of \$ _____

Call me and I'll pick up my order

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I'm interested in getting involved! Please contact me about SETRA meetings and projects.

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THANK YOU FOR HELPING!!

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