

Missionaries of the Poor outreach at Holy Family Parish

Missionaries of the Poor (MOP) is an international semi-monastic order of brothers, priests and nuns which received Pontifical Approval in 2019. Today, the order serves in 11 countries around the world. Since 2016, the parishioners of the Holy Family Catholic Parish have been supporting the two MOP missions that are very close to Australia (Flores and Timor Leste).

Much has been achieved over this ten-year period. The support from the parish has assisted the people of Saburai Village, Timor Leste, specifically in providing ,over these ten years, 1200 food parcel deliveries to the elderly and disabled, in addition to supporting feeding programs for 4000 poor children. Additionally, over the ten-year period, assistance has been provided for Christmas celebrations at both missions by providing food and gifts for over 10,000 poor children. Support for the Timor Leste mission at Saburai also entailed the packing 146 boxes of supplies (roughly 3,000 kg), shipped in nine separate Rotary shipping containers, containing medical supplies (provided by St Vincents Hospital), pharmaceuticals, children's new clothing, underwear, school supplies, dental supplies, toiletries, and uniforms for the missionary brothers. Additionally, for the Saburai mission, we have personally taken to the mission school uniforms, several thousand rosaries, scapulars, other religious items, home-made blankets, and hairclips for the elderly ladies. We both make annual trips to the two missions during which we also assist by purchasing food items for the poor local communities and supplies for each mission.

'For us, we see the face of Christ in the poor but just as important they see the face of Christ in us and the love of neighbours from Australia.'

Once again, our work at the mission for the poor is greatly helped by the generous donors of the Holy Family Parish.

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