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Cagliero in Timor Leste

It is always such a great time of the year in the Cagliero office when we start to receive applications for our 2019 intake. It is such a pleasure to encounter people who are passionate about the Salesian mission of working with young people throughout the world. Only a few weeks left until the application deadline and we are so excited about who else may come our way!

In more exciting news, we will be sending Cagliero volunteers to Timor Leste in 2019! There are more details and some photos below about our newest placement country.

As the year starts to draw to a close, volunteers who have been away since January are starting to

think about coming home. Included in this newsletter is a reflection from our amazing volunteer Teaghan. She has been at Don Bosco Technical School in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for the past nine months. She shares some of her thoughts and insights about her experiences thus far.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have given of their time this year. The Cagliero Project would not exist without you! And thank you as always to our incredible supporters.

Many blessings,

Lauren and Romina xo

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2019 APPLICATION DEADLINE

The Cagliero Project is accepting applications for departures in January 2019.

The application deadline is:

15 OCTOBER 2018

Please visit our website:

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From the Field - Life in Cambodia

by Teaghan Dolan

"I am so happy here, now I have stayed at Don Bosco for two years, and for me it has been very happy" – this was something said to me by a boarding student recently and for me sums up well the experience of being at DBTS – one of joy.

I have been a part of the community – priests, brothers, students, teachers, and volunteers – at DBTS Cambodia for 7 months now and through the many experiences and often unpredictable events that have occurred, it has been an experience of joy, challenge and learning.

I entered this community as a volunteer – a volunteer who would fulfil the role of a teacher, though with time my role has gradually changed, partially due to the continual changes in activities that occur at DBTS, but more so I have come to realise for me simply being with the young people here

is what has kept my volunteer experience alive and is where I find purpose in my work. The students here come from many different backgrounds, with so many stories to tell and dreams to work towards, and never have I met young people that maintain such a joyful attitude whilst doing so. Often I think about when I first arrived in Cambodia – I felt awkward, new, different, unsure of my place – it wasn't easy; in comparison to now - I am able to share in a real relationship with the students where we can look forward to the conversations we share, work and play games together, and laugh so so much – whether it be about my lack of talent for speaking Khmer or the jokes and games we enjoy together during our free-time. Whether it be teaching or dancing, whatever it is I am doing with the students it always leaves me with joy.



Cambodia has continually pushed me to learn and to grow, and with each day I come to understand more and more about the realities of being a young person in Cambodia. It's a true privilege to have these students welcome me into their lives for this short time and my admiration for their approach to their studies and life continually grows. We could all learn so much from the spirit of solidarity, family, and joy that the young people of Cambodia communicate, and it is so special to be able to witness and share in it first-hand.



Cagliero news...

INTRODUCING TIMOR LESTE:

In August, Cagliero Director, Lauren Hichaaba, travelled to Timor Leste to conduct a formal site visitation. The Salesians are incredibly vibrant and strong in Timor and the work they do with young people throughout the country is amazing. We are thrilled that commencing in 2019 we will have placements for Cagliero volunteers in Timor. The Cagliero Project is so excited to be able to support the wonderful work of the Salesians in Timor Leste. Are you ready to take up the challenge and be one of our first volunteers in Timor?? Visit our website: www.cagliero.org.au to apply.



2019 IMMERSION TO CAMBODIA:

Just a few short months ago a fantastic group of young people participated in the Cagliero Immersion to Samoa. Already it is time to start thinking about 2019. Is it your year?

The Cagliero Project will once again run an immersion to the Kingdom of Wonders, Cambodia! Over the next few weeks more information will become available on our website.

The immersion is an incredible opportunity to immerse yourself in a new culture and learn about the work of the Salesians of Don Bosco in a different context.

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