

I am continually amazed & overcome at the efforts of so many people to work together for a good project.

KIRSTY Sword GUSMAO identified an urgent need to provide very basic assistance to expectant Mothers that will greatly **reduce** Infant mortality.

The BALL started rolling!

On Sat 5th Nov, we sent off our first Container load **for this project**, items that came from all over & loaded by Rotarians, Lions & their families.

JILL Forsyth, D9800 DIK M. Kits Project Director, has also sent over **\$2,000** from our promotions to be used for local purchases in TL & pay a small amount to the Ladies working on the project in DILI.

JILL also arranged for an Overlocker & several new Sewing Machines-**which we still need funding (\$1,800).**

ALOLA have organized the Ladies in TL to sew & prepare the Maternity Kits. Self help projects **are the most effective/sustainable.**

The \$4,000 for the Container was paid for by the **Lions of BOX HILL**, Pres Fred Coulson who also helped load with 2 other members.

The RC of **ELSTERNWICK** lead by Pres Bill Stoney, organized the day, including the BBQ.

RC **BRIGHTON BEACH**, lead by Pres Noelle Pratt came in force.

RC **EAGLEHAWK**, Pres Wal Lourie & Mr TIMOR-Leon Scott - a truck load of items from **all the helpers in the BENDIGO area**, & worked fork lift all day & made the 3 hr round trip

RC **West Footscray**, RC **ALBERT PARK**, RC **MELTON** (Catherine- with a truck load)

RC **BRIMBANK CENTRAL**- Dawn Watson-Computers 4 Kids.

Jill EWING for her store work & personally purchasing special items.

Our regular store volunteers, every Tues & Thurs, who did the preparation & packing.

GOLDEN Bros, who have sponsored our DIK Store sites since 1990 & paid \$42,000 for our current site for the next 2 years.

The week end access gives all Rotarians & families a great opportunity to not only help but be involved in FELLOWSHIP that glues our Organization together.

Lee NORRIS, the Alola Friendship Schools Program Director in Australia.

The Project is ongoing. This Container will be in DILI on 16th Nov.

DIK Freight funds.-

I request every Club consider donating **\$500 now**-once AUSAID accreditation is completed (early 2006) your **\$500 now** will become **\$1,500 credit for all future freight charges**, for this & other projects.

Current donors are:-Camberwell, Prahran, Melton, West Footscray, & Flemington,

Cheques payable :-"**R.A.O.A.Fund**" & post to Bill.

My only regret is that we never seem to be able to get any Media coverage for these events-not for our recognition-**but to encourage others to join with us.**

On behalf of ALL involved in this life saving, simple & very cost effective project-**THANK YOU!**

Bill.

D9800 DIK HEAD!