

HUMPTY DUMPTY IN EAST TIMOR



DAY 7

There was applause for the winners, but perhaps the biggest cheer from the crowd gathered at the finish line of the First Lady Cup in Dili today was for our own Mr Humpty Dumpty himself, Paul Francis.

Not because he completed the 10km fun run in fine form, instead for his pledge to bring a Timorese team out to Australia for the 2008 Balmoral Burn.

For the first time, two Timorese men and two women will join the throngs of Sydneysiders running the notorious Awaba St hill next May to raise funds for much needed medical equipment for hospitals in NSW.

Such is the warmth the Humpty Dumpty team has received during its week-long research trip to Dili.

Everyone from the prime minister to the children in the villages outside Dili have been so appreciative of our pledge to make a difference in the lives of sick kids here.

Nothing was more evident this afternoon when the family of baby Maria – the little Timorese girl who two of our team treated in Sydney – arrived at our hotel with gifts of thanks.

Their visit closely followed by that of another Timorese boy – a close friend of our Dili contact and friend Jenny Coles - who was treated by our medical and nursing contingent.

“It is so nice we have been able to help – and people are comfortable asking for it,” says Margaret Bresnahan.

“There is a continuous need for medical aid here. Fortunately this afternoon we still had some medical supplies we had brought from home to help treat this young boy.

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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The Humpty Dumpty Foundation is compiling a Wish List to help the children of East Timor.

A team of five expert medicos are in Dili this week identifying how the foundation's money can best be spent.

Stay tuned for the Wish List and if you want to help Humpty Dumpty's bid to assist our Timorese neighbours contact angela.garniss@humpty.com.au

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