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Newsletter #28

Our volunteers are awesome!

As 2017 kicks on, I am happy to report that the Cagliero world is as bright and as busy as ever! Our incredible volunteers in both Cambodia and Samoa continue to make us proud with their hard work, generosity and joyful presence among the young people with whom they work.

What a blessing it is to be so busy with work that brings us so much joy and fulfillment! In April, I was able to be in Samoa with the amazing Matt and Steph for their visitation. Keep reading for more details about how they're going and what they're up to at Alafua and Malololelei.

Over the first weekend of May, the Cambodia immersion group for 2017 gathered at Safety Beach for a few days of formation and preparation. It was incredible to

finally meet everyone and not at all surprising to discover how talented our group of participants are. Tristan and I could not be more excited to lead the group over to Cambodia in June/July!

We are also currently preparing our formation program for our new volunteers who are set for mid-year departure. You'll find an introduction to these lovely people in this edition of our newsletter.

As of May 19th, the Cagliero Project said a temporary goodbye to Lauren, as she and her family prepare to welcome the newest little Hichaaba into the world. We're expecting news of an arrival very soon so let us continue to keep Lauren, Peter and the entire Hichaaba family in our prayers this month.

We thank all our volunteers, supporters and contributors who enable us to work with and for young people overseas. You are the beating heart of Cagliero!

Take care, Romina xo

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2017 Immersion Formation Weekend

By Br Tristan O'Brien SDB

The calm surrounding the Beach House in Safety Beach over the 5th-7th of May disguised the flurry of activity within. Over the weekend 12 new Cagliero immersion participants gathered for their formation program. They come from Salesian College, Chadstone (2), St Joseph's College, Ferntree Gully (2), Dominic College, Glenorchy (1), Dunlea Centre, Engadine (1), St John Bosco College, Engadine (2), and Don Bosco Camp (4). Fr Bernie Graham SDB will also join the group during their time spent at Don Bosco Tech in Phnom Penh. The formation weekend was led by Romina and Br Tristan, who will be leading the immersion group to Cambodia this July.

Covering topics from Cambodian culture and history, the Salesian

context in Cambodia and the various outreach programs involved, all participants showed a deep interest and commitment to the program as a whole. The group came to each discussion with openness and a willingness to learn and share. Throughout the weekend a growing sense of community and joy was evident.

A true indication of the community spirit was the way in which the group welcomed others over the weekend. Christine, a previous Cagliero volunteer in Cambodia, and Br Daniel, a Salesian missionary from Cambodia, were able to join the group on Saturday to share their experiences and insights. Their presence was warmly received and their input valued.

The weekend culminated with a mass celebrated by Fr Bernie and the presentation of the immersion crosses and t-shirts. A fitting way not simply to end our Immersion Formation weekend, but rather to begin the ongoing journey of this immersion group in a spirit of faith and community.

New Volunteers for 2017

By Romina Martiniello

The Cagliero Project will welcome aboard three new volunteers in June 2017.

Jeffery Hampson is a long-time technical education teacher from Brisbane. He will be placed at Don Bosco Technical School, Phnom Penh Cambodia for 12 months.

From New Zealand, we have Dean Fonseca who will also join the community in Phnom Penh for 12 months, working primarily as an English teacher in the tech school and an assistant to the boarder students after hours.

Thirdly, we are thrilled to have Miranda King who will take on a 6 month placement at the City of Joy in Zambia. Miranda comes to us through years of involvement with the Salesians, most significantly as a member of ASYC group and a long-time youth ministry volunteer and employee with the parish and Salesian Sisters at St Jude's in Scoresby.

She will work at the centre for young girls at risk as a teacher, assistant and house mother.

We cannot wait to journey with our new volunteers as they begin the next stage of their Cagliero journey overseas.

Visitation to Samoa

By Romina Martiniello

After landing in Samoa on Easter Monday, I could not have been more excited to visit our two wonderful volunteers, Matt and Steph. I was greeted at the airport by an absolutely stunning island morning and Matt's very friendly face!

My first few days were spent with Matt at Don Bosco Technical Centre, Alafua. Matt is doing an incredible job as an English and Business Studies teacher. He spends most of the day in the classroom and afterschool hours are spent playing sport with the boys, tutoring students and helping the Salesian brothers in formation with their English studies.

Matt is incredibly modest about his work and presence at Alafua, but after spending only a few days watching him work and interact with the boys, it was very clear that he is so well respected by everyone in both the Salesian and school community.

His friendliness and willingness to give his time wherever needed has been noted by everyone around him. Matt is loving his time spent with the boys at Alafua and is positive about all the blessings and challenges that are sure to come during the rest of his time in Samoa!



The second part of my time in Samoa was spent at Divine Mercy Primary School in Malololelei with our gorgeous volunteer, Steph. She has been working with the children in the primary school, spending most of her time with those students who need extra assistance with their English and reading skills. Steph is an incredibly joyful and gentle person – the young people love having her at school!

Steph has also been spending time with the local parish youth from Malololelei, and has also been heavily involved in the beginnings of Sr Emema's amazing new initiative called, "Youth for Positive Change".



Like all Cagliero volunteers, both Matt and Steph have faced their share of challenges and frustrations. It's a testament to their generous and positive nature that they continue to serve as bright and optimistic individuals as they carry on with their awesome work for Samoan young people. Well done guys, we are so proud and inspired!



Cagliero news...



PAST VOLUNTEERS:

Katie Sabel (2016) has just accepted a teaching position in the Tiwi Islands! We wish her all the best as she embarks upon a new personal and profession journey.

Declan Crowe (2013) is now working as a Learning Support Officer at Salesian College Chadstone. He joins the growing number of past Cagliero volunteers and immersion participants at Chadstone, as their connection to the Salesian family takes on new and evolving forms. Well done Dec!

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

LAUREN IS AWAY ON MATERNITY LEAVE:

The fearless leader of the Cagliero project is officially away on maternity leave and the office is just not the same without her! Needless to say, we're already counting down the days until Lauren's return in November.

Until then, I'll be holding down the fort and doing my best to look after all our volunteers; past, present and future.

As always, I can be contacted at the office on (03) 9377 6000 or on email at: romina@salesians.org.au.

CAGLIERO APPLICATIONS:

For those considering Cagliero in 2018, we will be accepting applications until October 15th, for a January 2018 departure. You are most welcome to get your application in at any point from now. We are getting more and more interest in the program so the earlier you can apply, the better!