



# TOGETHER WE CAN BRING TRANSFORMATION TO A NATION

Can you imagine being among the 70% of the population of Timor Leste who live in rural areas. Despite gains made in development, you would face significant inequality with those in the capital Dili. In fact you, your family and your community would face urgent medical and health issues that include:

- **Rheumatic heart disease** (one of the highest rates in the world —1 in 20 children impacted)
- **Tuberculosis** (51% of the nation has latent TB)
- **HIV/AIDs** (there was a 15% increase in cases last year)
- **Child malnutrition and stunted growth** (affects 58% of children and can cause problems with cognitive development and chronic disease later in life)
- **Lack of dental care** (there are only seven dentists in this nation ...one for every 180,000 people!)
- **High mortality rate during childbirth**

These are health concerns most of us don't ever have to worry about. Yet, for the poorer people living outside the capital, these issues impact their lives each and every day. Another sad reality is that many health clinics in the rural areas have been unable to procure essential medicines and equipment. Most are small, ill-equipped and have no experienced doctors. Some don't even have the equipment required to do something as simple as a blood transfusion.

The road network is poor and driving skills are low. Vehicles and roads are often poorly maintained, resulting in many road accidents. Driving to some of the destinations MAF serves can take 8-12 hours.

Added to this, most of the regions have no flight options at this time—MAF is the *only* operator flying to many of the district airstrips.



Trying to get to Same (see map below) would mean that your team has to endure a five to six hour drive through the mountains on poor roads.

Organising a health outreach to the island of Atauro would require a trip across seas that are frequently too rough to cross.

**Just imagine the huge, positive impact teams of well-equipped health professionals could make!** The good news is that the Timorese Government strongly supports bringing health services to remote areas.

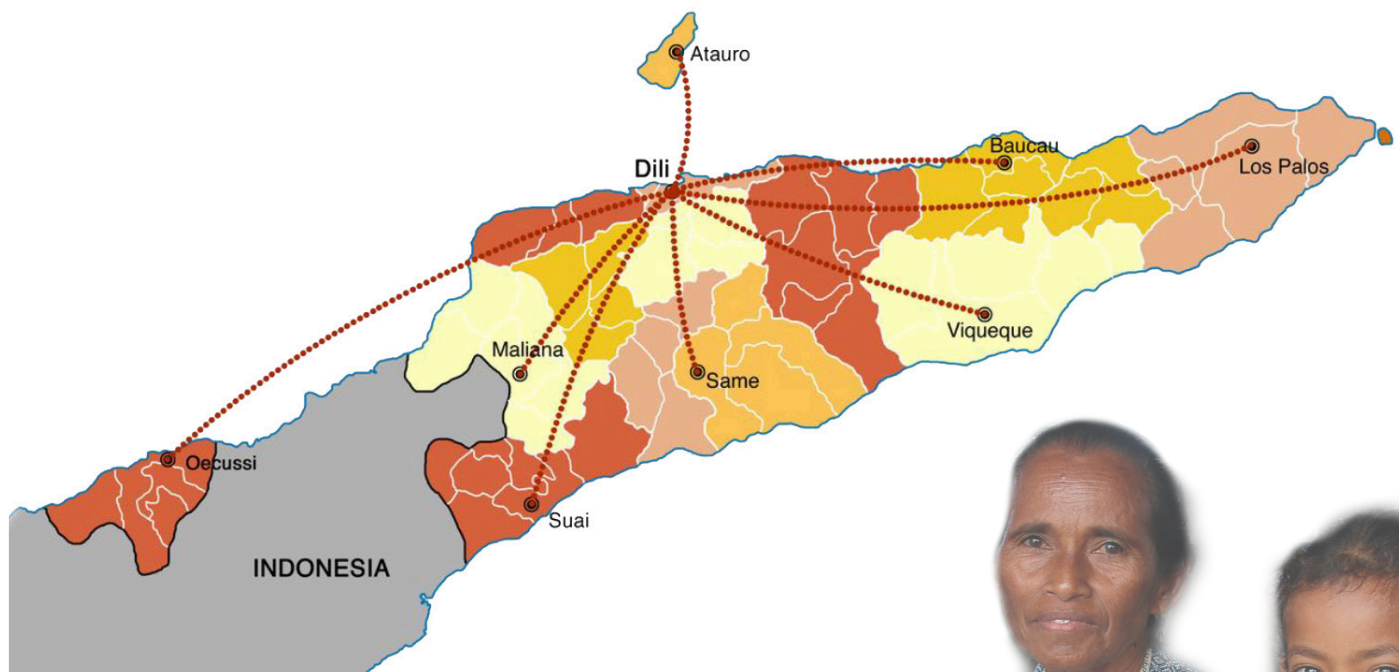
**The challenge**, on the other hand, is getting local and international non-government organisations (NGOs), Government bodies and church teams out to where most people live so they can do their work!

## THIS IS WHERE MAF COMES IN!

Together we can help confront and maybe even eradicate these health issues.

We can improve the quality and lifespan of the Timorese people!

MAF has two aircraft operating in the country. Since the runway at Viqueque was re-opened in November 2015, we are now able to serve those doing development work in most parts of the country! By providing safe and reliable flights for our partners we help bring health workers, educators, plastic surgeons, doctors and teams trained to work with the disabled to those in desperate need. For the smaller local NGOs, our cheaper flights are the only way for them to continue their vital work in the districts all year round.



The Country Director of World Vision Timor Leste said, "World Vision is in the business of improving child well-being, changing lives and bringing smiles to the faces of children. MAF is helping and contributing to this." **Would you be a part of this too?**





**WE BELIEVE THAT “HAMUTUK” (“TOGETHER” IN THE LOCAL LANGUAGE)  
WE CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT AND LASTING DIFFERENCE  
IN TIMOR LESTE!**

*Today we have the power to prevent and treat many of the diseases that still cause death and disability. Together we have the opportunity to change the health of a nation! We have been challenged to raise \$32,000 to enable MAF’s health and medical flights to continue.*

Many organisations, each using their own unique strengths, are working to improve the health conditions of the Timorese people. MAF has been called, “an essential support” to World Vision, Tearfund, Empreza Di’ak, Oxfam and many others.

**Yet without the MAF flights, little of this work would be possible!**

**Join us and be a vital part of raising \$32,000  
by making a gift of \$55, \$94 or even \$210 today!**

Thank you so much for your gifts and prayers. **This is a tax deductible donation.**



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Mark Fox'.

Mark Fox, MAF NZ CEO