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What is Insight?

INSIGHT is Callan Services National Unit's quarterly newsletter. The newsletter is not just a "newsletter". It's more than a newsletter. It is about creativity and curiosity. It covers a wide range of stories, information, jokes, editorials about the network of Callan Services for Disabled Persons.

The main objective of the newsletter is to inspire, share and advocate on behalf of the special education resource centers in Papua New Guinea about the roles they play to improve the lives of persons living with disabilities.

As a partner you are invited to share your views about this newsletter. Please feel free to contribute your ideas, stories and sayings to insight.

Your contribution is not only for people to read about your idea or story but to share the liberating heart of God.

Editor's Note Book

The ministry leaders of the Oceania Province gave themselves good challenge by asking a lot of questions in their meeting of October 2012. Questions relating to the story of Ambrose Patrick Treacy, story about the universe and about standing between the universe and humanity. I found it exciting and challenging when I read the report. Thanks Brother Kevin for sharing this brief with me. Substantially the report gives a lot of effect to the second edition of Insight.

In the second edition a number of ideas have emerged and are accommodated. Stories, news, sayings, hot gossips and recently the editorial news have been some of them and are taken on board to allow for a broader readership. Readers I hope I don't mess up with your beliefs. Some of what I am discussing are quiet confronting but should not lead you astray. Trust me.

If you don't mind. Let's go back. Remember in the first edition, I shared with you about the importance of community and I quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson that "every artist was once an amateur". I hope the message brought to you few more insights about life. If not. Don't throw in the towel yet. I have something special for you this quarter. In this coverage, Insight brings to you another wisdom from the Oceania Province Conference and goes something like **"To move the edge you must first know the center."**

This is a powerful wisdom as some people would want to put it. When I first came across it I had a lot of questions. But one that was pointing straight at me was something to do with me. My ego I suppose. But nevertheless I rose with excitement. Immediately I recalled my childhood days when I played the Chinese Cheese with my friends. The Chinese Cheese is one where on the one side there are kings and the other knights and

you have to move them from both edges and working through the center in order to enter your opponent's territory. The quicker you get to the center the bigger the chances you have over your opponent. So I learned a lesson from that angle. Those who make it quick to the center have an upper hand over those that don't. That's taking it from the queue of the Chinese Cheese. But how about the morale of the expression.

I have spent some time pondering on the subject and I seem not to grasp the idea. Not because I don't understand the literacy of it. But just because I myself too often do not know what I am supposed to do at my workstation. Even when I think I am qualified to do what I am doing. And what I do compromises the outputs of my work. Sometimes I thought I knew it all. But no. So it's hard for me to convince people that we (Callan) are doing the best for those that society has neglected and pushed to the margins of society. I still have yet to work out whether we have done that bit.

I know by now you are a little curious and before you say, so Pat, what's your point, allow me the justice to do a little interpretation. Well friend, let's come back to Callan Services. The question I want you and I to discuss here is this. Do we give ourselves fully when dealing with those living at the edges of society. I guess yes and if we followed the model of Edmund Rice. As someone once said 'do not look at my disabilities but my abilities'. Another view of that line of thought is what I saw at the Alotau SERC and goes something like 'differently able and equally made in the image of God...' Lavi you need to correct that bit for me. Incase I go

overboard. All these and others continue to challenge us at Callan.

Readers, the stories and experiences that are coming from this edition are nothing but making every attempt to bring out this point. The point we are preaching is that at Callan Services For Disabled Persons we are trying to help those at the edges of society in the hope to bring the rest to the center. We may not know the center but just by listening to each 'echo' and 'voice' and taking note of the stories and situations of these people we have attempted to deal with the dilemma.

Thus, the center is not about answering all the questions for the disabled persons. Not at all. However, the latter then is about bringing the recognition, 'admiration' and support a little closer to the needy; specifically to the body of Christ where everyone is given the placing, respect, justice and liberation for all.

Ask yourself. What should I do to bring those at the edges to the center. A question we often get from Brother Kevin in our reflections.

I wish you all the peace of God as you take time to ponder this question. And remember, 'to move the edges you must first know the center'.

It is my hope that the stories and experiences that are passing through this newsletter will qualify some of the many questions we ponder in our work.

May the Liberating Heart of God continue to lead us

Patrick. B. Hikin



Fatima Primary School takes on hearing classes



Hearing Impairment participants: Standing Far left James Knox, John Joseph (Middle) Sitting Far Right: Tom Coulter VSO volunteer and a staff member of CSNI with participants

activities which benefited a lot of children and adults

Light for the World is one of the funding donors which funded Deafness and Health Education Programs through Callan Services in P. N. G. since 2008. The project carried out some exceptional

with hearing impairment. The project targeted school age children and generally people living with hearing problems. Since the project started, there were many deaf units established in different provinces around the country. Out of these deaf units, three primary schools were selected to be the model schools. They are Fatima, Kabaleo and Faniufa Primary Schools. Fatima Primary School con-

ducted its first workshop from 26th - 28th March, 2013.

The participants were from two different institutions namely, Fatima Primary School and Warakum Callan Special Education Resource Centre Western Highlands Province. The teachers' attendance was very good. It goes to show the enormous eagerness and enthusiasm that teachers in this country have for the hearing impaired children.

"The spirituality of Edmund Rice Mission is the foundation stone that requires ongoing attention and exploration" Extract from Oceania Province Ministry Conference 2012

Mendi's CBR moves from high land to lake

The successful change over of leadership from Henry Lau to David Siwi is worth a story to tell. Siwi, I have not met him in person only during the national conference. I could sense the kind of man he was. A man with creativity and curiosity when it comes to drama. In one of the reports sent to Insight, Siwi highlighted a number of activities that were undertaken by Mendi SERC. One of them is the first Board Meeting of 2013 and the community rehabilitation services that were carried out in the Lake Kutubu. The outreach activities are home visits and ear and eye screening.

While the challenges of moving from the main center to the remote still exists and other development dilemmas keeping on facing the whole of network, some people use them as opportu-

nity to touch the untouch. Such is the story of David Siwi who was taken by surprise in his humble village to provide leadership to the resource center when the former leader of the center decided to move back to his home province.

The challenge today for David is to make sure that Mendi continues to deliver.



Picture: Courtesy of Mendi SERC: David Siwi with a client during a Home Visit Program



Mendi SERC staffs and volunteers at Lake Kutubu for ear and eye screening

Film Project meets CBR model area

A film project has commenced for Callan Services for Disabled Persons by AusAID SPSN program. SPSN communications officer, Ms Lydia Kaya and AusAID communications advisor Keith were in Wewak on Tuesday 23rd April to conduct the film. The film covered the national unit, Wewak SERC and Maprik sub centers and their activities. The activities were; ear and eye screening, sign language development, early childhood, home visits and community participation.

A special feature of the film project was the filming of the Nerikum village in the Maprik/Wara Local Level Government area. Robert Nuguwe, a specialist CBR led the project with the villagers and so far has attracted over 20 volunteers taking up leadership roles in administration, sign language, ear and eye screening, community awareness and community participation. The project is called Jamataku Community Based Rehabilitation Services and Training Center and is owned by the Nerikum village and receives regular supervision and skills development from the Maprik sub center.



Photo: Film Crew headed by Robert Nuguwe for Nerikum Village, Maprik District



Photo: CBR volunteers at the Nerikum CBR center

SPSN Film Team visit Negri

Negri is a village about 10 minutes drive from the main Yangoru Station in the Yangoru Sausia District. The village situated with a catholic mission parish and is being host to the early childhood project. The project is facilitated by Br Theo and the CBR staffs of the Wewak SERC.



Inclusive teacher at Negri village



Allan being served at the Negri



Br. Theo being interviewed by Lydia Kaya

Sign language team discovers 294

Callan Services for Disabled Persons runs a number of services for disabled Persons. One of them is the National



Photo: Sign Language Participants at the workshop

The workshop confirmed an additional 294 signs which are anticipated to be incorporated into the main stream studies of Maths, Science and English. The workshop also concluded regional workshops which are planned to take place in each region beginning in June and July.

Hearing Project which is aimed at including students

with hearing impaired cases into the mainstream. The search does not end here. It is a matter of time, space and distance. The Melanesian Sign Language development program is also formulated under the hearing project and is aiming to develop signs for Melanesian hearing impaired users. On the 4th of April 2013 the Melanesian Sign Language team hosted a sign language workshop at Emmaus Re-

treat Center, Port Moresby to discuss the



'Never deny the importance of hearing every story, even the ones that you don't really want to hear'

Extract from Oceania Province Ministry Conference 2012

CSNU enters into financial partnership with SPSN

Callan Services National Unit boss Br Kevin Ryan signed a grant award totaling to K1 million last week. The funding will enable CSNU to furnish its financial services, quality assurance systems and assist in delivering key outcomes to the Special Education Resources within the network of Callan Services.

Program Director Jeremy Syme was also present during the signing of the deal. The signing of the project will enable CSNU to implement its key activities. The project is aimed at strengthening the capacity of CSNU to deliver its services to the 19 special education resources within the network of Callan Services. A Monitoring and Evaluation capacity workshop is being carried out by SPSN under the leadership of Lucinda Kisip to identify key outcomes and outputs of the project to enable a smooth flow of the project. The key activities in the project are the improving and capacitating the financial management of CSNU, the implementation of the applied diploma and accreditation of callan programs by Divine Word University and the National Department of Education, the development of the community based rehabilitation service model, the development of the Memorandum of Agreements between CSNU and the governing authorities of the 19 special education resource centers among other activities. The project is anticipated to start in June and be completed by the end December of this year.



Photo: Standing and looking on is Belinda Bayak, SPSN program manager, Br Kevin Ryan, Director of CSNU and Jeremy Syme Program Director of AusAID SPSN

Education is Liberation: Editorial Commentary

Shape up or ship out

One of the national newspapers has these words of the Prime Minister Peter O'neil 'shape up or ship out'. I want to be conspicuous about this statement basically because I thought the message makes a lot of sense to me. Forgive me if it doesn't for you.

What ever it is, 'shape up or ship out' is something worth taking into consideration. I remember at the beginning of the 2013 work year, Br Kevin Ryan the Director of Callan Services National Unit made few remarks about the work of Callan services. Out of the many words of wisdom, advice and challenges, one pointed straight at me. Brother said something of this nature, you all have a choice either to sign the partnership agreement with Callan or decide to operate on your own like other disability organizations. That's up to you.

For me when I heard these words, I said to myself ..oh no...not again... Br Kevin..., you could have been on negative pills again. But no. Kevin was straight. He meant what he said as far as the gestures on his faced were concerned. I think Br Kevin is up to the bream with those needed this 'shape up or ship out.'


So there you go. Shape up or ship out is about you and me. We need to shape up. We need to smart up. We need creativity. We need curiosity to 'put perfection into our work.' Otherwise the latter is a laughing stock.

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Insight Editorial

No man is an Island

Last week started I started work early at about 7.45 am in my office. Then I had a phone call. It was one of my colleagues. First when I heard the phone ringing I thought of ignoring the call as I was busy doing my call ups for my field trips. But then I came picked up the phone. "Hello Pat speaking". Then I heard a Good morning Mr Hikins this are you, the voice spoke. Oh Kaisek I was going to refuse were calling, sorry my friend, teasing tone. Then I heard was wondering to myself, I something wrong to John. ing and listened attentively. You know what. Mr Kaisek about the loss of Vero Kave's the principal of Wewak SERC lives and work in Lae, When I heard the story I feel because I was scared about But I knew I would put up ing people to put together wards the burial.



shared with me husband. Ms Kave is while her husband Morobe Province. stressed again. Not the news. No either. another notice ask- some money to-

You know what. Poor to my assessment. I printed a well respected notice and circulated it around the campus with the aid of Mr Kaisek. But seems to become no notice to anyone. I am still wondering whether I did the right thing or the wrong one. Because no one seemed to take notice of the news. I hope I am not 'driving anyone up the walls'. I am not saying people are ignorant either. No. But I think I am just curios here. Whatever my feelings may be the bottom line is 'No man is an Island. So please folks let's have time for others as well.

Sayings

Do it Anyway

(adopted by Mother Theresa - from Kent Keith's words).

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Ephesians 6.7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the lord, not people

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

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The Power of One

We can do no great thing, only small things with great love

Mother Teresa

Imagination is more important than knowledge

Albert Einstein

The imagination exercises a powerful influence over every act of sense, thought, reason, - over every idea

Latin Proverb

The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible

Arthur C. Clarke

Education is the mother of leadership

Wendell L. Willke

Those who educate children well are more to be honored than parents, for these only gave life, those the art of living well

Aristotle

2013 Callan Conference gets focus with Board Governance

The Callan national conference of 2013 saw the beginning of a long dream of Callan Services to promote and build good governance of its Special Education Resource center (SERC) boards of governance. The conference was held at the Emmaus Retreat Center in Port Moresby from the 27th to the 29th of May 2013. The purpose of the conference was to provide an induction to the chairs of the nineteen board of governors within the network of callan services. The induction was facilitated by Br Kevin Ryan as Director of Callan Services National Unit (CSNU) and Patrick Development Officer of CSNU.

Twelve participants attended the conference. It was an opportunity for both the CSNU to get into conversation and dis- providing good governance of the participants were happy about the they were looking forward to such pened in their own SERCs. Bogena participant and represented the Morobe tunity was energizing because most role is just to be called a member and said members once they are appointed they think. They are master minders or break the center. Another partici- and who was very instrumental in the ence. "I personally feel empowered

ence should continue to focus board members to appreciate the charism of Edmund Rice and thanked CSNU for developing a board prayer. The conference was concluded with sharing of experiences and presentation by the participants together with the principals of its SERC followed by a sending off blessing by Brother Jeff Whitefield and Brother Kevin Ryan and the Callan community.



Board members attending board workshop, Emmaus Retreat Conference Room

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Board members discussing roles and responsibilities of BOG

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or elected should know that their role is more than what of the center. They are the very people who will make pant Fr Abel Tuilik, MSC priest from the Alotau SERC conference said he felt empowered about the confer- about the workshop". Abel said importantly the confer-

Building relationships for improved special education

The world is looking for answers. But the answer is and I quote 'the human factor'. That is the way Enga Province is doing things. The new Enga Teacher's College, nursing college, the state of the art hospital, Enga Children's Fund and the free education policy in Enga is not a 'lip service'. It is real. It is action in the talking. And for this. The story is unending. Peter Ipatas, the so called "Action Governor". Find out how Enga Teacher's College is a modernized state of the art college.

This seemed to be a powerful statement. I never realize until I had a personal glimpse and touch with some very important people I have heard of their names but didn't meet them in person. One of such is the Governor of Enga Province, Hon Peter Ipatas. Ipatas is a household name not only in the Enga society but the whole of Highlands region. Almost everyone, children, women and men know something of the type of Ipatas.

It was going about 3pm in the afternoon of Friday 10th of May in a humble corner of Enga town. The place was getting abit cooler as I took a nap in my hotel room. Not long into my nap I heard a knock on my door. It was John Joseph. John is a lecturer of the Callan Studies National Institute and at the same time the Highlands regional coordinator for the CSNI programs. "Bro I am here to pick you. We've been invited by the Enga Teacher's College principal, Mr John Homingu and his staffs to attend their closing dinner after a long week in-service. I shrugged off the thick bed cover that was holding me back in the bed. Put my hands into my eyes making sure that I look presentable at the dinner. I never wanted to have shower because the place was getting cold. Went into my gear and my stocky and there we went. At the doorway into the launch of the restaurant there was silence and the place looked green. The atmosphere smelled spicy but was quiet. The first thought I had was a presentation by the BSP group of companies. But it wasn't. It was the new Enga Teacher's College cohort all dressed up in green. The males had their neck ties while the female staffs had their ties.

"Wow" for myself. I have never seen a teacher's college with such as corporate look. Instantly I knew this is not just a gathering. It is a powerful business.

Mr Humingu, a relaxed but artistic principal made a special remark to John Joseph. He also mentioned my name. I felt like standing at the top of the mountain. You know what folks. To put matters straight. The tables were fitted each with a bottle of wine and few glasses. So Mr Humingu invited Mr Joseph and I to take the first table in the front tables. Another wow for me. I took my seat with a little nervousness developing in my spine. Mr Humingu went ahead with his remark. And as I listened through. Something strike me. That was when Mr Homingu said that 'last year 25 students graduated with a certificate in Special Education from Enga Teacher's College. And he continued, the very people standing with us here are the promoters of Enga Teacher's College. John Joseph the key guy behind the program. I was overwhelmed and put my hand forward to John. John you are doing a wonderful job.

And we all eat. The dinner was full of enthusiasm both for the friendship and the relationship while we were there. The dinner was finishing. The restaurant noise was coming down as each staff was making their way home. There left behind was Mr Homingu, John Joseph myself and a few



Standing: Left John Joseph, Michael Humingu and Enga Teacher's College Staff
Sitting: Jetlin and Lasalla Aipi of Wabag SERC, Enga Teacher's College conference room

male lecturers. Mr Homingu then ordered few more stubby and the conversation was looking a bit exciting and insightful. One thing I learned from the conversations was the great Ipatas Icon. In Enga Province, there is an icon standing on the hilltop of Wabag town and that is the Ipatas Center. A modernized and state of the art architecture being called as the HQ. Then I saw three more billboards. One for the Enga Teacher's colleague, Enga Nursing college, New 5 star Enga hospital and the Enga Children Fund. All these information old me something of the value of the province. A progressive province.

It was going at 7 pm when we were told while enjoying our drink that the governor was on his way to Enga from Wapemnamanda. Everyone was looking forward. I was terrified but couldn't help it but was looking forward to meet the governor. I wanted a physical audience with him. Everyone please make welcome to the Enga, a voice spoke from the exit door. It was Mr...There was Hon Peter Ipatas. In no time I took out the camera and asked if I could take a shot of him with all the lecturers. Everyone got excited and made a crowd possible enough for me to shoot. Then I asked one of the lecturers to take a shoot of me standing with the governor and the rest of the staffs. Oh it was a exhilarating moment. I felt very important. Not because I had the opportunity of meeting Ipatas physically but meeting someone who had the heart and vision for his province excited me. I knew that all this was God's making. I needed to get in touch with such people in order to drive our Callan vision.

We ate and shared few drinks together. I found it a different place. A different group of people. All because of one man and that's Peter Ipatas, "Action Governor".

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Free Education
in Enga is not
a 'lip service.'
It's real. It's
action in the
talking.

Editorial News—Focus with Insight

The universe is rich with sayings. But one that I treasure is this one here and goes something like 'behind every successful man there is a woman'. I have come to like this saying not because this statement is explicit. But basically because without my mother I would not enter this world. Salute to all the mothers out there. But I prefer not to discuss this in this editorial. The focus of this editorial is

far from mine and is about spending some time in the deepest meaning of the saying. Whether you take it from your head or your heart the truth is uncontestable—behind every success there is a hero or a heroine.

This piece of wisdom gives me the opportunity to share with you about the success of other people who make history. Mother Theresa of Calcutta. Some of the world sayings today are words of wisdom from Mother Theresa. Another. Nelsen Mandela of South Africa. Johanasburg enjoys freedom today because of words and acts

of Mandela. Magret Thatcher of England who was once described by history as the 'iron lady' had a lot of influence on the Westminster system of world politics. They are heroes in the making. You can think of many and the lists goes on. But wait. When you narrow down to the 'bolts and nuts' of success, only certain people stand out. One of them is Br Graham Leach, a Christian brother who

ments I have read about the simple and humble beginning of Callan Services. It seems to me that if it wasn't for Br Leach the so called Callan Services would have not existed let alone the great work of Blessed Edmund. Thank God for having such gifted person like Graham.

April 4th 2013 was the date this fine elderly man showed up after



Br Greame Leach standing with staffs of Callan SERC, CSNI and CSNU, Emmaus Retreat Center, Port Moresby

staying away on mission for 3 years working for disabled persons in the Philippines. Pictured here is Br Graham Leach (center) with James Knox (right) and SERC staffs posing during a break. The smile on their faces

started Callan Services for Disabled Persons and using the model of Blessed Edmund Rice—the founder of the congregation of Christian Brothers led it through time. This man captured in awesome is the icon of every callan staff. I am making this statement explicit because of several docu-

brings a lot of messages. But one can not deny the fact that heroes are heroes when they return home with smiles on their faces. For Leach the underlie is no difference.

Behind every success there is a hero or a heroine

Blind Singie is Alotau's music maker

Like many people I often can't let go something easily if that thing is new to me. I am writing this story as I came back from Port Moresby in the national capital city of Papua New Guinea and sitting in my office wondering what I will take next in the insight column. As I was pondering I recalled my first trip to Alotau in the Milne Bay Province.

It was about 10.00 in the morning. The sun is getting a little hot and the air is getting a bit busy for many in town as I was walking back from the little town of Alotau. I decided to take a morning stroll around the town area. So I came back with a few betel nut, some smoke fish and baked tapioca. Something I saw at the market place which attracted my appetite and made me remembered my village life. I knew I was going to have a wonderful lunch with the fish and the baked tapioca.

Opened the main gate that was securing the Talitakum resource center. Pushed my head in with my plastic and there I went. To the walk path that was leading head right into my lodging place. There on my left hand side were few people. They looked like families telling stories in their local vernacular. I tried to tip up with what was coming from their mouth but it looks like I am getting no way. So I said morning and then kept walking up the walkway.

Like many people I often can't let go something easily if that thing is new to me.

Strange as I would normally do I stopped. Something sounded like a piano with lovely music at the background. I peed through the windows. I could see a number of children. Few were gathering together in one table while the other table was taken up by a keyboard and two smart looking boys. They were singing away with the sounds of the keyboard. I got excited.



Singie Owen with his keyboard, Alotau SERC, Alotau, Milne Bay Province

Threw myself into the room broke my fear and said " Hey hello everyone. How are you all. Can I just spend time with you all." I said to my amusement. Singie, that his name. Yes, uncle you may want to join our table and sing some songs. Yes so I became all excited.

"What's your name?" I asked in a slightly bossy and excited tone. "Oh my name is Singie." So I sat down. Made myself comfortable and that's it. I was already singing away my life.

This young man at the age of 16 was Singie Owen. Singie hails from Maiwara village some minutes away from the Guinea Aiport and about 6km from the Alotau town. He was born in January 17 1994 to this disability. The talented Singie was selected as Alotau Digicel Star and moved on to Port Moresby in 2012 to complete his competition when he lost the trial. Back at home Singie is a student of the Callan Alotau. He loves music and plays perfectly keyboard, drums, saxophone and guitar.

He has been playing in the provincial shows and recently with bands from Tolai rock. He is a talented musician. I have heard him play. He's such a wonderful guy. I bet you. If you love music, Singie is one such extra ordinary musician. His sensitiveness and lovely company will make you enjoy every time with him.

Callan holds 3rd National Conference

The first national conference of the network of Callan services started in 2011. The idea of the national conference was to build a unified spiritual purpose within the network of Callan services. For 2013 the conference was two fold and was aimed at building a unified spiritual purpose within the network and also to develop sustainable processes and systems for enabling a higher quality output and broad delivery services to communities of PNG.

The participants were divided into two conferences. Conference A included the principals of each special education resource center (SERC) and program coordinators while conference B supported mainly the board chairs and board members for each of the SERC. Two important people who were invited to witness and facilitate the conference were Sr Magret Endicott of the Sisters of Mercy Australia and Bill Sultman who is



***Standing Far left: Bill Sultman Director of Mission Oceania Province, Sr Magret Endicott Mercy Sister and participants
Sitting: Br Kevin Ryan Director of CSNU and Participants***

the Director of Mission of the Oceania Province of the Congregation of Christian Brothers.

The conference is supported mainly by funds from the Congregation of Christian Brothers and currently being supported by funds from the Australian Aid under the Strongim Pipol Strongim Nesen (SPSN).

For each of the conference the topics were selected based on the needs of the participants. For conference B topics covered a hand book on the roles and responsibilities of board members. Participants were introduced to the roles of the board members. Discussions included the practical issues that are faced by boards and included discussions about how to improve the processes in board governance of the SERCs.

For the conference A topics ranged from program planning, the SERC model and the development of a framework for Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programs.

The conferences were running parallel to each other and included spiritual formation and reflection on the charism of Edmund Rice. Gospel exploration and discussion, dramatizing of key gospels about the work of Edmund Rice were show cased by each group during the spiritual reflection sessions. Brother Jeff Whitefield, a Christian brother facilitated the spiritual reflection with support from Sr Magret Endicott and Brother Kevin Ryan.

A combined blessing of both conferences were accompanied by spiritual reflection about the charism of Edmund Rice. The conference ended on Wednesday 29th of May 2013 at the Emmaus Retreat Center.



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The Thinking Corner: *Put on your thinking cap*— Find a saying for next issue and post it to Insight

The Power of One

We can do no great things, only small things with great love

Mother Theresa

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