

Province Project Officer for Developing Nations

The Oceania Leadership Team has appointed Brother Shane Wood as Project Officer for the Developing Nations ministries of the Province for the remainder of this year (six months). At the conclusion of this six month period, Shane's role and performance will be reviewed and a decision made on the future of this important position within the Province. During this time, Shane will remain based in Broome.

While stationed in Broome since 1998, Shane has been involved in work with the Catholic Education Office, the Diocesan Office, and more recently with teaching on the Broome Campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia. He has continued his study over the years and during his sabbatical year in Dublin, Ireland (2001/2) he added to his BA by gaining a Master of Philosophy (International Peace Studies) from Trinity College, and last year completed his Master of Arts (Theological Studies). He is currently undertaking a Graduate Certificate in Education Law through ACU.

During his ten years in Broome, Shane has come to appreciate cross-cultural issues in sharing country with the local Indigenous people, and to understand more compassionately some of the negative aspects of the legacy of colonization, evangelization, and dependency. Shane is a keen writer and a strong advocate for justice especially for the poor and marginalized, and his writings have appeared in a number of places over the years – Online Catholics, Opinion Online, Eureka Street to name a few.

Shane has agreed to travel to the Philippines in the near future with Ian Robertson to assist the Australian Brothers welcome the two Indian Brothers who arrive in Maasin, Philippines, on June 27. Shane and Ian will spend nearly three weeks listening, learning and offering assistance in planning a sustainable future for an Edmund Rice presence in the Philippines.

The Province Leadership thanks Shane for his willingness to undertake this significant role within the Province and wish Shane every blessing as he immerses himself in the life and community of the people in Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea and Philippines.

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