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Hanoi sira from the editors:

I have nothing witty or intelligent to say at this time except to just be your self. Braveheart was a smart fella for recognizing this. He knew this simple philosophy and yet lived without TV, radio, the Grateful Dead or good etu with batar mixed into it.

My teeth are really red...damn Mama! But hey, you can't turn anything down in this culture and there is no such thing as a "quick" visit.

Peace Corps in Timor is..... a two year belly ache. Teresa Michael

What do PCVs want to see? Our ideas as to what this paper can be. Tuir mai nee.-Updates on Timors new laws that effect us in site.-News from the districts (this requires actual PCV participation).-Humor column-Offical and non-classified news from the PCMO and CD.-Timorese fact of the month -Monthly advice (work, life, liesure, gardening, machete dodging...hola malu????)-Struggling to find our "place" or something deep like that.-A forum of idea sharing on what is going on with our "projekta."Favor ida fo ami hatene kona ba idea foun ka seluk.

Advice from...: Don't eat the yellow snow...or drink stagnant water; it has gross things in it that will give you kabun moras atu ba teen beibeik.

With love from Aileu...



give a brother a bolu

Quote of the month:
"That's diak like an asu inan." Will Gudeman when being informed of folin baratu tua mutin nian.

Culinary Corner

This months staple of choice is etu. Don't knock it until you've tried it...for 7 months straight at every meal, including breakfast.

PCMO Dili Billie's Words of Wisdom

The Carpenter

"An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career. When the carpenter finished his work and the builder came to inspect the house, the contractor handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you." What a shock! What a shame! If he had known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. Now he has to live in the home he had built none too well."

Coaching

The life we build is the life we get to live in. What are you building? In your lifetime? This year? This month? Today? This hour? This minute? Yes, I'm saying that what you build this moment is what you will live in during the next moment. If you don't like it, build something you do like. Build something that brings honor and fulfillment to what you are doing with your life.

Notes from Aileu from Charles Attarzadeh aka: Moris Kiak

To give you some idea of how this newsletter could possibly be used as a way of learning hard facts about Timor's landscapes, products, and people without that whole *bosok beik malae*.

This last week I went to a vanilla, peppercorn, cinnamon, and clove plantation in Succo Talitu, Sub-district Laulara, District Aileu. I went out of curiosity to see how the plantations that were originally established by Indonesian Agricultural officials are sustaining themselves now. I talked to the Xeife da Succo Martinho dos Reis Araujo, who knew Scott Kim from Laulara and was more than happy to show me around. The succo stands out from the rest of the succos just outside of the district of Dili because the trees are worth more as a crop than as firewood. The price of vanilla, 1kg \$15.50, augmented by the cloves, coffee, and peppercorns that are all harvested at different times keep the people busy the area and rather affluent by Timorese standards. I was approached by the Xeife to help him start up an agricultural program about fruit trees in the area that could be cultivated and either taken to the markets in Dili or in the Districts. When I asked him why the people in the neighboring Succo of Balibar did not have the same sort of agricultural investment with spice crops in addition to the coffee and toos he told me there used to be cinnamon trees and cloves that the Indonesians planted but the people did not see the long-term advantage of the crops, logged the trees and now take part in seasonal burning to plant corn.

I plan on going back to the area to see the vanilla picked and check further into the fruit tree venture. If you are interested in visiting the area you already know the Xeife's name, the peppercorns are currently being cultivated, the cinnamon can be scrapped at anytime, the cloves are August and September and the vanilla will be harvested in the next few months.