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## Tourists have kids at heart

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Students of Mali District Primary School have found a favourite spot in the hearts of Tribe Wanted members who have helped the school in many ways.

Members helped develop the water system at the school, library, provide furniture and machinery for cleaning the school compound.

Tribe Wanted members have now shifted their help to assisting students with their school fees.

Led by Kaz Brecher, members have started making 50 portable stools that will help finance school fees for the students.

Ms Brecher, who works as a technology project manager for a firm in Los Angeles in the United States, says arrangements have been made to sell the stools in the US.

"We will sell 40 stools in Los Angeles at \$US195 each and the money we will send back to the school which will be deposited to their account," she said.

"Before we return home, we will give away 10 stools to the community here that have made our lives an enjoyable one during our stay here." She said wood for the portable stools was made in Australia by a company known as Zaishu.

"I know some of them and asked them to manufacture ply woods for the portable stools that we can fit sides together for the stool so that has been done and now we are putting sticker designs on it," Ms Brecher said.

"The designs are basically traditional Fijian ones that include mats, war clubs and other traditional objects."

She said they would also help with the school library. "We have continuously helped develop the school library and every member that comes over for a break must bring books with them for the school library.

"That has always been the practice and we have done that over the past two years since establishing here on Vorovoro and we are always happy to see the children smile and appreciate what we bring for them."

The members have also helped teach certain subjects such as English. "Twice a week we go over to the school and help teach whatever subject we can to the students and we have enjoyed that part of our stay which is basically helping the community," Ms Brecher said.



Kaz Brecher with Amy Briden ... help for Mali students

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