

## **Pons Ad Libertatum (Inc)**

### **Report to the Floreat Wembley Parish AGM**

**November 2011**

The following are outcomes of the PAL Group for 2010-2011.

#### **General Assistance**

PAL is supporting five families in various ways.

Jeanette Murekatete and her children are still in Africa and unable to qualify for refugee status. Her mother and siblings are now all in Perth and doing well in either work or study. PAL representatives made an appeal to Julie Bishop MP as a local member to see if she could intervene on behalf of Jeanette's family. This was not successful. Jeanette is still hopeful and has another interview in December.

PAL has offered legal assistance to one of the family members.

A donation of a car has been provided to one of the families through PAL.

Rent assistance has been provided.

#### **Financial Assistance**

The appeal to the parish at the end of the 2009-2010 financial year raised sufficient funds so that an appeal was not required this financial year. Some of the funds raised were collected in this financial year and has assisted with our healthy balance of \$5, 275.69.

Student loans are gradually being repaid.

#### **Celebrating Successes**

Gilbert, our first Pal recipient, was selected to be one of the Parish representatives for World Youth Day in Spain this year. This has been a great achievement for Gilbert who has also succeeded in study and work.

Ian Moncrieff

PAL Chairman