

**February 15, 2019**

**Colossians 1:27** - To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

## Bad News

1. We experience riots at least two to three times a week. It happens in morning, noon and several times in the evening. The first time, our daughter Jirah got traumatized.
2. The registration of NGO was not approved. Only one person strongly opposed the registration during the interview and would not sign the papers.
3. We are worried because our tourist visa will expire this coming March 3, 2019, and we will need to exit the country of East Timor. To exit the country is expensive.

## Thanksgiving

1. First we thank God for our safety every day that the Lord always protects us from any trouble and dangers.
2. We thank God for good health. Sometimes we got sick from the water and most of our neighbor's got sick but praise God that we are in good health always.
3. Thank God our children, John and Jirah, easily adapted to their studies and they love to go to school everyday.
4. Thank God that John and Jirah's student visas are already processed and waiting for approval.

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ Our work visa to be approved.
- ◆ The on-going process of NGO registration.
- ◆ Release of license permit for Non-Formal English Language Learning Centre.
- ◆ Our daily safety and health.

## MISSION EAST TIMOR



## The Opportunity

- A. Following advice from the Ministry of Justice office, we submitted another application for NGO registration in East Timor with a new name and a different plan and objectives.
- B. We also applied to the government for a license to operate a Non-formal English Language Learning Center. That cost \$250 and the Center is taxable every month. We do this because the process is sure. In case the NGO registration is not approved again at least we have this other option for applying for our visa.
- C. We can already start preparing the documents that are needed to apply for a work visa while waiting for the release of our license to operate the Non-formal English Language Centre.
- D. During this month of February I am teaching Sunday School every Sunday in the intermediate department of Timor-Leste Alliance Bible Church. They approached me first and I accepted the offer. We do this for many reasons: to establish a good relationship with the locals, make friends, learn worship songs in Bahasa Indonesia and Tetun languages, and study their lessons and sermons, etc.

## Suggested Plan

Our tentative plan is to follow the advice of our local friends and wait for our visa application to be processed in order to save expenses. We hope it will be approved before our current visa expires March 3. If we exit before that, re-enter on tourist visas and apply again for extensions, while waiting for the work visa to be approved, it will cost a lot of money. After our work visa is approved we are required to exit and re-enter the country in order to get it stamped in our passport. To exit twice is more risky and expensive than just to wait for the work visa to be approved and pay the penalty of overstaying. The price of penalty is negotiable. We would then do the exit to get our work visa stamp.



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