

## Team East Timor Weekly Watch (TETWW) Magazine

### Pressing On Towards The Goal

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#### Traditional Milled Rice

We are so blessed! Last Saturday while Noemi was teaching English, I saw our neighbor was very busy gleaning their rice. I talked to them for about 10 minutes asking some questions with regard to their local rice that they store in their house, such as how long they milled it manually, and expressed appreciation for their hard work. After the class we did not expect the rice that they cleaned using their traditional staff for 3 hours would be given to us! Five kilos of rice was brought by their niece who attended our Bible study a couple times. We were really surprised and thankful. That's the fourth time that we have received a gift from our students. First we received honey, second taro, third a pomelo and now rice. We were so touched by their great effort and love of giving.

English communication. As we observed, teaching English has given us a good impression in the community since we are teaching for free. Neighbors and the people who know us feel the difference from other learning centers. There are many English schools and learning centers in East Timor but it is too expensive for them to study. Timorese love English language because they know that in learning English there are more opportunities for them to communicate with people from outside their country.

**Philippians 3:12-14** – Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (from New International Version)

#### ENGLISH CLASS:

Teaching English helps Noemi in learning Tetun and also develops her communication skills. Every time she teaches it is always translated into the local language, especially for the beginners. It is sometimes difficult for her to find a definition but now she makes the students define for themselves. This month we have three different levels of youth and adults. We have two batches of students in English grammar and one batch in



**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP SERVICE:** God's people worship Him as their only God.

I teach twice every Sunday morning for the children's department, first to primary and beginners and then to juniors and intermediate, teaching a song and telling Bible stories. Some of the adults also listen in during the Sunday school. We manage our time carefully every Sunday because after the children, the young people and adults are waiting. We are busy and never feel tired of loving and doing the work of the Lord. We are praying that next year we can delegate the work to the local people we have trained.

**TRAINED STUDENTS:** Last Sunday after the Sunday school two of our trained Bible students began teaching English to the children in two different departments. We are so happy to see them teaching. At least gradually our labors are lightened. Our prayer for them is that next year they can also teach Bible stories for



the children. Please pray for these two young ladies, Abelita and Hermina, that they can continue their studies especially in the word of God while they also practice their English communication skills. Abelita is from the municipality of Baucau, and this was already her second time to teach. Hermina is from the municipality of Los Palos, and it was her first time to teach children.

### Thanksgiving:

1. Thank God for the successful activities last week and a whole afternoon of Bible study. Most of the Bible students were not able to attend because of a schedule conflict with UNTL since their final exam is getting close. We are praying next year we can make good schedule for them that will not hinder their Bible studies.
2. Praise the Lord, at least one soul received and believed the Lord Jesus Christ last Thursday in our personal evangelism. Her name was Sonia. She studied in UNTL for English education. She attended our English class many times and last Thursday we had the opportunity to share the gospel with her because she visited us in the house. She was very happy after knowing the gospel of salvation that will save her. Please pray she will grow spiritually. She is from the municipality of Manatotu. We invited her to continue to learn God's word by attending Bible studies.



### Prayers:

Philippians 3:14 – I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Please pray for the coming Evangelistic crusade and Bible studies together with the bible students for this coming December 21-26 in Los Palos, Timor-Leste.

Please pray for this coming December 8. It is our recognition day and giving of rewards for all of the children who are faithfully attending the classes, not only English but also Sunday school. We are also planning to invite their parents that day.

Please pray for:

- Good health. Up to now it has not rained here in East Timor.
- Financial needs to have a materials, visual aids to use in teaching the children.
- John and Jirah's need for enrollment for the next school year and the things they need for school.

For questions and suggestions please feel free to contact us at:

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