



## Team East Timor Weekly Watch (TETWW) Magazine

**Give thanks to the Lord**

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**Psalms 106:1** – Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. (NIV)

### THANKSGIVING:

1. Last week we were so blessed and thankful to the Lord for answered prayers. For almost a year, our son John has suffered and is always praying that he can have a new phone since he lost his phone when we arrived in East Timor. To lose a phone feels like losing friends too, due to having no contacts, no Facebook, no games, no research on internet and being bullied in the school. Thank God for provision through the kindred heart of Linda Berlin to help John to have a new phone. Tears of joy are dropping not only for John, but also to us as parents to see how happy our son is.



2. When we were still in the Philippines, Jirah was always wishing to have her own small guitar. When she was still 6 years old we bought her a toy guitar but a year later she wants to have a real guitar, a small one. During that time we were not able to buy one for her because we were flooded in the Philippines from the typhoons. Through our move to East Timor to follow the calling of God, Jirah was still wishing to have her own guitar. Praise the Lord for the donor—a cheerful giver—for Jirah. Jirah's heart was full of joy, knowing that God answered her prayer.



3. Thank the Lord for Jack's milk. Now Jack is already feeling good. Giving him another brand of milk caused great trouble for him and he got sick. In the Philippines we did not have any problem for him regarding with his milk but when we arrived in East Timor his taste for drinking milk changed and he always got sick. We cannot find the milk here that he drank in the Philippines. But thank God, we are able to find the best milk that suits him. Thank you very much for the donors of Jack's milk too.



4. This month of December will be our one year anniversary of staying here in East Timor. We are so glad and thankful to the Lord for the wonderful experiences in this country. Most of the people are not interested in listening to the word of God. They have low education. One of our new students from UNTL who attended our English class couldn't understand the words "king" or "president" even if it is translated into their language. She is already a third year college student. We are wondering how and what they are learning in the school. Most of them are lazy. They like gambling bingo, lotto, cock fighting, playing cards, etc. Drunkards are everywhere in the streets and riots are everywhere. Sanitary and medical conditions are poor. There is no place to enjoy in Dili. You cannot find big shopping malls for kids to enjoy or a nice spot that attracts people. They have good beaches but you must be very careful, for crocodiles are everywhere. Despite all these situations we were able to survive our first year of serving the Lord here in East Timor. When we decided to come to East Timor we were not interested in the place but more about the people. These people need the gospel. God loves them and wants to save them.

**TRAINED STUDENTS:** Nathalia is one of our active trained Bible students. She is also very active in English class. She is married and has 4 children. Her youngest child is still 2 years old and her oldest

child is 9 years old. Now she is already helping us in teaching children. We are happy to see her sacrifices just to be one of us. She is already good in English. There are times also that she visited us with her husband. Her eldest daughter is also active in our Sunday school class. Please pray for her to grow in the knowledge of the word of God. She is faithful in the work and she is the eldest among the trained students. Next year we are planning to train them in teaching children for sharing Bible stories.



**CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT:** The children's faith grows strong. Our visitation last week to their houses had a good impact on the children's parents. At least we met their parents personally. We found out that three parents of our students are working in PNTL (*Policia Nacional de Timor-Leste*), two are doctors in *Guido General Hospital de Timor-Leste* and some are doing business in Dili. We are so blessed to have this group of children, and their parents are beginning to have confidence in us even if they are very strong in the Catholic religion. Next year we are planning to conduct once a month visitation to every child's parents to get closer to them, establishing friendships and good relationships.

**PRAYERS:**

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:

- John and Jirah, that we can register them for school this month because the slots for students are limited. We are praying their financial needs for the next school year will be provided.
 

<u>John's needs for school:</u> School registration- \$ 50 Miscellaneous - \$ 30 Uniform (Type A & B)- \$ 90 School ID- \$ 10 Art materials- \$ 30 Monthly fee- \$ 140 TOTAL- \$ 350	<u>Jirah's needs for school:</u> School registration- \$ 50 Miscellaneous - \$ 30 Uniform (Type A & B)- \$ 90 School ID- \$ 10 Art materials- \$ 30 Monthly fee- \$ 120 TOTAL- \$ 330
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- Our financial needs of having a fire extinguisher and first aid kit in our class room. We are required by the office of National Labor Development Institute to have these by the end of December.
- Asuncion "Ciony" Bucas plan in joining us here in East Timor as her needs will be provided.

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