

East Timor: Things to Come Mission Association

TRIUMPH IN CHRIST

Now thanks be unto God, who always causeth us to triumph in Christ and who maketh manifest through us the savor of His knowledge in every place. (2 Corinthians 2:14)

Things to Come Mission Association Inauguration

August 7, 2021 was the successful inauguration day for *Things to Come Mission Association* in East Timor. The event was attended by government officials from the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, the National Police and other friends. Church members and local friends were so happy to grace the celebration. The video message of our International Director, Ben Anderson, was an inspiring exhortation congratulating everyone, despite the constant technical problems. Additional warm greetings were given by our TCM-Philippines Mission Department Director, Gerson Bermejo.



The presentation by the missionary kids and Timorese students, depicting cultural dance in traditional outfits, was well applauded. The members' colorful fellowship dance was also met with smiles from the attendees with greetings of congratulations roaring through the venue. Our hearts were flooded with joy and singing at the goodness of God and for His honor.



We are so grateful to the Lord for the approval of our application. The Things to Come Missions Assn., East Timor license is a perpetual authority according to the Director of the Department of Justice. We can implement our planned our activities for as many years as the association exists and does not violate its existing policy. Thanks be to God for His goodness and thank you so much for all the prayers.

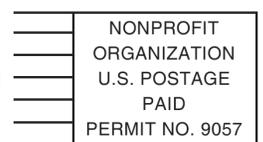
TCM East Timor: Distributing Relief Goods

August 22nd, the members of the church and the TCM Assn. officers actively participated in distributing relief goods. We did this four days before the implementation of the total lockdown in the country. We wore blue uniform polo shirts printed with THINGS TO COME MISSION, and "...win as many as possible." from 1 Cor. 9:19 NIV. Before the distribution, we shared the message of salvation and the love of God with the recipients. Timorese are very dominant in their culture with superstitions, animal and ancestor worship and other syncretistic practices. We taught them that in this time of hardship, God is always ready to save spiritually after this temporary life on earth. We also expounded to them the Biblical story of Jesus when He gave food to feed the people, and that He has given His life to save them. This was our 4th gift-sharing to various would-be contacts since the flood and two total lockdowns. The "no work—no pay" scheme for nominal workers and very limited wages for private employees here is real. Sharing relief goods creates a big impact on them in expressing our goodwill and camaraderie in times of need. Shout-out to TCM U.S.A. and TCM Philippines who took the lead step to provide love gifts so we can share these basic food items.



Friday, Saturday & Sunday Classes

Eternal security was Ma'am Ciony's topic during the class of the Field Bible School students. It was very interesting to know the doctrine of the assurance of salvation for believers today—that once we are saved by the blood of Jesus, God transforms us into newness of life. This conviction gives us innate motivation, even for new believers, for serving God as part of renewed life in Christ in whatever capacity we can. Miss Evalyn Casas discussed the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and students were amazed at how the Holy Spirits works today in the life of believers from the moment we receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. During class sessions, everyone has been learning and participating so well that sometimes they end up late for their other lessons because students keep asking for clarifying teachings on specific topics. We praise and honor YOU, OH GOD, for this privileged and for the knowledge given.



Every Saturday Ma'am Ciony spends her time teaching children English in different levels, giving workshops and Bible stories and introducing the local children to the knowledge of our Lord. Noemi also is teaching the children songs for Sunday



worship. Timorese kids love singing and dancing every time they come to study Bible lessons. Children's parents have been encouraged, seeing that their children are improving in their ability to read, write, and sing.

Worship Service

The worship service every Sunday is the most awaited day of the week. But the past 2 Sundays, we were not able to have our worship service because of the increasing number of virus cases in Dili. Only supermarkets and pharmacies are open and no movement of public transportation. The members try to follow the Sunday worship service online, but some cannot join because of very weak internet connection. A few are still able to make their way to the church. We are so thankful to the Lord that even in this time of pandemic with many restrictions and protocols to follow, we find our way to have unified worship.



Noemi's Dad Promoted to Glory

After our busy days this month, we were saddened by the passing on of Noemi's dad, after just hours of confinement. Dad Josefino Torcal already suffered from complications when admitted; but, but humanly speaking, we feel such pain at not being able to hug him at his bedside for the last time. We still give thanks for the relief that father and daughter saw each other thru video during his remaining moments. Pastor Aaron delivered the funeral sermon and tribute online to the immediate relatives and friends. Noemi's mom died 11 years ago from lung cancer, and now she's lost her dad. We are praying we can travel back to the Philippines next year, as soon as this pandemic comes to an end.



For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14:7-8)

Thanksgiving Prayers

1. Thank God for the successful inauguration of *Things to Come Mission Association*.
2. For the growing ministry, the church, the Bible study and extension classes for children.
3. For the TCM Cares Project and Berean Bible Fellowship donations for Covid relief.
4. Answering our prayers through Ma'am Linda Berlin for the procurement of computer, video cam and printer.
5. Good health for all of us.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the church members in East Timor to grow in the knowledge of grace.
2. Pray for the tBible School students' training and the missionary kids' online schooling.
3. Pray we can make a shelter for worship services this rainy season.

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