

East Timor: Things to Come Mission Association

April - May 2022
Grateful into the Lord

1 Chronicles 16:8 – Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.



PRAISE the LORD

The Lord is good in the works of East Timor. He touches people's hearts every time they hear His holy word. It's a very challenging development not only for us missionaries but also for the locals who experience trials in serving the Lord Jesus Christ. This 22nd of May 22, 2022 as we did our worship service, while



singing songs suddenly, stones fell into the roof three times. The last one was the biggest hit but we are so thankful that nobody was hurt! We gladly continued our worship service just ignoring the disturbance

since we normally experience it. Again on May 25, 2022 around 2:30 dawn, another stone fell on our roof top. Time and again we've experienced stoning within our premises two to three times a week. We are praying that the Lord will touch the hearts of those people who keep on throwing stones at us.

Worship Center Construction

Gradually, we are on the finishing touches on our worship center. We have secured our place of gathering. As the Lord provides our needs and blesses us in every way, we



are also encouraging each other to continue to serve God in spite of some hardships in the ministry. We keep on praying as the Lord guides us in doing the mission work in every manner and in sharing the gospel.

Children's presentation



Timorese kids are having English classes every Friday and Saturday and practice their singing presentation for Sundays. Ciony and Noemi are dedicated to teach the children and have focused the kids who



are members of the church. Our hearts rejoice every time we see them consistently participating during worship service. The selected kids' class from the neighborhood is our way of connecting with new friends. At least some of them are kind to us.

We always motivate the kids to study hard and consistently serve the Lord as they grow and become good examples to the family and friends.

Lighthouse International School extension class



Ciony's extension class at the Lighthouse International School for the Elementary and

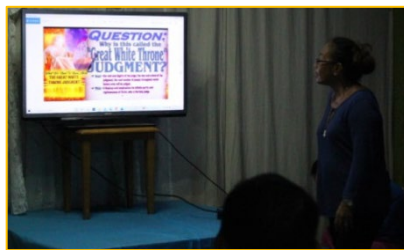
High School students is having a great impact on the learners of Values Education and Geography. Furthermore, this is a starting point of our NGO Activation for the community in the area of education. We are pleased to inform you that as a token of gratitude for voluntary service, one grade 2 kid, Laura Rosette, has been granted a full scholarship for this year 2022 in the name of our NGO as we connect with the locals in the community.

Pastor Arsino as President of the Parents-Teacher Association (PTA)

As part of our strategic approach to connect with the community, the Lighthouse International School we have been initially in touch with on the educational aspect of the NGO, had elected Pastor Aaron Arsino as the president of the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) for this year 2022. The school administration has been thankful to us for the active participation of our NGO with their school on matters of the parents' concerns and values formation for their kids.

Prayer Meeting and Theology class

Leadership training has been improving our members spiritually as we train leaders for the ministry in this country. The training is conducted every Wednesday and Friday evening. Everybody is enjoying the study of basic Bible



doctrines and topics on Christian living. They are almost finished studying the book of C.R. Stam *Man, His Nature and Destiny*, which is one of the good textbooks to study in this dispensation of grace.

Livelihood training program for the NGO (THINGS TO COME MISSION ASSOCIATION)

To keep our NGO registration credentials active, we are obliged to do activities for the NGO before July 22, 2022, one year after its approval of the registration, as required by the Ministry of Justice. It is necessary to have yearly activities and long term projects/programs in the community or in different areas for us to be recognized as an active NGO by the government. At any time, the said Office conducts official visits to NGOs, checking compliance and monitoring the various activities. Their report entails either positive or negative feedback hence, NGOs are duty-bound to have good compliance. It is a must-do for our NGO for the continuity of our license in good standing. This year we thank our Lord God for having started our different livelihood programs, which are as follows:

a.) Wellness foot/body massage and reflexology



Women would like to learn body massage and reflexology as one of the common pastimes in popular demand in the city. In this way, at least we can help the locals develop more skills and

later to earn a living if they have abilities. Also this program trains them for proper sanitation and wellness. Our faithful member, Evalyn Baguio is sharing her skills and expertise as it has been her occupation here for two decades.

b.) Welding tutorial and training



Men also like to know welding for construction work and other related work. Here in Dili City, welders are

very few and only few informal schools are offering this field of training to the locals. Edgar Saavedra, our church Vice-President, is religiously teaching this welding skill.

c.) Ministry outreach in the districts and agricultural farms as one of the NGO projects.



The Lord has blessed us as the two members from Baucau and Liquica offered to us to expand our ministry outreaches in their districts simultaneously with our NGO activities. Both of them offered to us at least 3 hectares of land to be developed for agricultural purposes. The Liquica

site has potential for good farming as it has a water source on the land, and it is along the national highway which is very near to the border.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the salvation of the Timorese. We were so happy last May 27 during Theology Class as one of the church sympathizers received the Lord Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He is a consistent church goer.
2. For the on-going NGO livelihood trainings for May – June, welding for men and wellness body massage/reflexology for women.
3. For us, here in East Timor as we always experience being disturbed by the “throwing of stones“, even during midnight hours.
4. For the ministry outreach in the two districts where we have our NGO projects.
5. English Learning center activity every Friday, Saturday and walk-in tutorial classes.
6. For our fund raising to buy a piece of land in Dili City to build a church and the NGO Office.
7. For the raising of funds for other proposed NGO projects to start the livelihood trainings and agricultural farms

Psalm 79:13 – So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

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