



East Timor: PR's

August 3, 2022

Psalm 145:5-6 – I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. And *men* shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

PRAISE the LORD

1. Worship Sunday Service



Thank God for provision for the continuing work of the worship center: 60% done, the two sides of the wall finished and already painted. The roof has isolator sheets that serve as ceiling to minimize the effect of the heat. The members and visitors keep on coming every Sunday as we see the church grows spiritually and in number. We are so glad that friends and members are happy fellowshiping together, giving special numbers, leading the worship service and others prepare/bring food for lunch after worship. Local Timorese members are now slowly improving their worship attitude as they are more encouraged to participate in church activities like the general cleaning that we had. Also, Filipino members who married locals have strengthened their respective families and adjusted themselves against the negative criticism from their conservative family clans. The visit of Pastor Ben Anderson promoted the church's increase in attendance. We observe that they are motivated with open minds to learn more of God's grace and missions after listening to Pastor Ben's whole message. We believe that there are still many people

that God prepares for us whom the Lord had chosen before the foundation of the world. For now, we keep preaching so that many can hear the message of salvation. Thank you for praying and helping East Timor ministry.

2. Pastor Ben Anderson visited East Timor last July 11-15, 2022

The visit of Pastor Ben brought great encouragement to all of us. A grand welcome was afforded to the beloved International Director accompanied by cultural dances as local welcomers were well-dressed with their traditional costume. Around twenty guests and visitors attended and listened to the inspiring message given by Pastor Ben. Pastor Arsino accurately translated his message in Tetun. We heard direct testimonies from the guests who were touched and encouraged by Pastor Ben's passion. Indeed, we are truly thankful for the opportunity of his presence spent with us on July 11-15, 2022.



Pastor Ben has reminded the Team about our mission, focus and purpose of cross-cultural ministry. The Team and Ptr. Ben spent time bonding together with God's Word, mission updates, plans and vision with goal-setting for the years to come. Everybody was delighted after this big gathering, having been fed spiritually and physically enjoying the event and with the many foods prepared by the members. Praising God for an attendance of about 80 people joining this very special night of fellowship.

3. Prayer Meeting and Theology class



The students of our theology class want to continue their studies until next year as they learned many things. During the last two months, they were able to finish the book *Man, His Nature and Destiny* from C. R. Stam, and the book of Romans will be finished this month of August. These two series of lessons that

we've discussed every week gave deeper understanding on many biblical truths. Everybody is assigned as reporter every Wednesday before the prayer meeting proper and during Friday. After each topic report, an exhaustive discussion/open forum is done to clear some gray areas of the hard lessons for the week. In so doing, we believe that every aspect of the doctrinal study edifies the body of the church and we can have more opportunity to share it with our contacts during other Bible studies schedule.

4. 1st TCM Anniversary Celebration

The church being registered in the country as NGO has celebrated the first anniversary, on July 23, the date of which was based on the government's approval. We thank the Lord for the big event that was held at Timor Plaza mall which was attended by the church members, NGO officials/members, different NGO organizations, and guests from the Ministry of Justice. It accommodated about 100 attendees including one of the confidential staff from the Office of the President.



The Anniversary message, *Started with God*, by Pastor Arsino and the very inspiring speech of Director Maria do Ceu, from the Ministry of Justice, made this gathering most memorable. Both messages gave spiritual awakening to the souls and enticing the locals to participate actively their roles as members of the NGO, in a church and to become responsible citizens of the country in what every capacity they may belong. First flash highlights during the opening, were the presentation of the NGO official logo and the first year NGO achievements. The well-prepared presentations, dances and the worship team added color and enthusiasm for the audience and were applauded by all. No moment was dull as everybody participated in every part of the program. Major sequence of the celebration was the giving of certificates and recognition of the first batch of the NGO's programs and trainers, such as the beneficiaries of the free Trainings on Welding, Wellness and Body Massage and on school scholarship program.

After the afternoon anniversary celebration, we continued the fellowship at the worship center where dinner had been prepared. Everyone enjoyed the bonding of members together with visitors until late night. Hosting the anniversary at **Timor Plaza**, the only shopping mall in Dili, was agreed by all members as being the most strategic place for all attendees and as part of the information campaign for friends and sympathizers to witness the event. Documentation of this event forms part of our progress report, as soon we will apply for membership in the association of NGOs. That is one of the standing requirements of an NGO in order to continue serving in East Timor.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the extension ministry in the 2 districts to start this month of August 2022. We need funds for weekly transportation of going to the two targeted districts to reach more souls.
2. Pray for the continuing NGO livelihood trainings from August to October, welding for men and wellness body massage/reflexology for women.
3. For fund-raising for the proposed NGO project for livelihood training: for agricultural farms as start-up projects. Agreement of the farm owner/target area must be done before year-end.
4. Pray for our monthly support to be enough for our consumption and basic needs because the prices have much increased this year.
5. September 2022, conduct of the first whole day Children's fellowship: ages 5 years old – 12 years old.
6. October 2022, conduct of our first Youth Fellowship: ages 13 years old and above.
7. English Learning center activity every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
8. Funds for finishing the 2 class rooms for children.
9. For our fund-raising to buy a piece of land in Dili City to build a church and together for the NGO Office.
10. Church electric guitar, portable speaker, projector.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 – Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power.

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