

MISSION EAST TIMOR

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Romans 8:28

We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

SADNESS IN ARRIVAL

1. The cell phone of my son John was pick-pocketed when we arrived at East Timor airport.
2. John and Jirah felt lonely that they do not have friends for a couple of days.
3. Adjustment to the food and the temperature in Dili. It is too hot and we do not have an air conditioning unit in the house so they are uncomfortable. Electric fans are not enough.
4. Adjustment to living in the house we rented and to the surrounding neighbors. Our children were afraid to go out at first.
5. Discovering a problem that our ATM card cannot be used in Dili, and we cannot open a bank account in East Timor because we are only on a tourist visa.
6. Problem of delays in our visa extension.
7. Our children got homesick and wanted to go back home to the Philippines.



THANKSGIVING



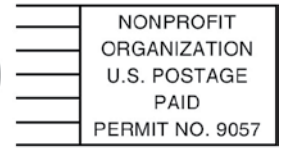
1. After one week my children started to smile and feel happy for having made friends. They try to have a little conversation with their playmates.
2. My family started to adapt to the way of living like the local people after a few weeks.
3. John and Jirah were enrolled in St. Thaddeus International School. Their classes start January 14.

4. Thank God we were able to open a bank account in Dili, even though there was a little bit of a problem in sending funds.
5. We thank God for all our Timorese friends who help us in times of need.





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THE PLAN

- A. To continue processing the NGO (non-profit organization) registration in East Timor.
- B. To extend our tourist visa for two more months.
- C. To apply immediately for student visas for our children.
- D. To establish good relationships for our children with the neighborhood children and friends for the whole family.
- E. To have an orientation on January 19 for the basic English reading and speaking tutorials we are offering through our NGO for Timorese children and college students.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Processing our visas.
- Opening of NGO by February: rental of a room for the NGO \$65/month and materials for the NGO classes (i.e. school supplies, 2 tables, 18 desk chairs, 2 white boards and markers).
- The 16 college students who are now officially enrolled in our NGO for the tutorial in basic English and a Bible course.
- My family as we are learning the language every day.

Our NGO classroom



BREAKING NEWS! Monday, January 14

Please pray for us! Today was the first day of school for John and Jirah. They were very happy as they went to school. But on our way back home, while walking on the street before we arrived at our house, there was a sudden riot of Timorese in the streets. Stones were thrown everywhere and guns were firing. I carried



our baby Jack in my right arm and held my daughter Jirah's hand with my left hand and ran away to save ourselves. My wife Noemi and son John also ran in different directions to find a hiding place. Later on the local people helped us. They covered us in the midst of the fighting and helped me find my wife and son. Our house was right in the middle where the riots were happening, so we went in the opposite direction and waited until the police came and the people calmed down. We returned to our house, but tensions are still there, waiting for a surprise attack from both opponents. We thank God for His protection that we are safe. My daughter Jirah is traumatized but we hope and pray she can recover from it. Please pray for us as we are going to continue to stay and find a way to start the ministry. Your prayers will be much appreciated!

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