



# The Johnston Family

## Taking the Gospel to East Timor

20 October 2020

Dear Praying Friends,

Just a quick update of what is happening in East Timor and with us.

Fatuhada Baptist Church remains open for services. There is one current known case of Covid 19 in East Timor. Chris is recovering from a tummy bug and Margie has had a chest infection for about a month.

We would appreciate your prayers for our family regarding the Lord's will for us. Flights are starting again from Darwin to Dili, East Timor. I believe that we fit the criteria for being able to apply for leave from Australia and so with this in mind we ask that you would pray that we would be in the Lord's will. His will and timing are perfect.

The church at Sertulan and Fatumakerek are standing firm for God. The church building at Fatumakerek is still in the process of being built but they now have all the materials to finish it.

We are rejoicing in the Lord and delight in His goodness to us. We also thank the churches that have given us a love gift and continued to pray for us. We were blessed to have part in Grace Baptist Church's youth camp. Bro Luke Hyland brought the messages and we had over 40 kids between 9 and 17, most from unsaved backgrounds. The Lord did a marvellous work and 7 people made professions of faith and several others sort counselling. Our Lord is Amazing.

What has really been a blessing to me the last couple of months is the growth I have seen in some of the older teens at GBC. **Philippians 1:6** Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. I am thankful that the Lord is faithful in His work as the day draws closer when this work shall be finished and we shall be like Him.

Could you continue to pray for those we are witnessing to. I have been able to talk with a man named Dave from the markets. Him and his wife, Amber separated about six months ago. Dave says that it is completely his fault the marriage broke down. He has changed his life dramatically, but he cannot see that he needs the Lord. Pray that the Lord might open his eyes and give Tia opportunity with his wife.

Hugh is a family friend and when I was speaking to him a couple of weeks ago about Romans Chapter 1 he was under conviction of his sin. He has some religious background but really knows nothing of the Scriptures, only of traditions.

Please pray for Ray and Linda Seres and children Haley, Jacob and Bailey. Jacob comes regularly to youth group and came also to camp. When I had a look through Jacob's camp booklet he had a couple of very interesting notes and I can see that the Lord has been working there. Haley used to come to youth group. Tia has been meeting with Linda on Wednesday mornings for the last couple of weeks. Could you pray specifically that Linda would understand the Gospel.



Carol is an old neighbour who rang Tia looking for a dog sitter. She is going through a lot and is opening up to talking about God. I believe the Lord is drawing her. Please pray for her Salvation.

Our Tetum lessons continue through the Gospel of John. Our Tetum teacher Amalia has started reading the Bible. She is currently reading through the Gospel of John. She is reading it in both Tetum and English. Pray that the Lord will show her the truth.

My employers say it is only a matter of time before their autistic son Michael dies from the seizures he has (but the Lord knows). Each time he has one the brain dies a little more. Could you pray that we will know what needs to be said to them.

The kids next door continue to come to youth group and some services. Please pray.

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**And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15**