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New Projects... This month I started an English class to university students. I've had the help of Sérgio (timorese) – who had helped us with the English classes we had last year during the School of Worship – and Andrew (Singapore), who spent a few days here in Dili, to get to know our work in Timor.

Most students are studying English at Universidade Nacional de Timor Leste (National University of Timor Leste), but they don't have many opportunities to practice English out of the classroom and, because of that, we decided to have this course with classes focused on conversation and English practice. We've had some games (crosswords, pictionary, sudoku), watched movies, listened to music, interviewed one another... always with lots of fun and great participation from everyone. There has been an average of 10 to 15 students that come to class 3 times a week and I believe they've been enjoying it very much. It's also a good opportunity for me to practice English a little more and learn new words ;)



English Class Students

Andrew goes away this week, but I'll continue with the classes, maybe until I go back to Brazil. We also have plans to start a Bible Study group with some of them... using the Bible to teach English!

Be praying for these classes and that we'll have opportunities to witness God's love every day to each of those university students.

Old Projects... After 2 months, I went back to participating on the Pastor @ Prayer meetings in Dili and in Baucau. I lead worship in both meetings, with songs in Tetun, Portuguese and Bahasa. Thank God I've been able to express myself more easily in the Timorese language... next step, Bahasa!

Pray so that I continue learning Tetun and Bahasa, and also some new songs ;)



Leading worship in Baucau

Local Church... I've been involved more actively in the local church I'm attending – Bethany Church. I'm back again participating in the worship team, not only on the drums, but also on keyboard, every once in a while, after being away for almost a month. I've been getting used to the songs they sing (most in Bahasa) and, even though I don't sing yet, I've been able to follow most of them and worshipping together with them has become easier every day! =)



I have also been participating in the youth group. We have a youth service, that now happens every Sunday afternoon. They are very “cell group” alike... we sit on the floor, on a circle, sing some praise and worship songs, witness, share prayer requests and have a quick message, each day from a different person. Last Sunday I preached, now much more “fluent” in Tetun and didn't even need translation (of course I had a

piece of paper with me with some harder words, but it's all a part of the process). Thank God I've been able to touch the hearts of the youth at Bethany, that seek the Lord so much, and each and every day grow in Him.

Don't forget to pray for these youth, and also that, each and every day, God will give me the right words for the right moments, and that I may be able to strengthen my relationship with each one of them

Situation in Timor... As you probably know, president José Ramos-Horta was a victim of an attack (was shot twice) at the beginning of the month and the situation in the country was a little tense in the days that followed. We had a curfew taking place for about a week, that was extended for over a month. However, the situation here is very calm... there weren't any retaliations both from the government or from the group that promoted the attack. The president's health is being restored and we believe that so is peace in Timor.

Let's keep on praying that every crisis will come to an end and that the timorese people may finally enjoy their independence, after so many years of conflicts.

This is all for now... hope to hear from you!

Maromak fo bensaun!
God bless you!

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