

The Johnston Family

Taking the Gospel to Timor Leste

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Dear Praying Brethren

Thank you for your prayers.

Update on our Visa.

We were unable to submit the paperwork for the work visa as a volunteer, as the Timorese Government have recently changed their approach to volunteers, not only affecting us but others also. We have returned to Australia and have been back for just over a week. We know that the Lord has a plan in all of this.

When we return to Dili we will apply for a work visa as an employee of CETI instead of volunteer. Thankfully the paperwork is mostly the same.

While in Australia we will use the time to update our medicals and police checks and serve in the ministries at GBC Malanda. We have already submitted our application for national police checks and have appointments booked for our medicals in 2 weeks time. We will be praying for the Lord's timing in going back.

The shipping container that has both the Smiths and our items should arrive this week. We ask that you pray regarding customs clearing the container and unloading.

Our time in Dili has had its challenges and blessings. We were able to build valuable relationships with some Timorese, Filipino's and make connections with Australian's and others from our flight. We all made some improvements in speaking the language and

our understanding of it. Also we were able to be a help at times with building and ministry while there.

There is a great need in Timor Leste, as in all the world, for more labourers for the harvest. There are many areas of ministry opportunity, that Chris and Margie have started and we need the Lord's direction on where to use our time most effectively.

Other updates

Elisha now has two bottom teeth and is mobile. Crawling as well as some furniture walking.

Nathanael's health is improving after being sick off and on for the last 10 weeks.



Prayer requests

Medicals and police reports

The Lord's timing on returning to the field
Wisdom for the Work VISA that Bro Chris Smith is preparing for us

Strength for the Smiths and Timorese as they unload the 20ft container

Suitable vehicle to purchase in Timor
Building renovations

God Bless, the Johnston Family

