



# The Johnston Family

## Taking the Gospel to Timor Leste

**8 March 2022**

Dear Pastor and Brethren,

**Philippians 4:6** Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Let me first thank you for your continued prayer for our family, and ask also that you would continue to pray.

The weekend of the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January I was ordained to the ministry. It was a blessed weekend with the ordination council on Saturday and Sunday the ordination service, with unsaved friends and family that came. Family members made comments that they enjoyed the singing and service and that it was not boring like they remember church to be. Please pray for the Lord to work in their hearts, that they would have continued contact with saved brethren, be saved and be able to sing from their hearts of the saving grace of God. The ordination will also be a help in getting the work visa in Timor.



The first two weeks of February seen us busy finalising some things before going to the NT. We still have some items needed to be sorted which brothers and sisters in the Lord at GBC Malanda are helping to sort.

The final two weeks of February saw us visiting, Savannah Way Baptist Church, with Pastor Cotton, and Territory Baptist Church with Pastor Chapman. Both these churches were a blessing to us in our final two weeks in Australia.



Nathanael and Elisha enjoying a ride in Katherine NT  
Below boys on the bridge Katherine NT





Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February we were to get our PCR tests. We had booked with the covid testing place but on arrival they said they can do the test, but we will not get the paperwork required for international travel. We then rang the clinic that they told us to go to but they do not test on Sundays and they were booked out on the Monday. The nurse said to show up on Monday afternoon and she will fit us in. Praise the Lord.

Wednesday the 2nd of March we were to fly out to Timor Leste, but due to operational problems with the plane the flight had been delayed until Thursday. It was nice to have some family time before leaving.

Looking back, we see the hand of the Lord very much in those final few days, shifting our test day so our test would be within the 72hrs prior to departure. We tried to downsize luggage at the NT but it wasn't very successful. We decided to pray. At the airport check in the lady started weighing our luggage and she said the computer will normally flag her when we have reached our quota, but it didn't and we were way over the allowance. The Lord had given us extra baggage allowance. An answer to prayer. Hallelujah.

**1 Chronicles 16:25** For great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also *is* to be feared above all gods.

We arrived in Timor Leste to more PCR tests and plenty of paperwork at the airport. We had a friendly pilot that let the boys wear his hat and co-pilots hat.

When we got to the compound we were welcomed by the Timorese brethren with singing and a gift.



Please pray as we continue to learn the language and culture and start in ministries here and settle in.

Praise the Lord for this open door that we have been waiting for, and preparing for, for some years now.

God bless,  
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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**