

## Traveling in Timor

This month I could visit many places in the island of Timor, both *East Timor* and *West Timor*.

I went to *Baucau*, to the pastor meeting we promote every month. In the last couple of months I could not participate, because I was involved with the *School of Worship* and also with the trip to *Weberrek*, with the team from YWAM. But this month I could help again and I lead worship - in *Tetun*! It was the first time; I did not speak much, got "stuck" a little, but at the end everything was ok. Next time will be better ;)

After the service, I went through another interesting "transcultural experience". For lunch we stayed and ate at a little restaurant in *Baucau* and I decided to try a very typical dish from *Timor*: dog meat. That's right: dog. And I have to say that I did not find it bad, even though I still prefer Brazilian barbecue =)

After lunch we went to visit an orphanage in the city, which Joshua and Claudia help with food and other goods every month, as a part of the Food Project. I took some photos (as usual) and helped a little with some shopping. We did not stay long, because we had to go back to *Dili*, where we had...

## Youth @ Prayer

This month we started a youth service, in which we will get together at least every month with young people to worship the Lord, pray together, have a time of fellowship, and also to continue what we started in the *School of Worship*, so that what we sowed will not be lost. We plan on doing this every month, every time in a different church, to really get all the youth united. Next month will be at...



Children at the orphanage in Baucau



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## Bethany Church

I have been attending this church, and I am also playing the drums with their worship team. I met the guys there during the School, and I have been challenged to be helping them. I have even preached there already, two weeks ago.

It is a pretty big challenge, since the service is entirely in *Bahasa Indonesia*. At least they talk in *Tetun*, so I am able to communicate and cultivate a friendship with them. It will be very good to learn *Bahasa*, since there is no Bible in *Tetun* yet. Talking about it, I bought a bilingual Bible (*Bahasa-English*) when I went to...

## Kupang

I spent 4 days in *Kupang*, in *West Timor* (a province of *Indonesia*), in the other side of the island. The trip was very nice... only 11 hours in a van, going through a gorgeous road, and many curver (for a change). We stopped a few times during the trip, on the way there, and coming back. One of the stops was at the border to take my visa renewed. It would expire by the end of this month. Not it starts again: 30 days from now I will have to renew it again, for 2 more months, like I did when I got here the first time.

In *Kupang* we got in touch with some pastors, to start organizing some reconciliation prayer services with both sides of the island, East and West. We plan to do services there and here, to promote the unity between the pastors, and break every existing trauma because of the *Indonesian* occupation. Please be praying that these projects will go as planned so that we can unite the Church even more.

We also visited a training center for *The Frontiers - Peace Building*. They are a group of young Christians that go into many cities promoting the peace and reconciliation between many divided people, and this group in special works in Timor. We talked to them about the possibility of working together in some other districts that we have contacts in order to try to unite this country a little bit more, and try to break the division between *Lorosa'e* (East Districts) X *Loromonu* (West Districts), that has brought so many problems to this nation.



"Welcome", in Atambua, on the way to Kupang



Downtown Kupang

Thank God I have had many things to do here and every day we come up with new ideas, new projects, new dreams, new expectations... and God has been faithful each and every day, giving us strength, wisdom and strategies to win every battle.

I believe that God has put me here to be in an apostolic role, of transformation of the timorese nation. Let's pray so that we can really be a light in this country, that has been through many momentos of darkness for many years.

Maromak fo bensa ita hotu!  
God bless you all!

Hodi Maromak nia dame,  
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