



Dear Brethren,

What a joy to have our Pastor, Tyler Gillit, and his wife, Tori, with us here in Brazil. Their visit was such an encouragement to us! Besides seeing the Trinitarian Bible Society of Brazil, Pastor preached at our new congregation and helped serve the Lord's supper. What a sweet a time of fellowship.

Last month I presented the number of Portuguese Bibles that we distributed in 2019, but I accidentally included New Testaments in that count, and left out some Bibles distributed in December. Here are the complete (and corrected) circulation figures for 2019: Complete Portuguese Bibles: 1.175.550; New Testaments: 212.349; Portions/Bible Tracts: 138.513. Total circulation figure: 1.526.416. That means we distributed a complete Bible every 27 seconds, last year. To God be the Glory!

One of our supporting Churches inquired more about the East Timor project. Please allow me to share my response with him:

Pastor, our Church here in Brazil has supported missionary Lorinaldo ever since he first went to East Timor, over ten years ago. He is a very precious brother. He approached us because of the great need he is finding in East Timor. The official language is Portuguese, but Tétum is the heart language of the people, seeing that many only read Tétum, and not Portuguese. Another ministry has taken to translate the Bible into Tétum, but their work boils down to a concise paraphrase, rather than a translation. There is a Catholic version available, but there is a need for a faithful translation into Tétum, which is spoken by roughly 800,000 people.

Missionary Lorinaldo is back in Brazil because of health issues, but will be going to East Timor in April, the Lord willing. Jonathan Arnold, the editorial director for Trinitarian Bible Society, has agreed to meet with the Bible translators and take on this project. At this point, we need to meet with the potential Bible translators in person and provide three computers for the work (one for each translator and also for the missionary). There is also the expense of the trip and housing. These initial costs are estimated at ten thousand dollars. Once we meet with the translators, we will be able to better assess the project. There might be the need for monthly support for translators, as well.

Missionary Lorinaldo wants me to meet him in East Timor in April, the Lord willing. Only the trip will cost roughly five thousand dollars. Please pray for God's blessing, provision and protection.

Your fellow servants in Brazil,

*Harold & Lillian Gilmer*

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