

# COOK ISLANDS



Bro Mata Remuera is our only Christadelphian in the Cook Islands. He is a faithful brother, avid reader with a passion for his beliefs and his Christadelphian brothers and sisters. His arthritis is increasingly taking its toll on his body, and it unfortunately means that he can no longer drive.

Bro Mata encourages himself and enjoys to hear via letters and magazines what is happening in the brotherhood around the world. He spends most of his day reading his Bible and listening to Bible studies on CD while sitting in the shade of his mango tree or on the front verandah that catches the cooler southern breeze in summer.

Bro Mata would deeply appreciate the fellowship that your visit to him would provide. A holiday or a break to the Cook Islands would be made that much more impactful on you and him if you spent an hour a day reading the Bible together, and on Sunday sharing bread and wine.



There are some good contacts in the Cooks. One couple especially who have read many of our books and who are always keen to talk about the Bible.

We would like you to consider making the Cook Islands part of your future plans. A visit to Brother Mata and the Sandersons' will have a significant impact on them. Rarotonga is a beautiful island, the people are generous, and the visiting conditions comfortable. The population of the main island of Rarotonga is around 15,000 people.

We plant and water and thank God for bringing the increase with Bro Mata and pray for continued fruitfulness in the Cook Islands.



## EAST TIMOR

East Timor is an Island that lies a little more than an hour by air north-east of Darwin. The past 18 months have been encouraging in the capital, Dili. For most of 2009, a young Australian brother was able to work and preach among local University students. During a fieldworker visit early this year there was much rejoicing over the baptism of Chigozie Ike (known locally as Charly). It was interesting to learn that Charly had been the silent listener to many discussions on the Truth had with other contacts, and now he is our brother; our only brother in East Timor. Charly is very appreciative of his new hope and anxious to understand God's way more perfectly. He needs our prayers, encouragement and visits.



More visits are needed to develop the interest in the Truth shown by many of the university students. Fieldworkers have been able to give Bible talks to university classes in return for taking lessons in spoken English. The interest



aroused has resulted in students visiting fieldworkers at their hotel for more detailed information. Some of the more interested students have expressed a willingness to start a Bible study group using the book "The Way of Life" as a resource. Contact with the group as it progresses can be maintained by email. In order to capitalise on the interest aroused so far, there is an urgent need for enthusiastic fieldworkers to return as soon as possible.

If you think you can help please contact Bro. Graham Dangerfield on [easttimor@acbm.org.au](mailto:easttimor@acbm.org.au) or phone 61 (0)3 6327 2083

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