

Celebrating

A LIFE AND A LEGACY

*And the world passeth away,
and the lust thereof: but he that
doeth the will of God*

ABIDETH FOR EVER.

1 JOHN 2: 17 KJV

A TRIBUTE TO TITUS FIAK

It began in the early 60s. I was in Bible College, praying about where God wanted me to go as a missionary. Jack and Annette Manly had just come off the field due to medical issues from Dutch New Guinea (now West Papua, Indonesia). They had served in the Citak tribe in the village of Senggo, and Annette had made red shorts for the naked children. As I looked at their pictures, I fell in love with those little boys, and God spoke to my heart and assured me that I would go to that place.



The ministry at Senggo was closed when Manly's came home. I went to the field in 1964 and served in the Mimika tribe.



In 1974 we reopened the ministry in the Citak tribe, and I moved there as a linguist. Titus, along with several others, worked with me to learn the language and reduce it to writing. They were the little boys who had been wearing the red shorts when God called me there!



I was at Senggo for about 30 years, and Titus worked almost every day with me for more than 18 years. He was the primary one on the translation committee and became the first pastor of the Citak church.



We spent many days and hours together as he learned to preach, lead others to the Lord, baptize, etc. He misunderstood communion and led the entire village to hide in the jungle to avoid the first planned communion as they thought that if they partook of communion, they would all die!

I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH

Translating the New Testament was a joy seeing his reaction to the stories he had never heard before. We were translating the resurrection of Jesus, and I was concentrating on how to translate, but he was paying attention to the happenings. As we were working, he said, "Mary, if you had just stayed still instead of running back and forth, you would have known He had risen from the dead!"



We spent many days going to outlying villages where Titus preached and baptized converts. I remember a special trip to the village of Komasma where 40 people made professions of faith.



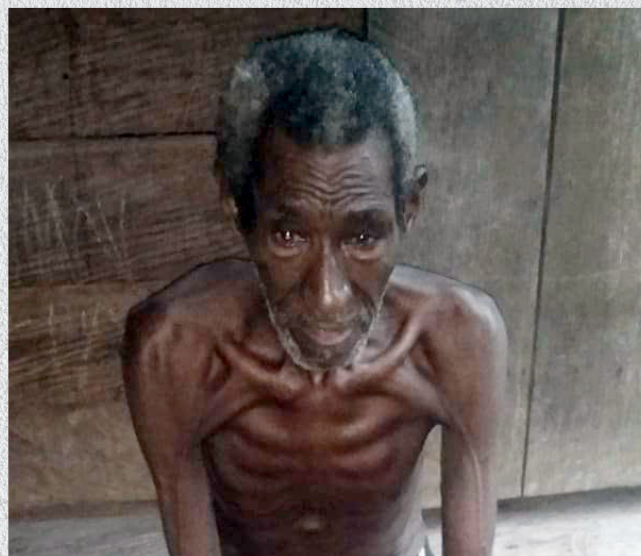
So many memories that I can't tell here. Times of laughing together, studying together, and growing together. I love Titus like a brother. He loved his wife Femasi and genuinely grieved when she died.



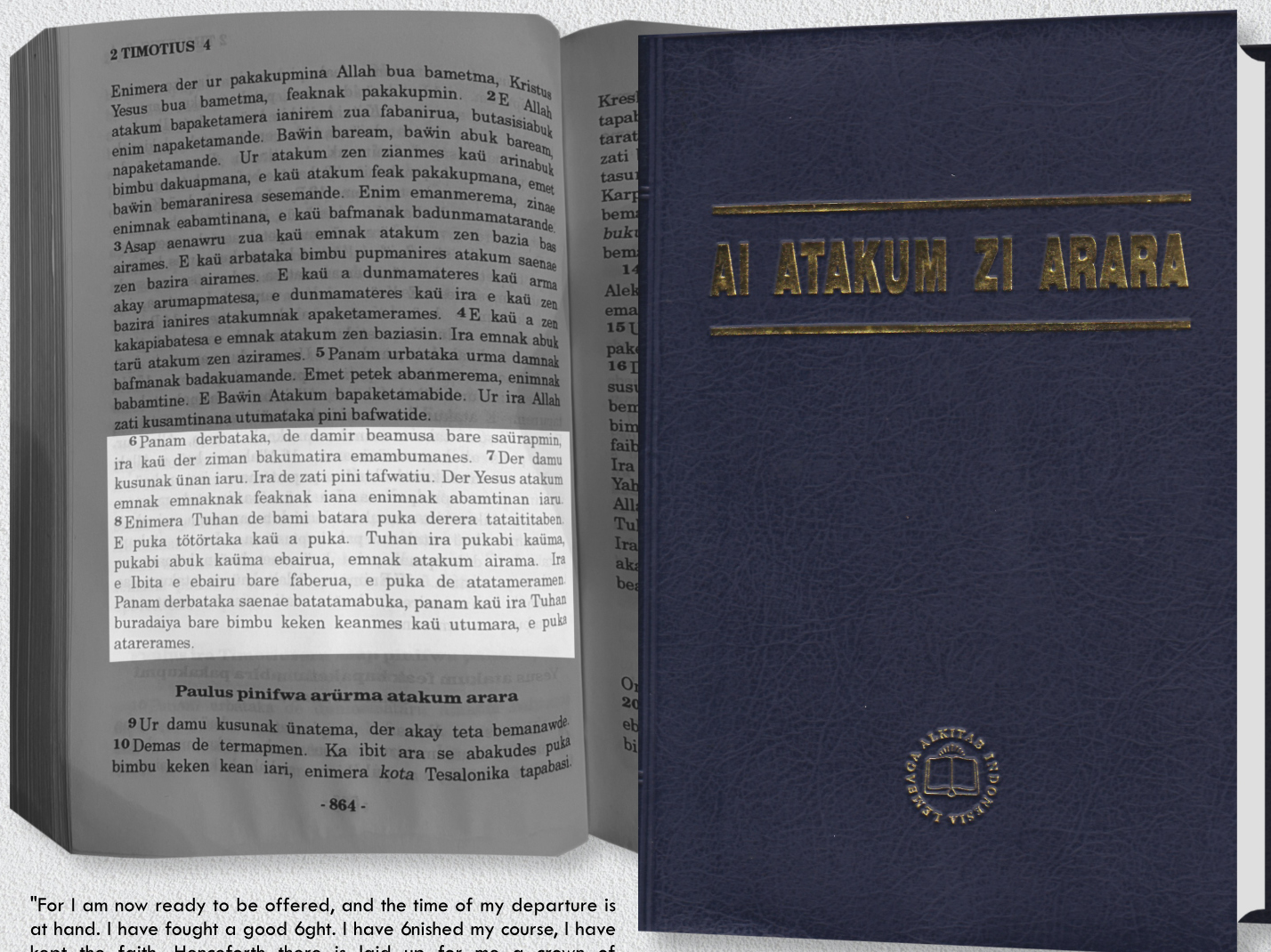
I have absolutely no doubt that God has Titus' crown awaiting his arrival home, and I look forward to when we all can be together there. PLEASE PRAY THAT HIS HOME GOING WILL BE PEACEFUL.



Margaret



Citak New Testament



2 TIMOTIUS 4

Enimera der ur pakakupmina Allah bua bametma, Kristus Yesus bua bametma, feaknak pakakupmin. 2E Allah atakum bapaketamera ianirem zua fabanirua, butasisiabuk enim napaketamande. Baŵin baream, baŵin abuk baream, napaketamande. Ur atakum zen zianmes kaü arinabuk bimbu dakuapmana, e kaü atakum feak pakakupmana, emet baŵin bemaniresa sesemande. Enim emanmerema, zinas enimnak eabamtinana, e kaü bafmanak badunmamatarande. 3Asap aenawru zua kaü emnak atakum zen bazia bas airames. E kaü arbataka bimbu pupmanires atakum saenae zen bazira airames. E kaü a dunmamateres kaü arma akay arumapmatesa, e dunmamateres kaü ira e kaü zen bazira ianires atakumnak apaketamerames. 4E kaü a zen kakapiabatesa e emnak atakum zen baziasin. 4E kaü a zen kakapiabatesa e emnak atakum zen baziasin. Ira emnak abuk tarü atakum zen azirames. 5Panam urbataka urma damnak bafmanak badakuamande. Emet petek abanmerema, enimnak babamtine. E Baŵin Atakum bapaketamabide. Ur ira Allah zati kusaminana utumataka pini bafwatide.

6Panam derbataka, de damir beamusa bare saürapmin, ira kaü der ziman bakumatira emambumanes. 7Der damu kusunak ünän iaru. Ira de zati pini tafwatu. Der Yesus atakum emnak emnknak feaknak iana enimnak abamtinan iaru. 8Enimera Tuhan de bami batara puka derera tataititaben. E puka töörtaka kaü a puka. Tuhan ira pukabi kaüma, pukabi abuk kaüma ebairua, emnak atakum airama. Ira e Ibita e ebairu bare faberua, e puka de atatameramen. Panam derbataka saenae batatamabuka, panam kaü ira Tuhan buradaiya bare bimbu keken keanmes kaü utumara, e puka atarerames.

Paulus pinifwa arürma atakum arara

9Ur damu kusunak ünatemala, der akay teta bemanawde. 10Demas de termapmen. Ka ibit ara se abakudes puka bimbu keken kean iari, enimera kota Tesalonika tapabasi.

AI ATAKUM ZI ARARA



"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord... shall give me at that day..."