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Hope in God’s Plan

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MONICA AND TOM LIDDLE

Tom and Monica Liddle, Global Ministries missionaries, helped facilitate Amena’s sponsorship. Monica, a doctor, worked with Amena in Clinic Imanuel in Lospalos. It was clear to her that “Amena had a passion for health care and a desire to learn. She specialized in tuberculosis and malaria testing, two prominent diseases in East Timor. She was also very interested in learning. She spoke a little English and I would help her learn more as we went along.”

There are still a few hurdles for Amena to get through before she can begin her training. First, she will be required to take a four-month English intensive course in order to keep up in an American classroom setting. Then she will have to take a year of prerequisite math and science courses prior to beginning the three-year medical program. Amena has committed to return to East Timor once she completes her studies. In exchange for the sponsorship, Amena has agreed to fulfill a three-year contract at Clinic Imanuel.

O God, it seems everything is in place, and we trust in your plan for Amena. We pray for safekeeping, support for Amena and inspiration for each person Amena touches

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