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## DECEMBER 1 / ISAIAH 63:1-17

I'm still struggling with forgiveness whenever I encounter those who set our school's office on fire (Kashi, TfN alumna, Papua).

# DECEMBER 2-3 / PSALM 85

I just realized that I've been feeling proud and self-centered instead of focusing on Christ (Mark, TfN alumnus, Lab School).

#### DECEMBER 4 / 2 PETER 2:1-16

I've been practicing self-control when dealing with my students, but I need to manage my emotions and grow in humility (James, TfN alumnus, Papua).

# **DECEMBER 5 / 2 PETER 2:17-3:7**

Bayu and Aldo have been struggling with laziness. I hope they can become more faithful in attending school (Sani, site leader, Slippery Rock).

# DECEMBER 6 / 2 PETER 3:8-18

Dino has been depressed since his parents went through a divorce. I hope he can learn about surrendering his pain and disappointment to God (Sani, site leader, Slippery Rock).

## DECEMBER 7 / ISAIAH 40:1-17

I'm learning about being faithful in this work and having the patience to understand other people (Ade, local teacher, Nipa Island).

#### DECEMBER 8 / ISAIAH 40:18-31

We have 11 graduates from our Bible campus who are serving villages in remote Papua. I'm praying that they have perseverance during times of scarcity (Rasi, site leader, Papua).

## **DECEMBER 9-10 / MARK 1:1-8**

I'm learning about Proverbs and I realize I'm weak in self-control (Tabitha, TfN intern, Island of Promise).

# DECEMBER 11 / EZEKIEL 16:44-63

I'm striving to be faithful in this work wherever and whenever God wants me to go (Elisa, TfN intern, Borneo).

#### DECEMBER 12 / ISAIAH 61

I'm growing in my patience with all kinds of unpredictable situations and processes (Xavier, site leader, Rusen Island).

# DECEMBER 13 / PSALM 126

I've been struggling with self-control. I've been disappointed with changes and hoping to develop resilience (Dorina, TfN intern, Rusen Island).

# DECEMBER 14 / 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-28

I'm learning to love those who have hurt us. Our belongings and clothes have been stolen repeatedly by local teenagers (Karin, TfN intern, Gapanau Island).

## **DECEMBER 15 / LUKE 1:39-56**

I often find myself lured by my flesh. So I'm learning about self-control and choosing love above all else (Rita, TfN intern, Celebes).

## **DECEMBER 16-17 / JOHN 1:6-18**

We are experiencing sickness in our children's home, with cases of nasal infections and chicken pox. May we find joy and patience during this time (Rosa, site leader, Seeds of Hope).

## **DECEMBER 18 / 2 SAMUEL 7:1-17**

I'm challenged to have gentleness and patience with my teammates (Alicia, TfN alumna, Papua).

## **DECEMBER 19 / 2 SAMUEL 7:18-29**

I've been praying to have peace and love for those who have tried to undermine our school (Maria, TfN intern, Gapanau Island).

## DECEMBER 20 / PSALM 89:1-18

I'm learning about patience with the people and culture in my new city (Arti, former site leader, Sumatera).

Our students, teachers, and field leaders have been learning about Christ's character and the fruit of the Spirit. As we embrace the joy of Christmas and look forward to the New Year, let us join them in prayer for their challenges, hopes, and aspirations.

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#### DECEMBER 21 / PSALM 89:19-37

I'm praying to have joy and determination to finish the race well (Wiwik, site leader, Borneo).

#### DECEMBER 22 / PSALM 89:38-52

I'm learning about perseverance and trying to break the habit of procrastination (Amanda, TfN intern, Island of Promise).

#### DECEMBER 23-24 / PSALM 97

Our new center has been experiencing challenges that often steal our joy. We are learning that joy comes from within and is not dependent on circumstances (Paul, TfN alumnus, Kumbang).

#### **DECEMBER 25 / HEBREWS 1**

As we exchange gifts and celebrate Christmas, may we never forget that the greatest gift of all is Jesus Christ. His presence in our lives fills us with the fruit of the Spirit and we are eternally grateful.

# DECEMBER 26 / 2 CORINTHIANS 7:2-16

I'm learning about self-control and surrendering my mind to Christ (Vano, TfN intern, Papua).

## **DECEMBER 27 / 1 JOHN 1:1-2:2**

Our kindergarten students are learning about generosity by sharing their food with each other (Anton, site leader, Java).

## DECEMBER 28 / PSALM 148

One of my students passed away and I'm griefstricken. Please pray that I find peace (Michael, TfN intern, Rusen Island).

## DECEMBER 29 / ISAIAH 62

I'm learning to have patience and faithfulness towards my students and my staff (Tirta, TfN alumnus, Papua).

#### DECEMBER 30-31 / LUKE 2:15-21

Resilience is something I need to cultivate right now. I have high expectations, but I also need to learn about surrendering (Martin, TfN intern, Papua).

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