

Emi Taihitu and family

Grandma Emi was born on 26th March 1950, and she lives in Waai village, Ambon, E Indonesia. She has two sons; Samuel who has a mental disability, and Semuel who is unable to work due to being disabled after a fall from a car. Her husband Piter died when their children were 4 or 5 years old.

She also has two grandchildren whose mother died when they were very young; Bela who is currently (Dec '23) in Secondary School, and Intan who is in Primary School. They were living in an inadequate, one-room house with no electricity because their house was destroyed in the earthquake. BEATS have provided funds for the building of a new house (completed in Dec '23).

Emi has worked for many years to support her family, as a housemaid and latterly by walking 5-7km around the village selling fish but both of these only provide a very small and insufficient income. Emi herself has health issues, as one would expect of someone in their 70s and cannot work any longer; this family desperately needs financial support – any amount will help this dear grandma care for her children and grandchildren.