

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Good morning. I want to tell you about twelve disciples and this vegetable seed packet I'm holding (*hold up vegetable packet*). The word "disciple" means "student," and the twelve students I want you to know about are twelve women from a small village in West Timor, Indonesia who wanted to learn about vegetable gardening.

In West Timor, Indonesia many of the farmers are subsistence farmers – meaning they can only afford enough seeds and supplies to grow food for personal consumption. They aren't able to grow a surplus for selling in a local market. These twelve women disciples from West Timor wanted a different story for their lives. They wanted to be more self-reliant. They wanted to not only meet their families' food needs but also to increase their income by selling vegetables in the market. They wanted to learn how to grow a variety of vegetables so that their children would have the vitamins they need to thrive.



Thanks to the CROP Hunger Walk, these twelve women participated in the CWS Timor Zero Hunger Program, where they were given the supplies and training to grow a community garden. They were encouraged to form a women farmer's cooperative. With motivation, knowledge and an investment of seeds and supplies, the women are now growing a variety of vegetables – morning glory, shallots, spinach, tomatoes and chili – in their shared garden.

The secretary of the group, Ketura Selan says, "We are grateful... [We learned] not just about vegetable-growing, but also group management and how to handle our finances. Group members make between \$5 and \$8 in profit each harvest. We use \$2 to buy new seeds and the rest we use to buy rice, salt and cooking oil," she added. "For the future we will cultivate even more land with corn, beans and nuts. We also are planning a savings group."

When you participate in the _____ CROP Hunger Walk, you are helping to support women like these twelve students. This year the _____ CROP Hunger Walk will take place on _____, 2018. But today I'm asking you to sign up to fundraise and walk. It only costs CWS \$15 to provide the seeds and supplies for a home garden. How many gardens can we help plant as a congregation?

The walk isn't as difficult as learning small scale farming – just a ___mile stroll, and it's a wonderful community event and a chance for our congregation to walk together as a team. Our goal as a team is to raise \$_____. In addition to supporting CWS programs around the world, 25 percent of the funds raised stay right here in our community supporting local hunger fighting programs such as _____.

So please see me after the service, and sign up to raise funds and walk with our team. Together, we can make a difference for families in Indonesia and throughout the world. Together, we can end hunger one step at a time.

VEGGIES, EGGS AND A SIDE OF HOPE.

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