# Be Telle for Tally





#### "Let no obstacle deter us from proceeding with courage." Saint Mary MacKillop, 1893

The Mobile Learning Centre brings fun educational activities and resources to thousands of children in remote preschools and primary schools across some of the most overlooked areas of Timor-Leste, while also supporting parents and teachers.



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#### Rafaela

Nine-year-old Rafaela went from feeling bored in school and falling behind to discovering the excitement of reading and writing through our Mobile Learning Centre.

"Before, it was so boring to come to class. I did not want to learn. I wanted my parents to teach me to read but we didn't have any story books in my home. Now, my school has so many new books to read. They're colourful with drawings and big words. I read and tell stories every day and write them in class. I dance, sing and read to other students. I'm learning to read at home too and listen to stories read by my mum and dad. It's so fun!"



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#### Lucia

Lucia is nine years old and is in Grade 2.

She loves writing, reading books and singing at school. Lucia said she especially enjoys the storybooks that come with the Mobile Learning Centre bus because they have beautiful pictures.

Her young life has been hard, but she and her family are so grateful for her opportunity to go to school.

Lucia was excited to share, "When I grow up, I want to be a police officer and take care of people."



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#### Juliana (teacher)

Juliana shared what it's been like as a schoolteacher to have Mary MacKillop Today's Mobile Learning Centre visit her school in a remote village.

"I appreciate the Mobile Learning Centre program in our school. It is a way to encourage students to come to school. Teachers learn how to prepare daily lessons and activities to teach students in an active way. We are trained to use animation songs with actions, teach drawing and reading, and use games to teach. Our school has received story books with colourful art that draws students' attention to read stories on their own. When children go into the bus to get books to read, it is exciting for both student and teacher.

As a teacher, I discover new things through the program, gain new insights, learning and experiences. My students are motivated to come to class and learn, because they see teachers are motivated to teach."

