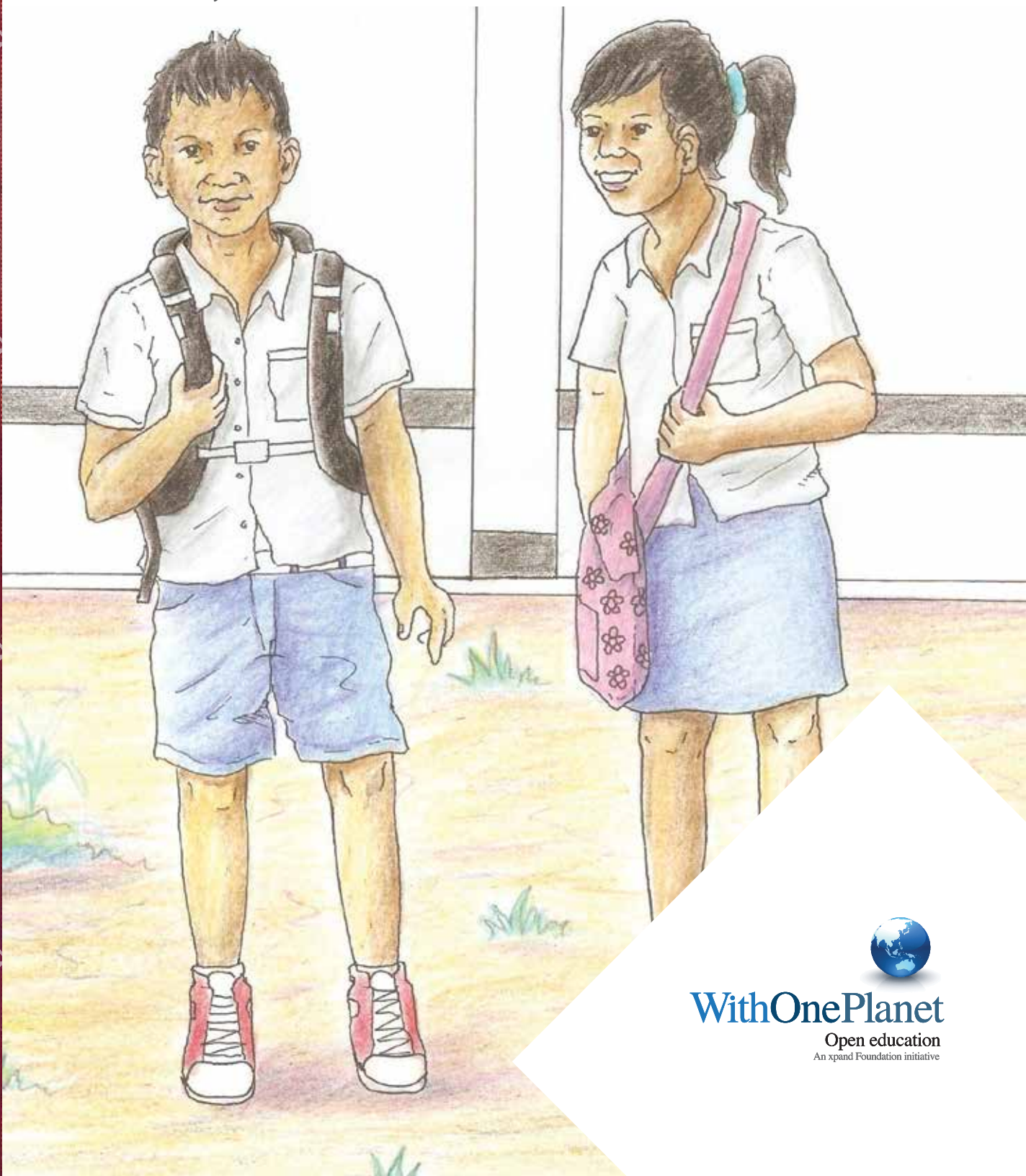


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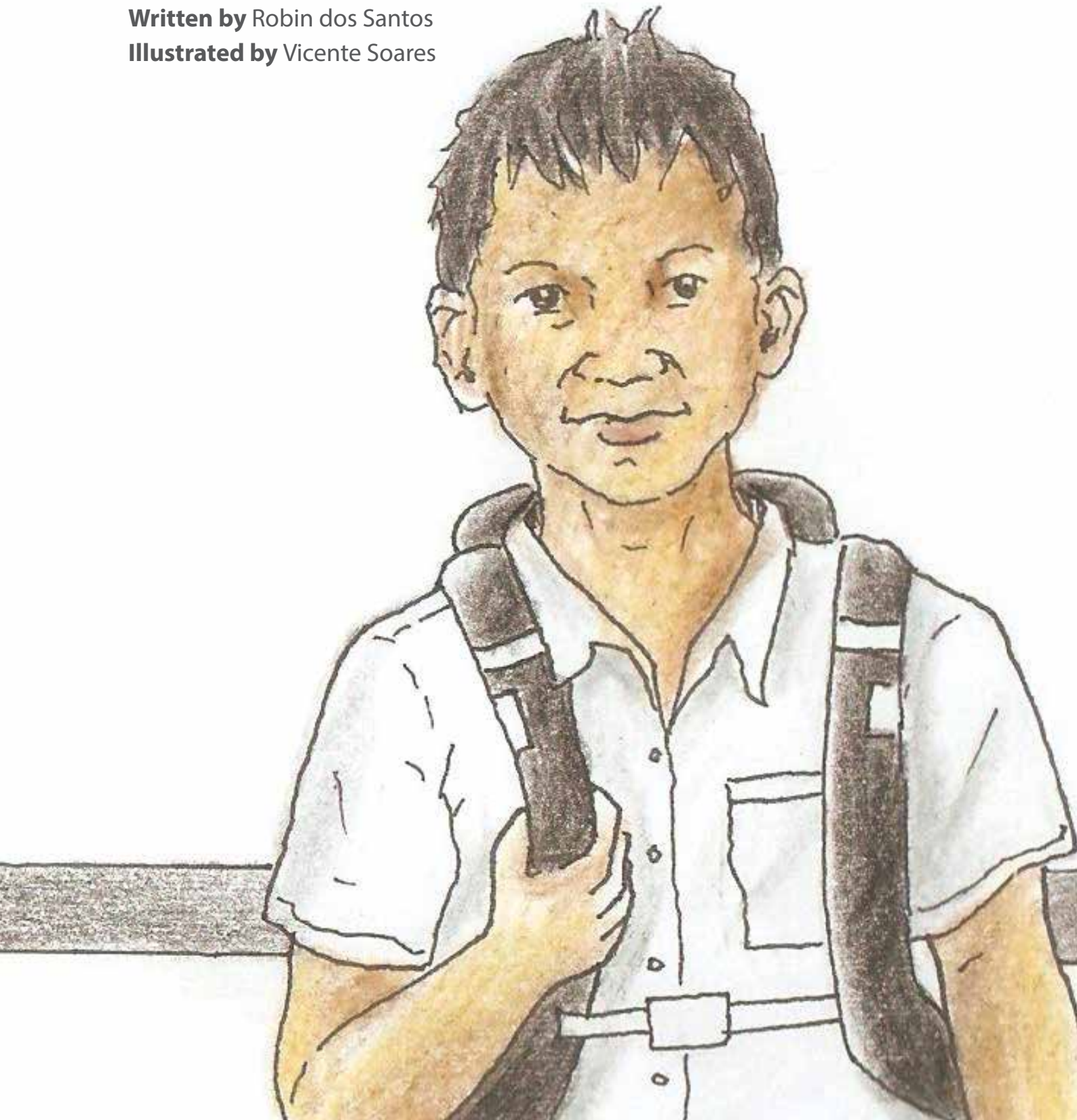
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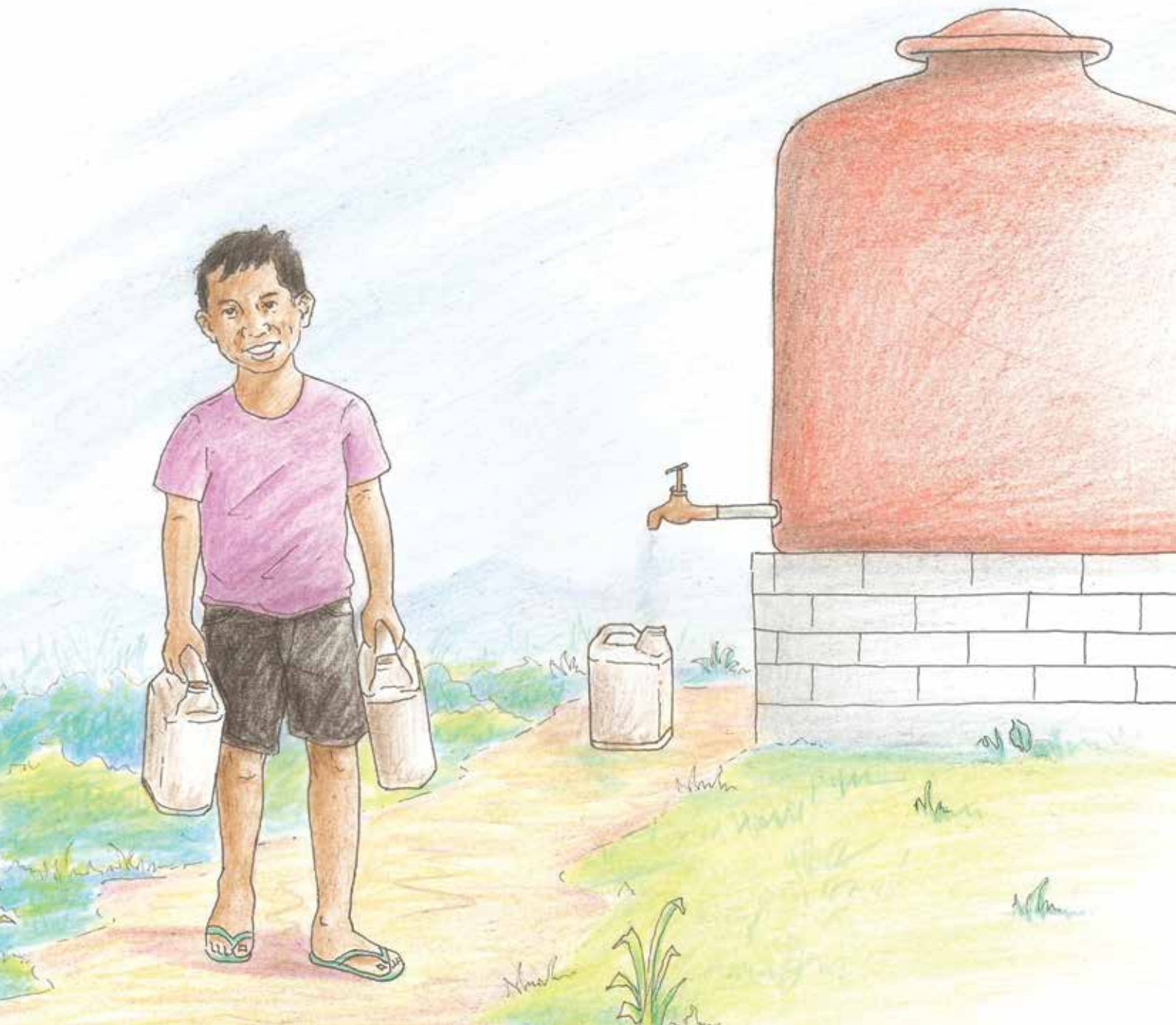
"Hi, my name is Jose. I am from **Timor-Leste**.
I want to tell you all about the things that I do
every day on a school day!

I'll also introduce you to some of my friends
and family along the way."



"In Timor-Leste, the first thing we have to do in the morning is go and get some water. My family is really lucky because we have a **water tank** near our house. Some families have to walk a long way to get their water.

This is my big brother Joni. He always helps get the water in the morning."



“Once we have some water, we can brush our teeth. Mum makes us rice for breakfast. We eat rice every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

This is my big sister Domingas. She never forgets to **brush her teeth!**”



“Now we have brushed our teeth and eaten our rice, we are ready to go to school.

I always **walk to school** with my friend Rosaria. It takes us one hour to walk to school. She is too scared to walk by herself, so I always walk with her and make sure she is ok.”



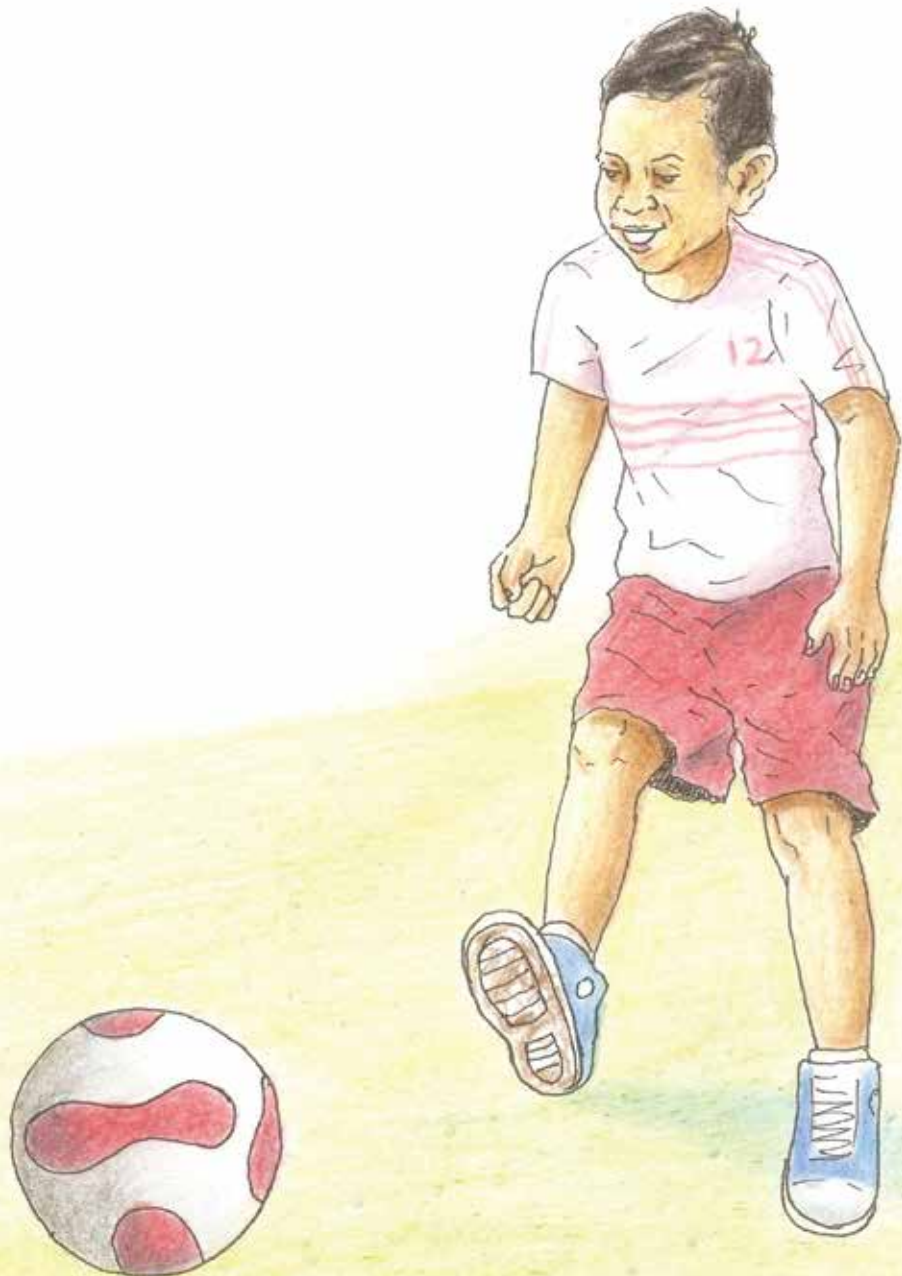
“This is little Nina. She is too small to go to school, and there is no kindergarten in our village yet, so little Nina **stays home** with her mum.

Next year little Nina will be big enough to go to school and she will walk with us every day.”



"After school we never go straight home.
We always go to the fields near our school
and play.

This is my friend Paulo. We **love playing**
soccer together every day after school."



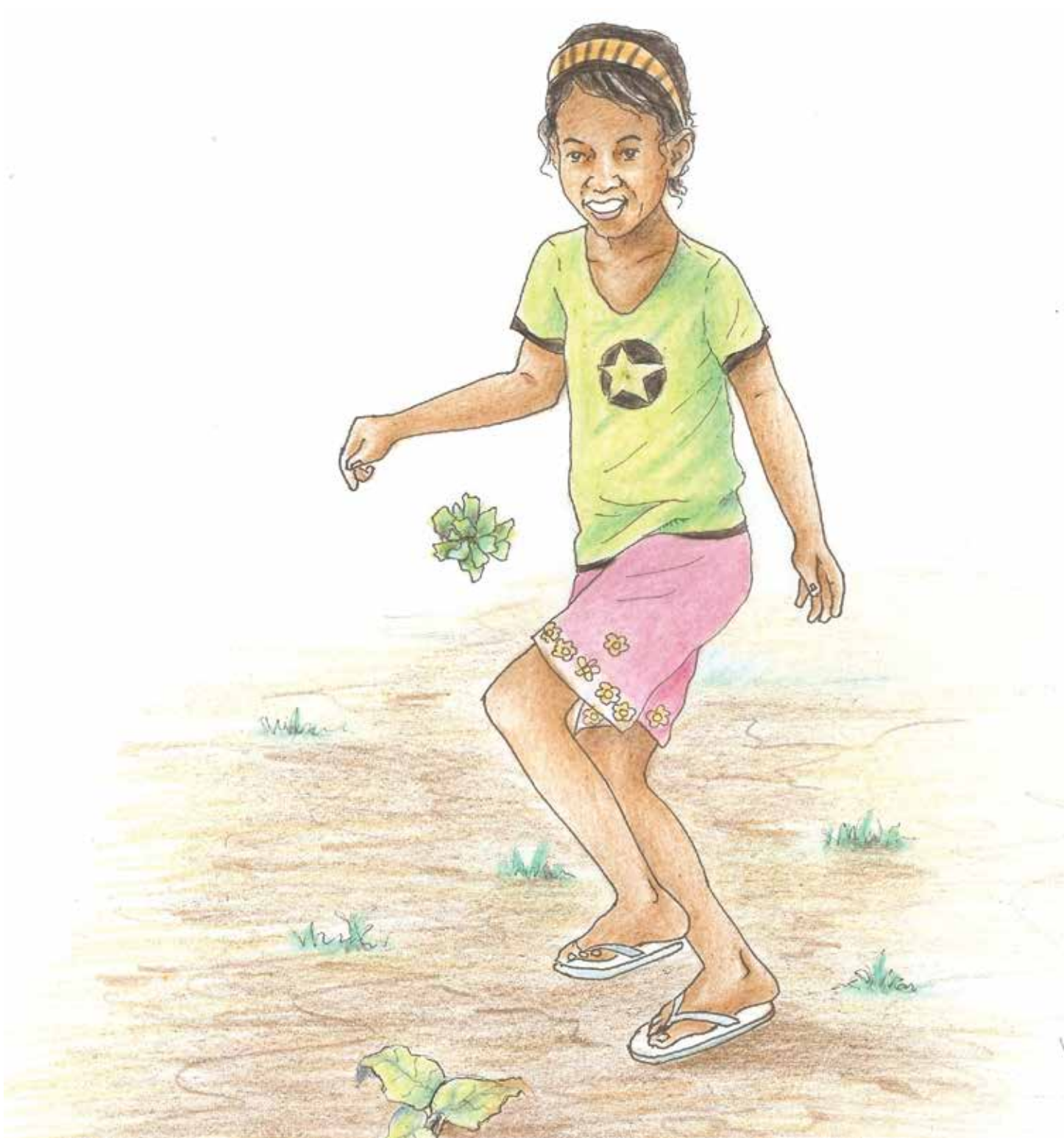
"This is my friend Nela. She is very lucky because her uncle brought her a **badminton set** last time he visited.

No one else in our village has a badminton set like Nela. She plays with it every day!"



"Bela and the other girls always **play a game** called *tebe ai-funan* which means 'kicking the flowers'.

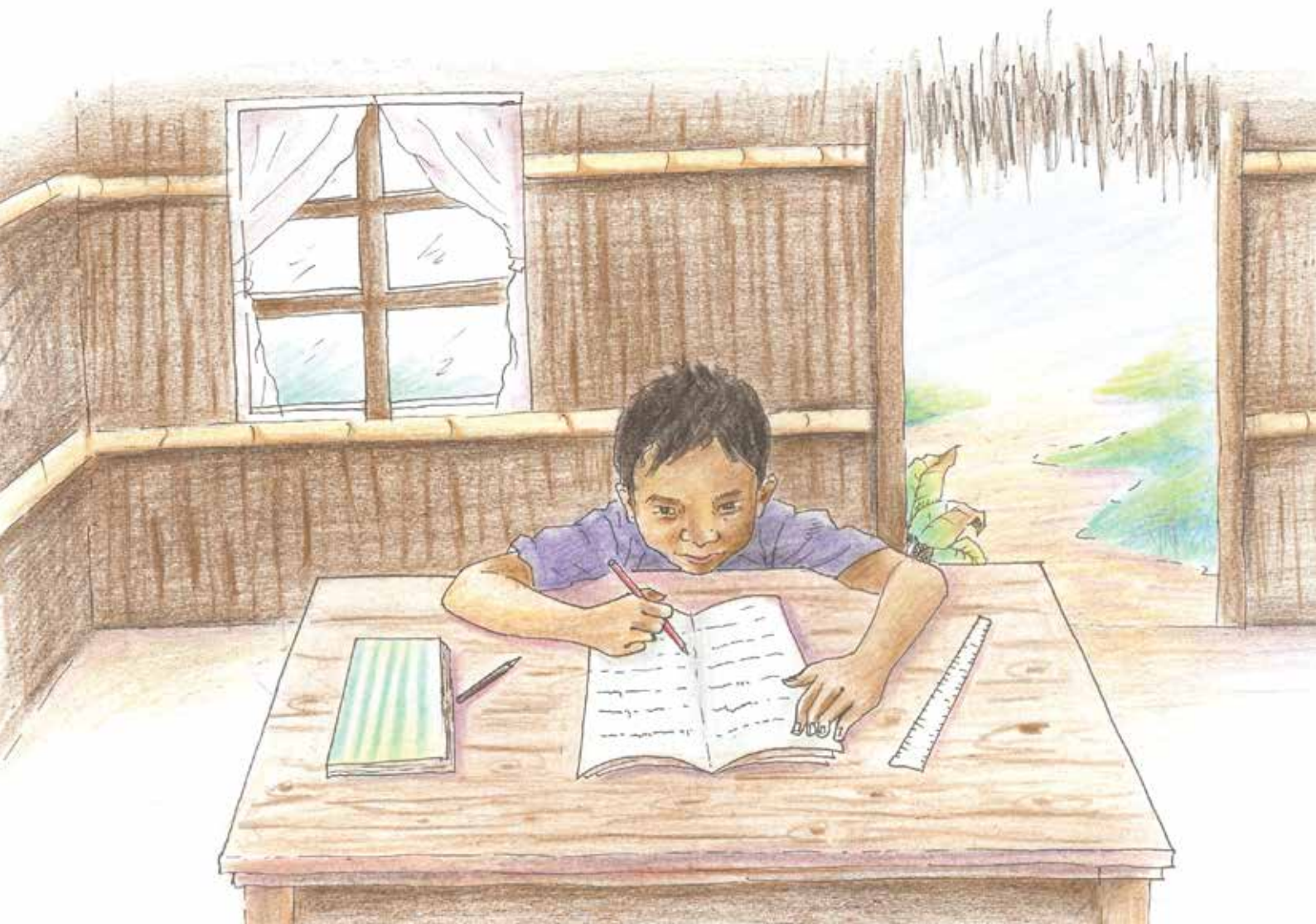
I think in Australia you have a similar game called hacky sack."



“Once we have finished playing we all go home. I go to my friend Livio’s house to do homework. His house is made of bamboo, coconut leaves, palm leaves and grasses.

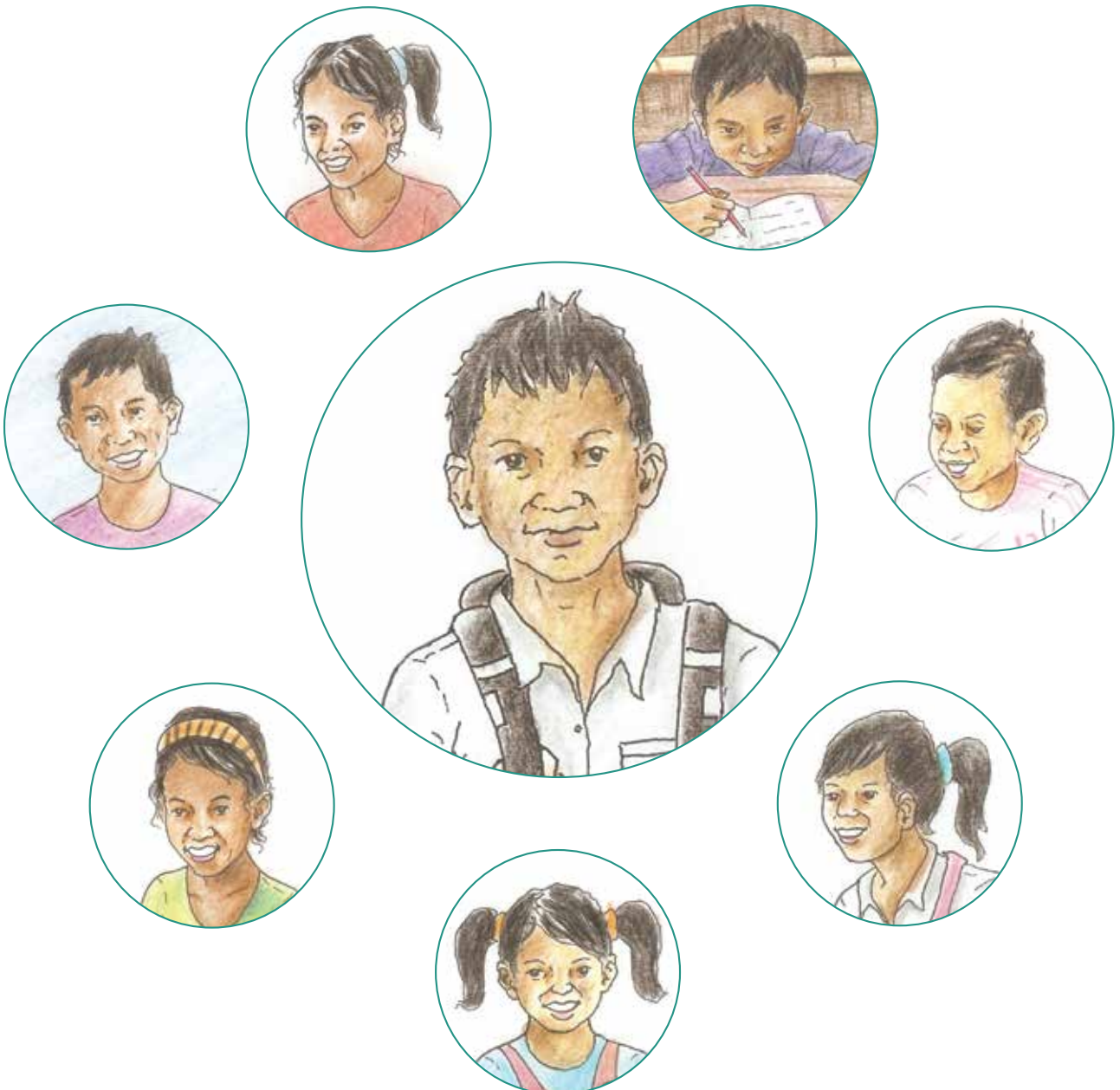
We have to **do our homework** while it is still light, because we don’t have any electricity and at night time it is too dark to see our books.

After that I go home and have dinner with my family, and then we go to bed ready for school the next day.”



"I hope you have enjoyed hearing about my school day and meeting all of my friends.

Maybe one day you could **come and visit** us in our village in Timor-Leste. We would like that very much."



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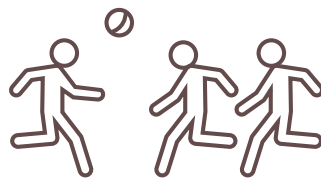
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