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I am a child of God born to my mother whose name is Nursiah, whose husband's name is Alibasyah. I live in a simple home with my wife, Cut Syarfah Anisah, that we inherited from my parents in Matang Neuheun in the area of Nurussalam, Bagok, East Aceh.

I am thirty years old now. I'm never lonely at home since there are always a lot of people who come from our country and over seas, which makes me very happy.

I work day-to-day at my fish farm and with local charitable organizations who are concerned for the lives of war and tsunami victims. I like to help my friends and people in my area to work together to build peace within our families and neighborhoods by staying in touch with each other and building honesty, sincerity and openness among us.

After decades of armed conflict, It is very important for us to rebuild trust as well as our livelihoods. I always look for opportunities to help people get legal claims to the land they are on, get the resources they need to plant and harvest, get food and shelter if that is needed. When the Burmese refugees landed in our area, I went every morning and evening to make sure they were getting what they needed. I am grateful that people can trust me to see that resources that are for the people get to the people. I also like to support the young people in our area, especially the soccer players, who are very proud of their team.

I am very glad that I could participate in the Alternatives to Violence (AVP) and find approaches to training myself to live more peacefully on a day-to-day basis. At this point, I have become an AVP facilitator and coordinate AVP in our area of Nurussalam, which gives me the opportunity to invite other friends to



join us in training themselves as well, especially those from the very isolated areas. In this photograph I am with M'dia and Kamilia who are the AVP Basic Workshop team in the Village of Leh. I also am trying to build a small space for AVP workshops