

Tīpene

Tīpene has been having a tough time. His wife has tragically died of cancer. Tīpene had left his job to care for her, and now is raising their four children on his own. He is struggling to cope.

“It’s not easy being a parent on your own without a job. You’re expected to have school uniforms, pay school fees There is no room for my tamariki to be tamariki. There is no room for error”



Tīpene has started seeing a financial mentor at his local marae to help him get on top of his finances. She tells him that some whānau have started talking with their **community generator** about how they can start their own farm to provide their own food and to generate some income by selling the excess. She also suggests that the new Timebank set up through **The Generator** might help him to meet some of the needs of his tamariki.



“Our Kete Kai farm that we set up through **The Generator** is going great. I’ve been working there part time as one of the farm coordinators and have found a babysitter through the local Timebank. We are providing 30 whānau with veges every week, and starting to generate income by selling to local businesses. The kids love joining me out on the farm after school – we’ve been through so much but we’re moving forward together”.