While onboard, Eliza got pregnant, it was not a pleasant journey for her. They had a tiny space to sit and sleep because it was packed with products, animals, and passengers. Life was very inconvenient on the clipper ship, especially when using the toilets or bathing. However, Eliza didn't complain, she used the time to study Taiwanese and the Bible. When the weather allowed, she walked with Rev. Ritchie on the deck and looked for whales and dolphins swimming alongside the ship.