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## Reaching Indonesia for Jesus

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**“Do not be anxious about anything...  
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.  
And the peace of God ... will guard your hearts and  
your minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:6 & 7 NIV**

Dear Friends,

We pray you are having a wonderful new year.

The following photos show highlights of some of our activities over the past two months:



On December 18, four Indonesian young people were baptized at a nearby swimming pool. On December 26<sup>th</sup> we had a Christmas celebration at our house which included Bob preaching a short sermon, three young people from Setiya Bible College singing from scripture, Priskila, daughter of Wiwid and Lea (formerly in Aceh) singing a solo, lots of food,



and gift exchange. We were trying to play the game where a person chooses a gift and the next can take that gift or choose another. Our Indonesian friends all chose a gift from under the tree; they didn't want to take a gift from another. Opening gifts in public is American, not usually done in Indonesian culture.



On January 6 we went across the street to a wedding celebration. The bride was scheduled to go to Thailand for work the next week. On January 7, we went around the corner to a circumcision celebration where at least 500 people attended. Guests congratulated the boy, ate and went home.



Gideon, Bob, Andreas

February 7 was a long and rewarding day. It began at 4 a.m. when Ev. Andreas from Surabaya phoned from the Jakarta train station, a long way from our house. When he arrived by bus and taxi, we had breakfast and then drove about 1 ½ hours to Ciledug to see Gideon, one of our first students and Andreas' cousin. We had a joyful reunion with him at his home and then met his wife at a restaurant they have an interest in to support their family in ministry. Andreas is one of our stars as is Gideon, both are entirely supported by fellow Indonesians or their own business. Andreas has Bible studies and churches in the Surabaya area and a village ministry in a mountain area

1 ½ hours from his house, and now has a new work above that in a Hindu area he rides his motorcycle to get to. Gideon works with children, has done extensive evangelistic trips in many areas of Indonesia and has some real miracle stories.



On February 8, Cheryl Jensina Kichi Kaligis was born, daughter and second child of Linda and Dolvie Kaligis. Linda was our secretary for many years.



On February 14 we celebrated Tyas' 8<sup>th</sup> birthday at our house; her mother, Yanti, has worked for us for about 15 years. As you can see most of the mother's are wearing head coverings. Yanti doesn't and is sometimes reprimanded by friends and family, but she said what's in her heart is what counts! Yanti asked Bob to pray for Tyas.

With all the news of the past two months, we also want to share current work and immediate plans that are actually developing and coming to fruition.

**First**, we actually have the first volume of the six volume workbook set on the "Scheme of Redemption". With the first book actually printed, we are pausing to double check it, but fully expect all the other books off the press in the next several days.

**Second**, we are starting a local training program based on the plan called, "Disciple Making Movements." I anticipate working with former evangelists, but really hope and pray, we can get a few church members involved in this program designed for Bible studies for three or four people with a gentle way to one-by-one recruit sympathetic non-Christians (notice my discrete description).

**Third**, we are in the midst of creating two new Christian foundations (yayasan). One will be to handle publishing and book sales and distribution as well as various social projects such as the HIV/Hope teaching program. The other foundation will be built upon the already established school foundation named INTINI, the school we operated several years ago. The object is to empower villagers to build the church the way they did several years ago. This will be done through a teaching and training program conducted in each village our co-workers and team are evangelizing. To really work, it will have to be operated strictly in the villages, but also for government recognized college credit. For this reason I am in negotiation with a Bible college.

**Fourth**, the immediate work of our translation ministry includes two translators who are finishing university degrees. In the next few weeks as soon as the present six workbook series moves from production to sales and distribution, we will start translating an inductive T.E.E. (Theological Education by Extension) study book on the Gospel of Mark. Teaching the Gospel of Mark in Javanese villages has been credited as a significant force in winning eight million Javanese to Christ.

**Beyond** what I am outlining here, Jan and I also want to plan an extended deputation trip late this year and into 2018 with the goal of recruiting at least two new missionary couples to work with our evangelists in Salatiga. We also want to seek new donors so they will have sufficient income to function well in their calling to develop an evangelistic team and plant churches in villages surrounding Salatiga, that significant little city in almost the exact center of Java, north, south, east, and west.

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE:**

Our Salatiga co-workers have purchased a building lot and title is in hand!

Linda and Dolvie have a beautiful, healthy baby girl.

Please pray for our book translating and publishing ministry.

Please pray for the T.E.E. in the village degree program.

Please pray as we set up two new foundations for ministry.

Please pray for the Disciple Making Movement and all evangelists in Indonesia.

Please be in prayer for our fall deputation trip.