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## Reaching Indonesia for Jesus

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“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20 NIV

Dear Friends,

We flew to Surabaya, East Java, May 3. Evangelist Andreas picked us up at the airport. He took us to his new café where all his family is working. Andreas is the evangelist who prays for his ministry needs, and has opened a lot of new areas for Christian work, but he also feels his family should all be working. We enjoyed an evening of fellowship, and met with his daughter, Lala, who is planning to host an HIVHope seminar for Duane Crumb in October. She has her midwife degree and is graduating in September with a degree in teaching midwifery. She is going to invite her medical friends to the seminar.



Ev. Andreas, Bob, Jan, Andreas' wife, Lewi



Lala and Bob



Café staff/Andreas' family



The next day we travelled 2½ hours up in the mountains to two ministry locations where we hadn't been before. Both small churches are in farming areas. The members had been called for a special meeting, and Bob preached twice that day.

The next day we relaxed until we went to a Friday night home worship service where Bob preached to about 50 people.

We arrived in Salatiga on Saturday and met with Berlin, our translator and his wife, Hesti. We discussed distribution of the newly printed workbooks and present and future work.

We then met with Ibu Windy Paskawati who is planning to co-teach an HIVHope seminar with Duane in October. Ibu Windy is working on her Master's degree at Satya Wacana Christian University. She is going to Kupang, Flores, Indonesia in June – August to get detailed statistics for her thesis on people who are being trafficked, not sex trafficked, but to be illegal overseas workers, treated like slaves and many hospitalized for organ harvesting. We went to church on Sunday and then spent the



Ibu Windy & Duane Crumb

afternoon with Mike and our grandkids. Corrin was away for the weekend. We had another meeting on Monday with Ibu Harun who is also planning to host an HIV seminar in October.



Jan's birthday was May 9<sup>th</sup>. We went with friends to Jogjakarta, an ancient cultural center. We shopped on Malioboro Street, a well-known shopping center for expats and Indonesians alike and then ate lunch at Bumbu Desa (Village spices). We went back to Salatiga, 2 ½ hours away for dinner where Jan was served a banana split with a candle on it.



**Good Friday, April 14**, was a public holiday here. We get Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, and Hindu holidays! We had about 35 adults and 15 children here from Victory Christian Church. It was a very nice service; an older couple sang "The Old Rugged Cross" in Indonesian, another couple read the crucifixion of Christ from the Bible, and Bob preached. The children had a Bible lesson during his sermon. This was followed by lunch and fellowship.

**During sharing time at the Ascension Day Service at Victory Christian Church**, Ibu Asih went to the front in tears. She said the song "Dengar Dia Panggil Nama Saya" (Listen, the Lord is calling my name) made her think of her sister and other relatives who haven't received Jesus yet. The night before, her Muslim sister was unhappy because Ahok, former Governor of Jakarta, was wrongfully imprisoned because of his Christian faith. Thousands of people including Muslims all over Indonesia and other countries have sent huge floral displays, and are praying for Ahok and his family. He reads his Bible every morning as he's done since he was a young man. Ibu Asih and Jan were talking and saying because of this situation, many may be turning to Jesus.

**The month of Fasting** for Muslims here in Indonesia began May 27. They eat breakfast before 4:00 a.m. and break the fast after sundown about 6:00 p.m. This is a very serious time for them to get closer to God, and on June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> celebrate with relatives and ask forgiveness of family members and neighbors. This is also a time when theft is on the rise because people need money to celebrate. (We just got a warning from the US Embassy).

**PRAISES:**

The six book series on "Rencana Penebusan" (Scheme of Redemption) is printed and ready to be used by evangelists in teaching in villages and cell groups.



**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

1. Pray for the Muslims during this month of fasting, that they might truly get close to God and find Jesus through dreams, visions, and Christian neighbors.
2. Pray for Ahok, former Governor of Jakarta, who is wrongly imprisoned because of his Christian faith and that many may turn to the Lord because of His Christian example.
3. Pray that the members of Victory Christian Church take to heart the sermon Bob preached on Pentecost Sunday, and they really become "the church" as the early Christians were.
4. Please pray for complete healing for Ibu Ira Martono. She has been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis.
5. Please pray for the Disciple Making Movement and all evangelists in Indonesia.
6. Please pray that the sale of our house and land here will soon be complete.