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For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Is.9:6

Merry Christmas Dear Friends. Isaiah 9:6 heralds the glad tidings. The early hristians greeted one another with the Aramaic Maranatha “The Lord is Coming”. In this season of true spiritual joy, we say to you, “Joy to the world; the Lord is come” and with John we echo the words of Revelation 22:20, “Yes, I am coming quickly. Amen. Come Lord Jesus.” **Maranatha!**

We want to share a few things that have been happening recently. We are now in a schedule of teaching a method of evangelism that relies very heavily upon scripture passages and methods to gently lead people to faith. Four couples, two who are church planters and two who hope to become church planters are studying with us and we are working out a schedule for them to share the teaching while we are gone. Please be in prayer for the Kaligis, Martius, Wiwid, and Bintang families in these new cell group – church planting ventures. Seth Wick and his team of Indonesian evangelists have now started teaching in an evil spirit dominated village. Please pray they will be able to continue regular meetings. Our translator and evangelist Berlin has begun a new Bible Study and Sunday school. They meet outside and sit on the ground. They are talking about having a Christmas service in a large truck!



The past few months have included many visitors, parties, and meetings at our house because after Bob fell and broke his leg way back in July he found the recovery process to be slow. One major consequence is he left the house very little. The left leg is strengthening rapidly and you’d have to know to see anything less than normal.

Here is a brief review of events: October 9th, Bob’s birthday, fell on a Monday so we invited only close friends who live close, thirty of them. One Muslim couple brought the cake. On October 13, twenty people from the Victory Christian Church held one of their twice a month Bible studies here to celebrate Bob’s birthday. The following Wednesday, October 18, another missionary, Phil Walker brought his family and six interns, all college young people who are practicing and teaching scripture memorization through singing the verses. This is really an incredible program. Phil’s wife has memorized scripture songs in English and Indonesian. Phil and his interns came at Bob’s special invitation because Bob hopes to introduce this program in the churches here and in Salatiga and in the ten Bible Colleges in Salatiga. The day after Phil Walker brought his scripture singing interns, we had another church group meeting and Bible study. This is a well-to-do group very interested in starting a new church in BSD with our friends, Evangelists Wiwid and Lea. Wiwid wanted me to have a look and offer my opinion. The next weekend translator and Evangelist Berlin and his wife from Solo, Central Java came in what was a really flying visit. They flew in late Friday night and out on Sunday morning after our early morning worship and communion service. On Saturday Jan and I together with Berlin and his wife Hesti went to a North Jakarta mall more than an hour away where we met with Bapak Ingouf Setiawan



who is experienced in Christian publication, but would not speak more specifically than to say there are fewer than ten Christian publishers in Indonesia. After meeting a while, we met one of the reasons he could not be more specific. A young woman joined us. When I introduced myself she said, "I know you, you are famous" It turns out that my translator Pak Berlin has been helping her with books she is writing and told her some things about me. Of course Pak Berlin and I have been working together many years and before that I had sponsored his father in ministry. But the really fascinating story is hers. Laura has been in a long recovery program from a plane crash 12 years ago where she worked as a stewardess. For twelve years she has endured operation after operation on her right leg. She also found Jesus as her Saviour, has written two books and founded a publishing company, still attractive in her early 30s she plans to marry her fiance next year. All this I learned because I took Pak Berlin to visit his old friend Ingouf to discuss Christian publishing.



Sharing What We are Thankful For

Thanksgiving Day we had a teaching meeting scheduled with our four evangelist couples. The Sunday before Thanksgiving, we met the couple who had been married in our backyard eleven years ago and the wife was so enthusiastic about joining us for dinner, Jan decided to invite a few more so our Thanksgiving dinner meeting with church planting couples actually grew to about thirty including eight Muslim friends.

Here are two news items that touch our hearts.

Please be in prayer for ICM board member **Donna Bernbrock**. In the midst of selling her business she has begun to experience failing health and also has a brain aneurism that will soon require surgery. Please both pray for her and send a message of encouragement to Ms. Donna Bernbrock djbernbrock@sbcglobal.net, Phone number - 714 776-2988, Mailing address 1400 S. Sunkist Street Space 151, Anaheim, CA 92806

We rejoice through tears to note our dear brother, **Bob Andrew**, passed on to glory November 7. His memorial service was at Torrance Baptist Church December 7. As an elder Bob re-introduced us to the Del Amo Christian Church. This is the church that ordained me in 1963. He has served ICM as board president, secretary, and member representing Del Amo Christian Church. We will certainly miss his benevolent smile and much more. Our loss – Heaven's gain. He will most definitely be missed.

Deputation News: Jan and Bob plan a six month trip to the USA December 17th.

For faithful donors who need to have their donations recorded as tax exempt, please know that Rosemead Christian Church, 8705 E. Valley Blvd, Rosemead, CA 91770. Attention: Cheri will receive any check written to Rosemead Christian Church with the note ICM on the information line. She will pass the amount on to our mission forwarding agent.

PRAYER AND PRAISES:

1. PTL - Bob is walking without a walker or cane.
2. Four couples are studying together and planning to begin Bible studies and plant a church.

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR:

3. ICM finances - General Fund, salary and pension fund; we haven't received November salary yet.
4. Bukit property sale. Many are interested, but no one has come up with enough money yet.
5. ICM nonprofit status.
4. Our trip to states December 17