

# INDONESIAN CHALLENGE

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## Reaching Indonesia for Jesus

**“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another;  
as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” John 13:34**

### HAPPY NEW YEAR A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

**An Evangelist** - The Bible College at Salatiga has an “older man” in his thirties who will graduate in June, he is married, of Chinese descent, and a Jakarta resident. He is a quiet, congenial person. Pak Petrus, the school Rector, agrees he would be an excellent man to work with me in Jakarta. Please pray about “Pak Frankey.”

Our first publishing project looks to be on track to place in the hands of church leaders and schools at Easter. We are hoping enough donor gifts come in to let us get this book published. You can expect a letter about this in the next several days.

**New Church Starts** - We have an Indonesian couple right here planning to start a new “sharing” time, selected Bible study and prayer in the mission house as a first step toward a new church. God in His providence has provided these Indonesian Christians living with us and a highly interested Muslim. This will be our nucleus.

**Prayer and Praise Revived** - Jan and I have ourselves been talking with old friends in our larger neighborhood, and we are now trying to start a regular “Prayer and Praise” time for neighbors who are already Christian in an effort to promote fellowship and mutual encouragement to all the Christians in our area.

**Finance plans - Needs:** In this year of worldwide economic stress, our first goal is to stay the course. We have one evangelist salary position open. You have just read how we hope to fill it. But with this plan comes a special need. This is more urgent than I have been thinking and telling you. Jan’s report on the Evangelist Salary Fund just handed to me shows us that just continuing the present rate of payments we will run out of money after paying July first salaries. Starting in August we’ll be paying from the general fund.

**Hopes:** We continue to hope this will be the year to finish processing the land title. We have reason to believe it might actually happen, but we have been disappointed so many times, and it has dragged on so long that many just don’t believe it can happen. Meanwhile please re-dedicate yourself to serious prayer that absolute title to the mission land will actually be ours this year.

**Dreams:** Briefly:

- Ten more evangelists building churches, and in our support system.
- Teams of evangelists who are self supporting.
- At least two new, young, American or Japanese missionaries working with us.
- Two people to join our present translator to give us a start on a real publishing ministry.

### JAN’S JOTTINGS Happenings Dec. 08 - Jan. 09



Linda & Dolvie Dec. 09, 2008

Monday night, Dec. 8, we flew to Solo, Central Java to attend our Secretary, Linda’s wedding to Dolvie Kaligis. We stayed two nights in a nice hotel for \$10 a night! Dolvie is a fine Christian man working on special projects for Pertamina Oil Company. Because his job takes him away from Jakarta, Linda will stay here. They have a bedroom and bathroom at the back of our house.

#### Christmas With Grandchildren

On December 19th we drove our new Honda Jazz to Salatiga Central Java where we had a wonderful time with our son Michael, his wife Corrin, and their five children. We were also able to visit our Indonesian family in Boyolali where we now have two great grandchildren! Winarsih and Jimo worked for us when we lived in Boyolali; they have 4 children and now 2 grandchildren. Winarsih is like an older sister to our own children.

**Christmas Preaching and Other Happenings**

- While in Salatiga we attended two worship services, one a special Christmas service on the Sunday after Christmas. We elected not to attend the joint worship service at the town square Christmas morning at 4:00 a.m. Indonesian Christians definitely emphasize the spiritual side of Christmas. On December 26th we went to an open house at Pak Petrus'. He is rector of the Christian Church Bible College. We had a short meeting with him regarding a former student evangelist and future evangelists. Bob preached three times in December and January, had several meetings with evangelists, and the leaders from Ciracas Christian Church came to meet with him twice. They asked Bob to preach on February 15th, the eleventh anniversary of the church.

**A Memorial Service** - We went to Bandung January 6th for a memorial service and graveside service for Iwan Tanujaya who worked with Chuck Winegarner and Gi Tambunaan. He'd had a kidney transplant in the USA almost 30 years ago. We met with several of the national Christian Church leaders while we were there.

**More Holiday Plans - Valentine's Day**

- Kokom, our neighbor and wife of Lester, an American, asked me what our plans were for Valentine's Day. After Bob & Lester came up with a party for Martin Luther King Day, she thought we would do something special for February 14th. It's not a big day here, but Indonesians know the ♥ represents love. Grocery stores display cards and valentine candy. Since we preach God is love, Jesus is love, and we must love our neighbors, Valentine's day seems like a good time to do something loving. We're baking cookies and making chocolate heart candies to deliver to our neighbors on our block (12) and a few other friends.

**PRAYER & PRAISE**

**Praise for:**

- 1. Land Title - There is some progress - We just picked up at a local office a document missing since 1984. Linda delivered it to the national land office to complete our file Tuesday, Feb. 10th.
- 2. Regular gifts for 2008 totaled \$80,000, the best year ever. This paid operational expenses, more than half of the new car and eight salaries, not including Jan who works for free.
- 3. Yuyun, the preacher's wife, at Bumi Serpong Damai (BSD)

Christian Church, (fifteen minutes from us) had a successful appendectomy, thanks to half of the bill being paid by IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service).



Yuyun & Jaka

**Please pray for:**

- 1. Ibu Zubaidah, Pak Marbun, Susi, Sylvia and Evan who are studying the Bible in Banda Aceh. Pray that they will not be afraid to accept Jesus as their personal Savior. We will tell you more about each of them in March.
- 2. Replenishment of our Evangelists' Salary Fund.
- 3. New support for our General Fund.
- 4. "Dreams" on page 1.
- 5. Kokom, our neighbor, who is very determined to be a "strict" Muslim, that she open her heart to God's love.
- 6. Johannes, a Muslim, to give himself to Jesus. He attends Bintang's Sunday cell group.

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