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“...Happy are the people whose God is the Lord!” Ps. 144:15

BERITA OLEH PAK BOB (News by Bob)

Here at Bukit Indah, we are working hard to complete several vital projects that would seem to be essential to accomplish the month of April.

Our book printing project, “The Scheme of Redemption” is now funded. Our translator now has the edited manuscript and is making final corrections, but he is taking a break from it all April 22 to prepare for his wedding April 25th. We hope to see him back on the job by May. So here push really does become shove because we really do want this project finished before May. Meanwhile a Christian publishing house has expressed interest in both publishing and marketing the book. This seems like a big plus so we are projecting meetings.

Bob is preaching at the BSD Church Palm Sunday and Good Friday. We will be attending our translator’s wedding in Solo, Central Java April 25th and preaching in Jelok, Boyolali at 7:00 a.m. the 26th. This is a village church we helped to established 25 years ago. We also plan to meet with our evangelist, Andreas, in Surabaya, East Java before returning to

Jakarta. We had hoped to attend an international meeting of local mission centers in Singapore April 21 - 23 - Time and money are both in short supply.

Our long-term title clearance just might be on the verge of the final step at the national land office. I had our secretary ask how much they want to finish and issue our title in April. The answer is, “money is not the issue.” This is frustrating because you would be justified in saying, “This is where you were one, two, three years ago” and we can’t prove you wrong.

Our closest evangelist is writing the “ideal” plan for planting a new church. We have thoroughly imbued him with the need for the local church to really stand on its own spiritually and financially, but we see that the last church plant took eleven years to become truly independent of us, and it might be much faster, and in the long run cheaper, to strategically use more money and personnel in the beginning.

Our secret evangelists in Aceh are at the point where they want to baptize several and this produces a whole list of new issues, some of which are truly a matter of life or

death.

Our home team at Bukit Indah is rejoicing in the promise of new life, but our two young wives have had rather violent starts to their pregnancies. We praise God, our secretary, Linda is now beginning to look more pregnant and to feel less sick, but other illnesses have crept in too. Just now we have four staff members feeling well again.



Biya and neighbor children
Studying the Bible together

MINISTRY REPORT BY EVANGELIST BINTANG

Bintang and his wife, Biya, continue to work and serve in three areas. In their own neighborhood, their house is open to the children. The small children who visit and play there are from Muslim families. As Bintang and Biya get close to the children, they are able to visit in their homes and become friends of the parents in hope of sharing the true story of God’s love with

them. It is a slow process for Christians to be accepted by the Muslims. Anything done for their children helps open hardened hearts.

In the evenings, young people come to their house to do their homework, to share events of the day, and Biya shares God's blessings. The three junior high students that study at their home are Kiki, Astrit, and Rosi. Kiki was baptized a couple of years ago; he still needs to have a closer walk with the Lord. Astrit and Rosi are thirteen year olds from Christian families, but haven't made a commitment to be baptized yet. Bintang and Biya hope to start a weekly youth group.

They continue to visit and pray with their neighbor, Pak Redi; he needs work, but he won't take just any job.

Bintang continues to serve the small Bible Study/church at Kedaun. They are beginning to reach out to their neighbors a little, but they are still limiting God and afraid to take steps of faith needed for real growth. Pak Joko, the man the Kedaun church prayed for last month, has

taken a step backward and is going to the "dukun" (witch doctor) for healing. Please pray that he realizes the "dukun" cannot help, that his heart may be open to the truth.

BRIEF REPORT FROM EVANGELISTS IN ACEH:

Their four Bible studies continue without interruption. Three baptisms are planned, but the date and place have not been set yet. Martha and daughter are battling the flu. And It is hard to find a place in Aceh that is safe for baptisms. The candidates for baptism include an Acehnese, Ibu Jubaidah; a Batak, Silvi; and one Javanese, Priskila. An additional prayer request from Martha is for Marbun and his wife who are blaming God because Susi can't get pregnant. They've gone so far as to say they won't become Christians if she doesn't become pregnant this year. It sounds like they have a long way to go regarding faith and understanding. Please pray that God gives Samuel and Martha wisdom in ministering to them.

BOB'S ENGLISH CLASS



Twice a week six of our staff and neighbors study conversational English. In the photo they are asking each other about items of clothing.

PRAYER & PRAISE

1. We thank the Lord and you our faithful supporters; March income is above budget.
2. Biya's prayer is answered; she is pregnant.

Please pray for:

1. Replenishment of evangelist' salary account.
2. Pak Johannes, a Muslim, attending the Kedaun church to accept Jesus as his Savior.
3. Pak Joko to believe and trust in the Lord, not in magic.
4. The book Rencana Penebusan (Scheme of Redemption) to go to press this month.
5. Pray fervently for issuance of land title on Bukit property.