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“...in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect” I Peter 3:15 &16

WE ARRIVED

I, Jan, arrived at LAX the morning of May 8th and was picked up by friends, Bob and Della Andrew (Bob is also Vice President of ICM). We had a lovely lunch at an outside restaurant (sunshine is good for jetlag). The next morning we picked up Bob at LAX. I didn't know he had gotten very sick with a cold and when his flight stopped in Seoul, Korea, he was thinking of going to the hospital. Instead he went to a pharmacy; the druggist, after hearing his symptoms, opened three bottles of pills for Bob to take, warmed up a liquid and had him drink it, saying Bob would feel better in about forty minutes. Bob's flight to Seoul and to Tokyo was completely full, but from Tokyo to LAX (9 1/2 hrs) he was given five seats to sleep in. His cold and bronchitis lasted about two weeks (he even shared his cold with me). In spite of his cold, he went to our family's Mother's Day party and birthday party (there are six May birthdays in our family), spoke in a Sunday school class May 10th on Islam, gave an update on our work at Valley Christian Church, Sun City,

the following week. At present Bob is in Visalia and I'm in Sun City with my mother. This is our vacation time, but we keep in daily contact with Linda, our Secretary in Jakarta.

IN MEMORY AND APPRECIATION OF OUR FRIEND, DAVE



David Apodaca passed from this life into glory June 3, 2009, aged 78. Dave was a friend and fellow-worker in the work of Indonesian Christian Mission from 1974 until his death from his third bout with cancer. In the Bible all nineteen uses of the word "koinonia" (fellowship) involve action - work. Dave's relationship with us was this kind of fellowship. He helped us ship twenty-five drums of goods for three missionary families, banging them down four flights of stairs to load on a truck, wrapping gifts at a

charity gift wrap, managing our house in Inglewood, serving as forwarding agent, treasurer, board member, and board secretary. Together with Polly, his wife of more than fifty years, he worked for Christ through ICM. Polly and his son, Jim, each visited us in Indonesia. Dave was the voice calling his church to ever increased financial support and had a direct hand in raising support for two of the three cars ICM has bought us in thirty-five years. Dave was a faithful encourager and advisor with no thought of self, but every concern for us and for our Lord. He was a true friend. He shall be missed.

MISSION HOUSE IS FULL

We are blessed with a house large enough to open it to staff and people in need for short periods of time. Fitri, our housekeeper and cook lives in a small bedroom off the kitchen. Linda, our secretary, and her husband Dolvi have one guest bedroom. Our translator and new bride are using the other guest bedroom for a couple of months until they find a house. Our master bedroom is still empty.

**THE MAN WHO'S NOT
AFRAID OF KNIVES**
by Evangelist Bintang

"This month I have been blessed with an opportunity to share God's word with a man named Sobirin. Pak Sobirin is a security guard, is married and has one child. The interesting thing about him is that he is involved in occultism/magic that gives him the power to be resistant to knives; he is not cut by them. He is Islam, but in Indonesia and most of the world, it is folk Islam ingrained with all kinds of magic. Pak Sobrin has come to my house several times to discuss Christianity. He respects religious leaders (rohaniawan) that are not rich. That may be why he keeps coming back to talk with me in my very simple house. He feels the wealthy ones are not sincere. He is amazed that Christians are not afraid of dangerous situations and don't use magic. He feels his magic powers keep him safe in his job. I told him about Paul who had

power in his life through the Holy Spirit. I've shared Philipians 1:21 with him, 'For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.' Because of this promise, Christians don't need to rely on magic and occultism. Please pray that Pak Sobirin will leave his old life and receive Jesus as his Savior." Bintang

**UPDATE ON RENCANA
PENEBUSAN (SCHEME OF
REDEMPTION)**

Thank you to each of you who has contributed to this project. We look forward to announcing that 1000 copies of Scheme of Redemption have been printed. We did not know how much work was involved in actually getting the job finished. We have a "dummy" copy with us. Eight more dummies have been distributed to church leaders and staff to read for corrections/recommendations, and endorsements for the book cover.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Praise for:

1. A gift of \$200 for school expenses for evangelist's daughter in Banda, Aceh
2. "Rencana Penebusan" is ready to print and is paid for.
3. IRS has again confirmed our non-profit corporation status (501.c.3) and is mailing us a "Letter of Affirmation." All supporting churches will be mailed a copy in the next few weeks. Any individual supporter is also encouraged to request a copy.
4. A new church has just joined our regular support team.

Please pray for:

1. Evangelist Bintang as he leads Pak Sobrin to Jesus.
2. Samuel and Martha's return to Banda after a short rest in Jakarta and East Java.
3. We are starting work on the student manual to use with "Rencana Penebusan." Income from the sale of the book will help fund the manual, but publishing gifts will help.

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