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Reaching Indonesia for Jesus

"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." Eph. 1:16-17



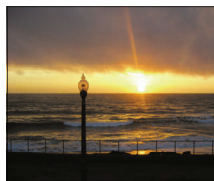
WE ARRIVED

We celebrated our forty-ninth wedding anniversary July 8. I think we were practicing for our fiftieth because we had such a wonderful time.



It was very peaceful—just the two of us, birds, chipmunks, and trees. We spent Saturday in San Francisco and went to dinner with friends and were able to watch the sun setting over the ocean.

July 9 was the anniversary of our entering Indonesia thirty-five years ago. That was an exciting time for us and our children. We praise



the Lord for good health for all our family during these years, for the love and support of our fellow-missionaries, for the support of you dear friends in the United States, for the acceptance of us by the Indonesian people, and the many opportunities God has given us to "...go and make disciples...baptizing them..., and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matt. 28:19 & 20.

UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS

God knows what our needs are and sometimes they are answered very quickly. I, Jan, have been using a refurbished Dell laptop for about six years so it's probably about ten years old. It has never crashed, but it's extremely slow. We had dial-up internet on it and between that and the age of the computer, I didn't like to get online. We came to the conclusion that I need a new laptop to use for bookkeeping, mission reports and correspondence. I was going to list it as a need in this newsletter, but Sunday, July 19, we were asked by a friend at church if we hadn't. She had a laptop

for us, and brought it to us the next day. It is a Dell Inspiron complete with wireless, DVD, and has Microsoft Office already installed on it. We are now on-line with an AT&T wireless connection which works perfectly.

CHALLENGES IN WITNESSING

by Evangelist Bintang

For several months my wife and I have been sharing God's word with Pak Mul's family. Pak Mul is Muslim and his wife, Tabita, is Christian, but Pak Mul wouldn't let her go to church. As we continued to visit and witness, Pak Mul accepted us like family and allowed his wife to attend church services. Her faith blossomed and then on July 8, we heard that a leader in a large church had deceived them and absconded with some of their money and other church money. We have tried to convince them that all church leaders aren't evil. Pak Mul had almost made a commitment to Christ and now has a reason to hate Christianity. Please pray for Pak Mul that he will keep his heart open to us and the Good News.

We continue to witness to

Pak Sobrin (the man with magic powers to keep him from being cut by knives) and another man, Pak Subardi, who is ingrained in magic and occultism. We've been discussing where their powers come from. I've explained how these powers could be from Satan, not necessarily from God. They are still open to discuss this issue. Please pray for us for wisdom so we can lead them from false teaching, to Jesus the Truth and the Way.

WOMAN IN THE ROCK



Melissa (Cass) Dorcas, recently returned to Java where she lived as a child. She took the above picture in a Sundanese village in West Java. Melissa writes, "This is the picture of the "woman in the

rock" that the neighbors claim they hear crying and at times wailing to be 'freed' from the rock...**How awesome it is that we don't have to live in fear and darkness. Jesus is the Light and Truth. Amen.**"

BOARD MEMBER SEARCH

We are currently working to replace our present Treasurer who continues to deal with health issues. A committee composed of several ICM Board of Director members will be interviewing a candidate this week. We also need to fill the vacancy left by Dave Apodaca's passing onto glory. To add to your consideration, every current board member is looking for someone to mentor as their replacement. Any friend or supporter is strongly encouraged to contact us about any position or related issue. Please contact Board Secretary, Dona Botts at fawn_dog1@yahoo.com or Bob and Jan at: mackurus@Yahoo.com.

PRAYER & PRAISE

"Ask and it will be given to you..." We and all Christians are helpless without prayer. We certainly couldn't have served the Lord in Indonesia for thirty-five years without prayer, especially without intercessory prayer from all our friends, family, and supporters. Please **"Pray without ceasing"** for:

1. The land title on the mission property to be complete by the end of August.
2. Samuel and Martha in Aceh, for wisdom and strength as they share God's word in a fanatic Muslim province.
3. Bintang and Biya as they witness in the area of Pasar Jengkol, also for Biya and baby that's due in October.
4. Secretary Linda, whose baby is due in September.
5. Adequate funds for ministry expenses (Indonesian field fund). Recent strengthening of the Indonesian rupiah has increased our monthly field fund budget needs \$250.00.

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