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Reaching Indonesia for Jesus

"I will bless them...;there will be showers of blessing." Ezekiel 34:26

MILTON BOTTS HOME TO GLORY AT AGE 90

Our mission treasurer, Milton Botts, succumbed to a bout with pneumonia Monday, April 26th. Milton was actively en-



Milton's 88th birthday

gaged in life right up to his admittance to the hospital two nights before his passing. I talked with him on the phone the day he went to the hospital. He had everything in order. On Friday our May mission support money and our salary check were transferred. If ever there was a Christian gentleman, Milton was it, and these words should be read Christian - gentle - man. Milton first came into my life when his own father, Ira, was in his final illness. Ira was an elder with Jan and I when we served the church at Banning, California more than forty years ago. If you knew Ira,

you know where Milton got his quiet, gentle, loving spirit. Milton was a long-time member of Rosemead Christian Church with his wife Alice, who passed on to glory in January, 2005. He leaves behind his daughter, Dona, who lived with him; his son, Glen, who lives in Whittier with his wife, Renee, and Milton's granddaughter, Danette. Milton's career was in insurance and as a tax man. He had friends who took their tax returns to him for more than 45 years. Milton was also a private pilot. He was a steady, quiet faithful Christian, not a preacher, but he was a preacher with his faithful loving Christian life. He will most certainly be missed.

In loving tribute.
Bob MacLean

FALLING BETWEEN THE CRACKS

Is our little (to the National Land Office) title issue. In a major office short-staffed and dealing with land issues of national consequence, our little title confirmation issue after winning a suit in Appellate Court more than twelve years ago must seem very insignificant. Unfortunately

there are not one or two land-title issues, but thousands to be dealt with and each one must be scrutinized, properly written and rewritten and corrected and rewritten again. With such goings on with our paperwork to confirm the right to apply for a new title at the local office, will you please forgive us if we sound a little cynical? The only glimmer of light is that the present staff impresses our secretary as being serious about resolving our title issues. I hope she is right. Please continue to join me in rising above a cynical attitude to pray that God in His time will reach the hearts of these national land office people and MAKE IT HAPPEN.

EVANGELISM TRAINING SCHOOL PILOT PROJECT

We are committed to developing an Indonesian ministry. To do so we want to find and develop Christian businessmen into church planters mentored by more experienced Indonesian preachers. To accomplish this goal we are doing several things and exploring several options. We are working with several Indonesians in various areas of service and leadership - A

successful preacher, a Bible College leader, a successful church planter, two evangelists, some young Christian businessmen, an older preacher and church planter.

Options we are exploring include: (1) working with our book translator to reduce "The Scheme of Redemption" (Rencana Penebusan) into about 7 to 10 more easily manageable study manuals. (2) When we are in California this summer we plan to talk with an international ministry out of Oceanside who have a program to develop church leaders. (3) We have four locations available to us. We are investigating the idea of creating four small church growth libraries stocked with appropriate books and a computer. Three of these locations already have the room we would need, but we might have to rent in the fourth location. (4) We are looking at and talking to both nationals and potential missionaries to help us with these training centers and programs. All of this will take continued, thoughtful concentration and much prayer. We welcome your thoughts and earnestly desire your prayers. To be a success, this national church-planters' program will also require some money, not as much as you might think. We already have a small fund of about \$7,000 for this program, but there will be books to buy. We already have some of them. We have two old P.C.s that will be adequate for typing and getting research material off the internet. We

would like two more. We will want to provide printers at each library.

Now having read this far, you might have the idea we have definitely set our course and we need only to develop and bring it to full fruition. And to be honest, this may well prove true. But we are still doing a lot praying and planning, and will listen to any thoughts you may have. Meanwhile we continue to plan, pray and try to develop worthwhile concepts and programs. Why don't you come along, it might be an exciting trip as we work to develop an Indonesian ministry funded by the Indonesian churches.

TRAVELING, REPORTING, CELEBRATING

Jan and I plan to be in the USA May 6th to September 16th. This is an eventful year for us. On May 8th we will join family and friends at the home of Inez Schleich, Jan's mother, to celebrate her 90th birthday, May 9th, Mother's Day, we will go to church with her. Then Jan will celebrate her birthday at our son, Rob's and wife, Jeanene's as we enjoy lunch in the lovely yard of their Altadena home. We'll spend May 12th in Sun City for Mother's "real" birthday, then Sunday May 16th we will join friends at Rosemead Christian Church to celebrate the 90 years of gentle, kindly, living Milton Botts graced us with, and on the 17th finally home to Visalia. The first week in June Bob will be doing exams and testing at the San Francisco VA hospital

with a happy pause to officiate at the wedding of Mel & Mauney Clary's grandson, Kenne.

July 8th, our big event of the year, will be the celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary closely highlighted before or after by the birth of daughter, Sheri's second child. "Children's children are a crown to the aged." Prov.17:6a The joys of family!

We are looking forward to sharing the exciting promises of the Lord's work in Indonesia particularly in the months of July, August and first of September. We'll come to you too - just tell us when.

PRAYER & PRAISE

PRAISE FOR:

Our dedicated Indonesian staff & our faithful supporters.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Increase in monthly income. We are grateful for our present faithful supporters, but we have lost a few through death in the last year, and this is beginning to be reflected in our monthly income figures. In addition to this the dollar has weakened almost 10% against the rupiah since the first of the year. These two things make us grateful for tremendous giving in December, 2009, and set us to be thinking about the future.

2. Full title on the Bukit Indah property.

3. Quick revision, printing, and distribution of "Rencana Penebusan" (Scheme of Redemption).

4. The evangelism training school pilot project.