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Reaching Indonesia for Jesus

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer,” Romans 12:12

MINISTRY FOCUS

Over a period of thirty-six years we have become conversant in Indonesian and Javanese. We have done village evangelism, city evangelism and led nationals in their missionary work in Sumatra. We have operated a Bible College for young adult Christians, done relief work out of which we established a covert evangelistic ministry. We have always worked to plant new churches and train national leaders. Now that the efforts of some forty missionaries over the years has produced a national church of several hundred congregations and growing, we want to focus on two specific areas - (1) training and mentoring church planters who are already employed or own their own businesses. (2) We want to develop books and training manuals for them. We also want to make it possible for young Bible college graduates to become self-employed and free to start new churches. To this end we are establishing a “Christian Entrepreneurial Foundation.” There will be more about this next month in “The A. Milton Botts Entrepreneurial Fund.”

NEW ICM TREASURER



Bruce Fleenor has accepted the responsibility of ICM Treasurer. He is the treasurer of a community organization in Los Angeles and he pastors Christ's Church in the City at Griffith Park. He is a graduate of Pacific Christian College. He is called Coach Fleenor as he has coached children's basketball for years. He sees his work as helping people achieve their potential, Eph.4:11. Bruce lives with his wife, Tanya, and two children, Charissa and Andrew.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

We, Bob & Jan, celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on **July 8th**. We had a quiet day at home and went to Marie Calendar's (one of our favorite restaurants) for dinner, thanks to a generous gift from dear friends. On Sunday, **July 11th** we were honored at First Christian Church

of Visalia. Elders and spouses prayed for us and presented us with a generous gift. Then **July 17** we celebrated



with friends and family (45 attended) at Rosemead Christian Church. It was a day of great joy. Thank you Linda Schmidt for a delicious lunch and Polly for beautiful decorating and all the ladies that helped - Dona, Arlowen, Josie, and others. **50 years certainly have gone by quickly.**

SCHEME OF REDEMPTION UPDATE

Translator Berlian has set up a new program on the computer which enables him to change to a clearer font, and set-up for self printing. He has put the book into this program and is currently working on changing some of the writing so it will be better understood by villagers. He is also

setting it up so it can be printed as one book or several workbooks.

WHO, WHAT, HOW TO BELIEVE?

Last week our faithful Indonesian secretary, Linda, once more went to the national land office in an effort to advance our title application through the seemingly labyrinthian corridors of that office. She returned with a detailed report that was encouraging and appeared to be real. Here are some highlights: (1) Linda was told the national director has recalled our documents for further consideration along with five thousand (5,000) other land documents. (2) Linda protested - "Our documents have been in your office ten years." (3) The deputy director, intrigued asked for a full explanation. (4) He promised to work with the head of flawed titles to create a letter to be presented to the national director for final approval. He also suggested Linda would be presented to the national director. **Good news!?** Linda was so encouraged she asked permission to draw \$800 to pay as earnest money on the \$3,300 unofficial fee the deputy is demanding. **Bad News!!** Linda phoned the land office before leaving home. Pak Upgred was in his office and the director was in his office, but Linda was told the office is being renovated, and he had no way to print documents. Linda offered to take a printer to him! or use her husband's public fax computer. Pak Upgred

rejected both ideas, but he promised that the letters will be in the Deputy's hands next week. Thus our title, Who, What, How, to Believe? **Who?** We can trust God to continue to have a hand in our affairs particularly when we ask Him to in prayer. **What?** We can believe God will bring blessing in this issue according to His wisdom and in His time. **How?** We can do this faithfully continuing in prayer. Please join Jan, Linda, me and a whole host of others in doing so.

JAN'S JOTTINGS

We've been stateside 2 1/2 months now. This has been a very busy time for us family-wise. In May we had five family birthdays including our grandson, Dylan, who turned three. We arrived in the states just in time to attend Jan's mother's 90th birthday open house. Jan's sister and niece did a wonderful job with food and decorations including a time line from 1920 - 2010. Friends and relatives completed a very happy day for Mother.



We were in **Inez Schleich** Southern California two weeks in a row - Logan's 2nd birthday and a party for grandson, Connor, who graduated from 8th grade. We returned to Visalia for one day when Sheri phoned to say she was in labor so we packed again and returned to 1000 Oaks. Aidan Matthew Smith was

born June 24, 7 lbs. 11 oz.



Bob, Logan, Aidan

I spent two weeks babysitting with Logan and new baby Aidan - fun and work! Bob helped, but also made a trip to San Francisco and did other work too. Bob has preached or spoken in San Ramon, Griffith Park, Rosemead, and Menifee. We will be appearing at Mission Viejo, Visalia, Puyallup, Washington, and other places. The Annual ICM meeting is at Rosemead Christian Church, September 11th. We return to Indonesia September 16th.

PRAYER & PRAISE

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. A healthy baby boy, Aidan, Matthew born to Sheri and Levi Smith June 24.
2. New ICM treasurer, Bruce Fleenor.
3. Bob & Jan's golden wedding anniversary

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. The Department of Land to keep their promises.
2. An increase in monthly general fund giving.
3. A greater more deliberate dependence on God for us.
4. Our budding group of church planters.

Featured next month:

Evangelist Andreas Marwanto in Solo, Central Java.