



MISSION INDONESIA

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank everyone who gave such great hospitality to myself and brother Radius. Your participation in the work in Indonesia through your contributions and prayers are what makes our mission efforts and Batam Bible College possible. As far as I know we will be able to go ahead with our plans for the college and mission programs in 2014 according to what has been contributed.

I had planned on doing one or even two seminars during late November and the first two weeks of December. However I was only able to hold one seminar in West Java. It took a little longer to get over jet lag in November and Lusi had a check up in Singapore the last week of November, so I was unable to travel in November. The last week of November I was asked to do a three day seminar in West Java for the national leaders of the church of Christ on Dec. 13-15. They gather every three years to select the leadership for the National Wilayah. Missionaries or foreigners are usually not invited to this meeting so I was a little surprised to receive this invitation. I spoke on three topics, church unity, biblical leadership, and walking with Jesus. I was a little surprised and pleased on how well they accepted the concepts of loving one another and not judging. Through out the three days their discussions they were focused on bringing the congregations throughout the entire country together and actually searched for ways to do this.

I thank God for giving me the blessing of seeing the church begin an unity that will surely result in spiritual and numerical growth of the body of Christ in Indonesia. The goals that we have set for Mission Indonesia and Batam Bible College fit into this unity movement perfectly.

BATAM BIBLE COLLEGE

At this time we have thirty-one (31) student registered to start studies the last week of January. There will be sixteen (16) first term students, six (6) second term students and nine (9) S1 Bachelors degree students. We will have nine (9) instructors teaching 160 credit hours. We have discussed deeply our methods of teaching and where we will place the emphasis that will help the students grow spiritually and in understanding God's intent for the church.



This picture shows the representatives of the churches of Christ from sixteen (16) different provinces from one end of the country to the other.

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The year of 2013 turned out to be quite positive for the church in Indonesia as it is growing in unity and understanding of God’s will in loving one another and taking responsibility for the growth of the church. This was exhibited in July in Jakarta as they were making concentrated efforts to unify the seven congregations throughout the city.

This was also reflected during a national meeting of the church leaders who gathered to select the national leaders for the government required organization called a Wilayah. This organization reports to the government concerning the number of members, locations, activities of the church and acts as an intermediary between the church and government. Thus the government requires the church to have a permanent address for the Wilayah. Previously this was located at a church building in Jakarta. However that building was stolen by a previous missionary in the late 90’s and now the church needs to have a permanent location for the Wilayah. To fulfill this requirement the churches in Jakarta along with the congregations across the country have united and decided to purchase a property that will be the permanent location for the national Wilayah.

They have found a partially constructed building that will serve as a permanent location for the Wilayah and as a place of worship. The cost of the building is 175 million Rupiah or \$17,500. **The church has raised \$14,000 from among the brethren in Indonesia and need our help for the balance of \$3,500.** They signed the purchase agreement on December 23 and gave a down payment and have three months to pay the rest. This property is worth over 300 million Rupiah so it is a huge bargain. The reason for this is that the previous owner hung himself from the cross beam and people are afraid of his ghost. The Lord has opened the way and we need your help to complete this transaction.

You may send a contribution to:

Golf Course Road Church of Christ - 3500 W. Golf Course Road - Midland, TX 79703

Please note that your contribution is for National Wilayah Jakarta. Thank you and God bless.



Foyer where owner hung himself.



Building Entrance

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