



MISSION INDONESIA

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BATAM BIBLE COLLEGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We deeply appreciate your response to our plea for funds to see us through this school term. A number of congregations sent contributions which have allowed us to continue to July when we have our graduation and the students return home.

We had some **extraordinary good news this month**. We have struggled with the problem of fulfilling the regulations of the Department of Education concerning religious schools.

They wanted us to add another thirty credit hours to our curriculum which were of a secular nature. Then they said the instructors could only teach two courses each meaning that we would have to have another twelve instructors to teach the full curriculum, which would have been impossible for us to fulfill. They also wanted us to increase the student body to over eighty students and charge them a fee for attending the school. These and numerous others things that they wanted us to do really had us scratching our heads and praying to find a way to fulfill what they wanted and still keep the integrity of our goals and vision for the school. Then out of the blue someone sued the Dept. of Education over unreasonable rules and regulations and won. This promoted the Dept. of Education to offer us the option of **becoming an autonomous educational institution for the churches of Christ in Indonesia** or continuing on under the secular oversight of the Dept. of Education of Indonesia. They have allowed us to wait and see what the new rules and regulations will be but **the choice for us is practically automatic as having autonomy to operate the school as a spiritual institution is a blessing from the Lord and one that we will accept.**



CHURCH PLANTING

Two months ago one of the leaders in the church asked the other leaders to consider the idea of starting a new congregation in an area called Tanjung Uncang. This area is about 30 miles from the church building and would be difficult for new families from that area to attend on a regular basis. We discussed it quite thoroughly, even to the point of deciding who would serve in that area and how we would handle worship services and bible classes, especially for the children. Two of the leaders in the church brothers Ferdinand and Fatland continued to follow up on this opportunity and this last Sunday on the 17th of May their efforts bore the fruit in that two families from that area were baptized into Christ. These two families are the leaders of around twenty (20) families that we are studying with and hopefully we will have a new congregation in the area of Tanjung Uncang in the near future.

What was amazing was the comments of Bro. Halonan after he was baptized. He spoke of how he had been praying to the Lord that he might find the church of Christ that is exhibited in the New Testament and how the Lord fulfilled that prayer when he met brothers Ferdinand and Fatland. We recently got electricity to the building and installed a water pump for our well and this was the first time we were able to use our baptism pool and the kids were amazed.



Bro. Ferdinand & Fatland,
Mr. Setanggang, Mr & Mrs Halonan



Bro. Halonan



Your servant in Christ - Dr. Winston Bolt