



MISSION INDONESIA

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since my return to Batam in late October I have been busy planning and discussing with the mission team here how we are going to progress with our goal of national church development through discipleship and leadership training. To do this effectively we have had the various members of the team visit our mission points in Kalimantan, Java, and Sumatra. The following report is based on their findings. I will be visiting the above mentioned areas along with going to South and Central Sulawesi and hopefully the island of Nias when we can coordinate the visit with the brethren there either before or after the holiday season. Thankfully the leaders of Batam Bible College are doing the planning for our next school term which frees me up to do mission work.

1st Converts in Salatiga, Java

Training Center Salatiga

Church in Solo, Java



Brother Radius on the left baptized these five brethren in July. We rented the training center in late August and furnished it. The training center is used for worship and daily contact with the people in Salatiga. Salatiga is the result of the church we planted in Solo, Java in 2002. They have their own church building and leadership group. We have started a discipleship movement in Solo with four small groups. We will also establish two small groups in Salatiga. I plan on visiting both locations later this month. While in Java I will also visit the congregations in Jakarta to introduce the concept of discipleship to them.

While the training manual that we translated is an effective tool it will take hands on training and explanation concerning the concepts of how to bring the lost to Christ through the discipleship movement, which is simply how it was done in the first century.

We have already started this process in Batam but it will take a little time before all the pieces come together. The process of discipleship opposes a number of cultural norms that dominate the society so we will need to use patience in our training program. This is our actual on the job training on how to establish a discipleship movement which can be duplicated and taught to the local brethren throughout the country.

We will also be establishing a small group discipleship movement in Batam Bible College when the students return in late January. Each staff member will be given four or five students to start a small group to meet with once a week to discuss the discipleship lessons that they study on their own each day for about 30 minutes for five days each week. He will train them for however long they attend the college. The goal will be that each student will become a disciple of Jesus who is capable of making other disciples.

Your servant in Christ — Dr. Winston Bolt