

Sharing the Gospel in Indonesia

Reaching North Sumatra

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Dear Brethren,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are so thankful to the Lord who has blessed us in doing mission here in Indonesia and also by your generous support and praying that make this work possible growing from day to day, and we can continue mission and church edification in South Nias, Medan, Sidikalang and Riau during May to July 2010.

The coming of ACU team; Dr. Brian Cavitt PhD and Randy Yuthi and join the TEARS team were very helpful and encouraging in doing evangelism and medical missions in North Sumatra during June 15-30, we are so thankful for this great opportunity. On June 16, I went to South Nias and we have a gospel meeting in Hilisalo'o church attended by about 50 people, and I'm so glad to present the great lesson about "The men of a great faith," Hebrews 11 and 12. The next night we have a gospel meeting in Hilisimaetano church, topic "The justice and the love of God," text 1 Peter 3:13-22. And the third night gospel meeting was in Teluk Dalam, in the house of one of our Bible Correspondence Courses, Samuel Talembanua, the lesson about "The conversion of Ethiopian eunuch," Acts 8:26-40. I can see the great enthusiasm and encouragement in this three night gospel meetings that always attended by a supported group of Botohilitano church about 20 people with the rental bus.



On Sunday of June 20, the ACU team and TEARS team met at Bawolato church, Brian preached about "Love" during worship. And after the service we have a free clinic and evangelism and about 100 people have received spiritual and physical ministry. The TEARS team coordinated by Marganda Marbun,

Country Manager, under direction of Jim Carl of Lake Jackson church, Texas, as director of TEARS International; consists of Brian, Randy, Dr. Fasa Laia, Khairuman, Ekasila, Marganda, Itolo, Jufri, Ama Tuna, and myself are working together hand in hands, and we thank the Lord for this great opportunity of ministry.





The highlight of our mission in this time is the excellent Bible Seminar on June 21, in Botohilitano church, taught by Brian and Randy about Hermeneutic, the way to explain scriptures, both of them were teaching together interactively. The seminar attended by 25 people; preachers, teachers and Sunday school teachers, represented by 4 churches, and I can see the brethren in the team got a great knowledge of how to explain the whole book in the Bible according to the text, history, narrative and context that they practiced in a half of the seminar. On Tuesday night of June 22, we have a home Bible study in Ama Sri house, Botohilitano, where Randy were teaching about helping people in time of suffering and sharing some experience of helping the needy in time of disaster and dangerous. Other medical missions of free clinic and evangelism we did were in Gomo to 56 people on June 23 and in Simandraolo to 140 people on June 24. This free clinic was very helpful for the way of evangelism in showing the love of Jesus to the people. We plan for the dental clinic on August 22 at Hilisalo'o church, this ministry also as a part of our missions in showing the love of Jesus. Please pray for this ministry.



Ama Tuna, my co-worker and one of a good preachers and teachers, has doing a great work in seeking the lost and edifying churches in South Nias. He speaks once a week of 15 minutes in the radio broadcasting program "The Voice of Truth," and he got 75 people direct contact when he gave Bible Quiz in that program, and he has a follow up study with some of them. On May 30, Ama Tuna baptized one precious soul, a young girl, Risilina Ndruru, 16, and we are so blessed by this ministry. During eye cataract surgery at Lukas Hospital, served by TEARS International and BKMM on June 7 to 9, Ama Tuna reported to me that he was doing evangelism to 166 people and has a group and personal study to 18 people. We thank the Lord that gave a great servant and worker like Ama Tuna Wau and please pray for him.

It was so good to visit the Dolok Tolong church in Sidikalang on May 2 and have the opportunity to preach there about "The new life," text, Colossians 3:4-17. In Pokok Mangga church in Medan, where my family and I worship, I preach 3 times during the months. One we concern and praying in this church is brother Tenang Sitepu who get sick seriously, but now he is better. He and his family are a long time and faithful members of the church, please pray for him. I'm so

blessed in having opportunity preaching 2 times at Pembangunan church in Medan on May 23 and July 25. One of the favorite sermons I have during the months is "The mission work and church ministry," text Galatians 6:1-10 that I preach in Pembangunan church and Pokok Mangga, the same also in Pondok Cabe, Riau church on June 6. Because I believe that the healthy and strong church is the church who involved in missions and ministry to one another, and this is the emphasis of the lesson.

Uli is busy with her housework, some time she is driving for the wedding couple with our car and she is happy to do that in having extra income. She always concerns about the church in Pokok Mangga where we worship and try to encourage everybody especially the ladies. I just visited Adelpho, our younger son, in Jakarta and try to encourage him study there in college, he just finished 2nd semester, major in Business Accounting, and he visited us one week in Medan. Jerry is doing fine; he is with us in Medan study in Business Management, just finished 2nd semester too. As usual, we have Sunday morning family Bible class at our home; Jerry continue read and explained lessons from the book of Psalms, since Joy, Paska and Uli read from the gospel of Luke, and I help explained those scriptures and with application in our life. Thank you for all of your support, praying and encouragement for us in doing missions for the Lord here in Medan, Indonesia. God bless all of you and praise be to Him.

Your servant in Christ,

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