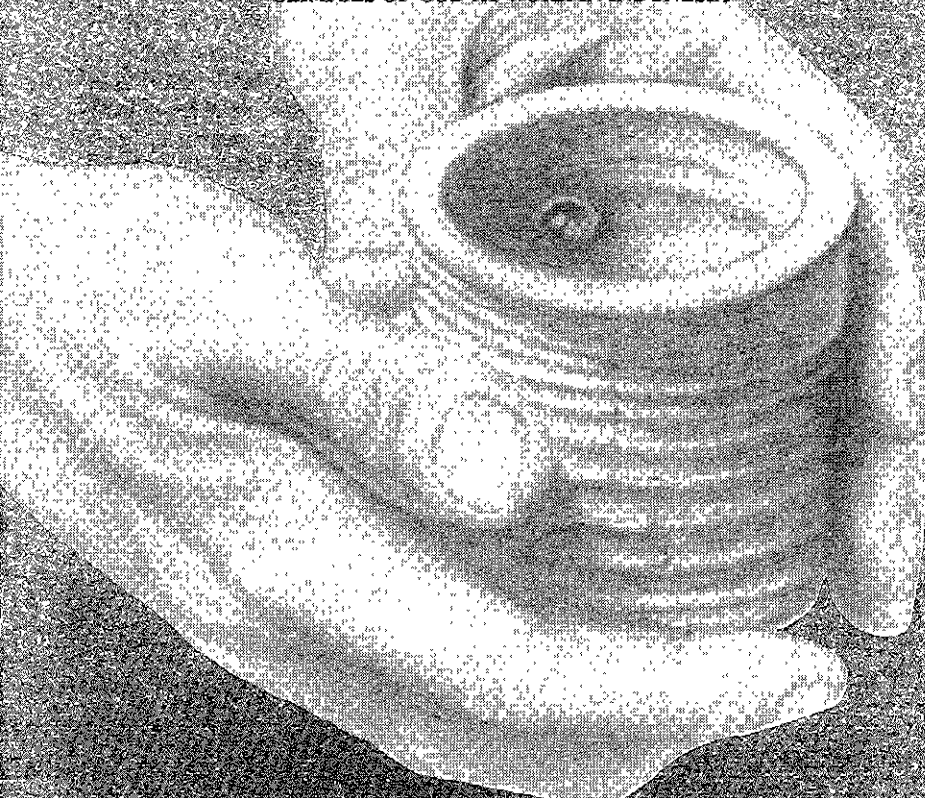


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Chosen Vessels

1985

EDITORIAL

Indonesia has the largest C&MA constituency in the world with over 100,000 baptized believers. In this issue of *The Pioneer* we want to focus on some "Chosen Vessels" who have helped build the Church here. Matias Abai ("Fit for the Master's Use") is the Indonesian church president; Bud and Ruth Rudes ("Devoted Service") are veteran missionaries. You'll meet an Indonesian evangelist (Matias Sakai) and an educator (Urbanus Selan). You'll also meet one of the "quiet people" (Franscina Davids) who accomplished the task God gave her without fanfare or hoopla. All of these are segments of the body of Christ.

Missionary service is not accomplished without its sacrifices, and yet we are reluctant to speak of these. In the "Perspective" articles you will encounter some of these from our viewpoint.

The desire of the editorial committee as we present this issue to you is that

1. it will enlighten you, and
2. it will encourage you to pray and give more effectively.

Read, enjoy, and meditate.

Sharon Kendall, editor

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FIT FOR THE MASTER'S USE



photo by Harold Klassen

Matias and Maria Abai have guided the Indonesian C&MA since 1980.

CALLED TO SERVE

Tropical storm clouds hung low in the air. Thunder rumbled ominously, promising the usual daily downpour. Ordinarily 12-year old Matias Abai would have sprinted home over the familiar jungle path

to avoid a drenching, but today he did not care. Slowly he plodded along the slippery jungle trail. Hot bitter tears of disappointment streamed down his cheeks. One question loomed large in his mind. "Why, why, why?"

"*Bagaimana, anakku?*" ("How was it, my son?") The kindly and

concerned voice of his father comforted him.

"They won't take me at the Bible school," blurted Matias. "They say I'm too young, and since I've never been to school it is impossible for me to enroll."

Pak Yabai laid a fatherly arm around his son's shoulder. Just seven years before, he and his entire family had been delivered from their animistic beliefs when a missionary had visited their remote village. Though only a young Christian, he had seen and experienced God's faithfulness.

"Don't fear, Matias," he counseled wisely. "You know in your heart that God spoke to you three years ago, when you were only nine. How can we forget that sleepless night when the Lord impressed upon you the burden

Just seven years before, he and his entire family had been delivered from their animistic beliefs.

to evangelize our village? He will open the way as we trust Him and pray about it."

And Pak Yabai was right. The following week Matias met again

with the director of the Long Sepayang Preparatory Bible School. This time regulations were waived, and Matias began his coveted training as an evangelist deep in the heart of East Kalimantan.

TRAINING FOR MINISTRY

It was obvious from the beginning that God's hand was upon Matias and that He had a large and special place to be filled by this godly and humble young man. Step by step God led him, enlarging his place of ministry, broadening his experiences, preparing and perfecting a chosen vessel. From the Long Sepayang School, Matias entered his area Bible school at Long Bia. But instead of returning to his home village upon graduation, he was appointed as a teacher in this institution.

"How can I serve in this new and demanding responsibility without a helpmate?" reasoned Matias. God had the answer ready, for there in the first year class was the vivacious and yet serious Maria.

Maria Fraid had accepted Christ as Saviour when she was seven years old; but as she became a teenager, she wrestled spiritually. Though she entered Long Bia Bible School with doubts and questionings, God touched her heart during special meetings conducted by

Dr. L.L. King and Rev. J. Wesley Brill. She surrendered completely to the Lord, and never again lacked assurance of her salvation.

Maria and Matias were married in 1954. Maria completed her education and then also became a teacher at Long Bia. Together they served the Lord faithfully at the school, and what an asset they were! Many times in staff meeting when there were difficult problems to solve, Matias was the one who gave the right counsel or had the ideal solution.

In 1960 they felt led to pursue higher education at Jaffray School of Theology in Ujung Pandang,

during those tense pre — and post-Communist coup days.

The effectiveness of a leader is always enhanced by the breadth of his experience. Matias and Maria were called to Java to serve a Bandung C&MA church. Matias's sound Bible teaching strengthened the church, while Maria counseled students at the Kalam Hidup Library. Later they returned to East Kalimantan to teach in a local Bible school. In 1974 Matias was chosen as the leader of the East Kalimantan C&MA church. Not one to be idle, Maria pastored the church in Tanjung Selor during its time of greatest growth.

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Sulawesi. This was just the training Matias needed to become the director of Long Bia Bible School upon their return. At this time the military commander of East Kalimantan removed all missionaries stationed there. One of Matias's most challenging responsibilities at that point was to keep peace between soldiers and students

CHALLENGES OF LEADERSHIP

Their sterling qualities and spiritual depth of life and ministry were not hidden to the Indonesian C&MA Church. In 1980 the national church conference elected Matias as its president. He has continued to serve in this capacity for two terms.

What is it about this unique couple that made them usable in God's hand? What characteristics does a man need to guide a national church of over 100,000 baptized members, to represent it before the government, to weld divergent leadership personalities into a unified body, to stand firm on

Christian principles regardless of pressure from without and within?

Matias Abai would never be defined as a leader according to the world's definition. He is not aggressive or domineering and yet accomplishes much with his meek, quiet spirit. His mild-mannered wisdom calms dissenters. Maria is an invaluable asset with her compassionate ability to reach out to others. Many leaders from other islands have responded to her warm and gracious hospitality. Called of God, they lead simple and exemplary lives. They are knowledgeable in the Word, gifted teachers, and staunch prayer warriors.

The Indonesian church has been truly blessed in having for their national leaders such a godly, wise, and humble man as Matias and his lovely wife Maria. Pray that God will continue to mightily use these choice vessels as He builds His Church in Indonesia. †

Lorna Munroe, first grade teacher at the Bandung Alliance School, has served in Indonesia since 1961.

Ivan Lay, veteran missionary since 1952, has had a versatile ministry including district evangelism, chairmanship, and 12 years as MK houseparent. With his wife Bernie, he is currently teaching at the Simpson Theological School in Semarang, Central Java.

PROFILE

Devoted Service

"When you come to the end of your rope, you tie a knot and hang on."

Veteran missionaries, Bud and Ruth Rudes, provide us all with the example of spiritual perseverance.

BORNEO BOUND

In 1949 Bud and Ruth arrived in Indonesia where for years they spent themselves unremittingly for those whom the Lord had called them to serve. After language study, Bud and Ruth headed immediately for East Kalimantan. There were no MAF planes in those days – just the steady, sweaty task of hauling a boat up the churning rapids of the Kayan River.

Ruth is a refined lady, and yet in those days she slogged the trails and picked off the leeches so that the life-changing Word might find fertile ground in the hearts of the Dyak people. At times going for two years without outside contact, Bud and Ruth devoted themselves

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Bud and Ruth Rudes faithfully served the Lord for 35 years in Indonesia.

to learning the tribal language and customs.

With Bud's unique ability to forge close friendships, he soon found himself working closely with two national pastors, Rev. Baya and Rev. Potu. Together they saw many won into the Kingdom. For weeks Bud would be upriver discipling and baptizing new converts making sure that the precious Seed was carefully nurtured. Ruth held deaconess classes back at home. Their lives were busy, full, and dedicated to seeing the Church established in the Apo Kayan region of Kalimantan's interior jungle. Thousands of Dyak villagers responded to the life-changing message.

Then when they had almost given up hoping for children, God

sent two special blonde packages into their lives. Debbie and Cindy were the delight of Mom and Dad and the star attractions during their days at Long Bia Bible School. With added zest Bud and Ruth set about the joyful task of rearing their daughters.

REDIRECTED TO JAVA

Despite persistent health problems, the Rudes persevered in returning to the land of their ministry. Bud served a stint in the chairman's office. After three terms in Borneo, the Lord redirected them to serve Him on Java at Kalam Hidup ("Word of Life"), the national C&MA publishing house.

Bud's office at Kalam Hidup always proudly displayed a portrait

of Rev. Robert Jaffray, whose early vision entailed literature distribution for Indonesian pastors. Kalam Hidup, a vision to see the Word on the printed page, became a lasting tool to edify the church Bud and Ruth had so lovingly helped to build.

They took a small group of men, limited funds, burning zeal, and then set to work tirelessly night and day. After helping the girls with homework and typing late into the night, Bud still had to leave for the office by 6:30 a.m. It meant giving sacrificially to see that young nationals got the opportunity to receive specialized training. It entailed hours of study to earn Wheaton's first graduate degree in Communications. It meant streams of houseguests as literature people frequently sought out the advantages of Bud and Ruth's expertise. It afforded an opportunity to use Ruth's natural talents of bookkeeping to establish financial records. It meant hard work. It was faith in action.

A JOB WELL-DONE

Before they left Indonesia in July 1984, the Rudes had been able to see the implementation of much of Jaffray's vision. A strong national publishing house with a greatly expanded distribution system had been established. Bud initiated a program for providing needy pastors with study libraries. He supervised the translation of the Bible into the everyday Indonesian language and helped provide comprehensive Sunday School curriculum. Bud and Ruth also worked to establish a language learning center in Bandung for new missionaries to facilitate their effectiveness in service.

Bud and Ruth are an inspiring example to us all. Their drive and dedication demonstrate what God can do with two lives expended in His service. †

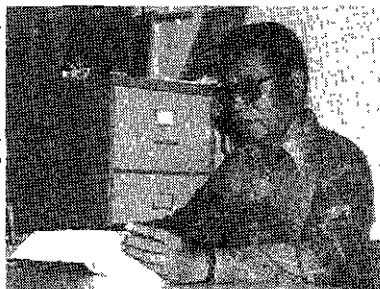
Alex Valley, member of the Pioneer editorial staff, has served as principal of Bandung Alliance School since 1968.

TRIBUTE

Word was recently received of the homegoing of our former colleague, Rev. J. Wesley Brill. A missionary for 38 years, Mr. Brill was an educator at Jaffray School of Theology and a prolific writer of study books and commentaries. Mrs. Brill and three children survive. Her address is #B-208 555 E. Memory Lane, Santa Ana, CA 92706.

Scholarships: RICH DIVIDENDS

photo by Rick Sessoms



Urbanus Selan, recipient of C&MA graduate scholarships and prominent educator, currently directs the Jaffray School of Theology.

Rev. Urbanus Selan is presently Director of Jaffray Seminary in Ujung Pandang, Sulawesi. He is a prominent C&MA educator and the recipient of C&MA scholarships.

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Urbanus, we would like our readers to know you. Please tell us of your early childhood.

I was born in 1938 in a village on the island of Timor. My parents were still pagan; they had never heard of Jesus Christ as their Saviour. My first separation from them came when I was nine years old and went to primary school. There I lived with Uncle Nehemia, my father's youngest brother.

How did you become a Christian if your family was unsaved?

Uncle Nehemia, the only Christian in my father's family held Bible studies in his home and prayed for people. Frequently I heard him say, "Why, Jesus can do

that!" After hearing the name of Jesus so often, I said, "I want to know this Jesus." So in March 1956 at a home Bible study, I accepted the Lord. I was 18 years old. At that time I was the first in my

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immediate family to become a Christian. But eventually, Uncle Nehemia brought them all to the Lord, one by one.

How did you begin serving the Lord?

After becoming a Christian I had great zeal for participating in the Lord's work. I went to Kupang to further my education. There I met Rev. & Mrs. Marion Allen, C&MA missionaries, and joined the young people's fellowship. In time I became its president and worked with Mrs. Allen.

In 1964 I finished high school and moved to Bandung, Java. There, too, I became actively involved in the Indonesian C&MA

church, serving as youth fellowship president and singing in a travelling quartet. Later I became an elder. I also worked part-time in the Kalam Hidup correspondence department, following-up those who requested to know more about salvation.

Then as an active layman, what motivated you to get further Christian training?

As a new Christian, I had felt it was good enough to be an active layman. But evidently it was not enough for the Lord! In my follow-up work, especially in 1967 and 1968, many people asked questions which I couldn't answer. The Holy Spirit worked on my heart. Finally,

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I realized that a little knowledge was not enough. I needed some training so I could give people the right answers for their spiritual needs.

Even Jesus' disciples required special training. None of them went straight from their call to enter the ministry. Surely then I, too, would need special training in order to be effective in the job to which the Lord was calling me.

So it was the need of people which drove you to get more training. Where did you study and how did you finance this education?

I was accepted by Febias College of the Bible in the Philippines. Kalam Hidup and individual missionaries financed me there. While earning my bachelor's of theology degree, I had weekend ministries on Far East Broadcasting Corporation's Indonesian broadcasts. Then I attended the Asian Theological Seminary to earn my master's degree. During that time I was student pastor of a C&MA church in the Philippines.

You returned in 1975 to Bandung, but not alone, right? Tell us about your wife and children.

I met Ruth, a Filipina A.T.S. student, during my fourth year at A.T.S. We were married November 16, 1974. Ruth didn't know Indonesian until she started typing Indonesian articles later for the Kalam Hidup magazine. But be-

cause she was already an Asian, she quickly learned Indonesian and within six months was teaching Sunday School. We now have two children: Irene, age 8, and Yoel, age 4.

What were your new ministries?

From 1975 to 1979 I edited two magazines for Kalam Hidup Publishers, one for pastors and one for laymen. I pastored a C&MA church

Ruth and I both received C&MA scholarship to earn our master's degrees.

in Bandung and chaired the evangelism committee for Java-Sumatra, the foreunner of the Java 500 program. I also taught theology at the Jakarta Bible College.

Didn't you recently study again in the Philippines?

Yes, Ruth and I both received C&MA scholarships to earn our master's degrees, my wife's in both Religious Education and Divinity and mine in Divinity. I also had opportunity again to receive mission scholarship assistance as I worked on my doctoral studies at

the Asian Baptist Graduate School of Theology. I want to thank the C&MA for making our education possible.

Urbanus, how has your training enhanced your ministry?

I feel more qualified now to teach, preach, and write. As a professor at Jaffray Seminary, I have been training new pastors and church leaders for five years. Frequently I am asked to preach at various churches and student fellowships in Ujung Pandang and elsewhere. And as for writing, I still do this when I am able and hope to do more.

In closing, Urbanus, would you mention some prayer requests for our readers?

Yes, I'd be glad to. Please pray that every Christian in Java would be a soul winner. Our goal is to plant 500 churches on Java by 1990, but to do this we need leaders. Pray for men and women to accept the Lord's call and be submissive to His will. †

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Your gifts to the Graduate Scholarships Fund enable capable Indonesians, like Urbanus, to better prepare themselves for ministry.

Numbered Among UNsung HEROES

The death wail pierced the darkness in Long Nawang, East Kalimantan one evening in 1949. While trying to give birth to twins, a heathen woman had died after delivering the first — a girl. Since the baby had “killed her mother,” and therefore depleted her food supply, the father and village leaders decided to bury



As a young woman, Francina Davids intervened to save a baby's life. God has continuously used her through the years as dorm mother and leader of women's ministries.

the child with her mother.

But God had a chosen vessel ready to receive this baby — Francina Davids. "Sina" could not bear to see the baby die. She begged the authorities to allow her to adopt this little one. Readily the father gave her away with the stipulation that she not go through the door where the evil spirits

could see. So it was through a hole in the wall that Sina received the unwashed, 12-hour old newborn, wrapped in a banana leaf. She was named Susanna. With the Lord's help, Sina, a single lady from another island, would rear this infant.

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It was evident that God was providing for Susanna even prior to her adoption. For miraculously there in the heart of the jungle, Sina had previously been able to buy a five-pound tin of milk.

Since there were no rubber nipples, she fed the baby with gauze dipped in milk. After three days, a family arrived from the coast with a new baby, and the mother loaned Sina a nipple she had brought along.

CHILDREN'S NURSE

Francina Davids was born in 1912 on a remote island in eastern Indonesia. As a teenager she acted

as nurse to the children of some German missionaries and traveled to what is now known as Ujung Pandang, Sulawesi. World War II started, and the German family returned home leaving Sina on her own. Shortly afterward Sina cared for newborn babies of two C&MA missionary families living there: Rev. & Mrs. Harry Post and Rev. & Mrs. Andrew Sande. When the Sandes finished language study and were assigned to Tanjung Selor, Borneo (East Kalimantan), they asked Sina to go along to care for their son David. Sina, by this time a Christian, prayed about this and said, "I'll go!"

Sina tried to hide David but was forced to give him up or be killed herself.

War clouds hung heavily, but there were souls to be won in Borneo. Shortly after the Sandes' arrival, the Japanese landed on Borneo. There was only one way for the missionaries and Sina to run – interior. Surely the Japanese wouldn't look for them there. By mission float plane and by boat they went deeper into the jungle

as the enemy relentlessly advanced. Though Sina was often afraid, the missionaries encouraged her. Finally they settled in Long Nawang, a Dutch military outpost. Unfortunately, the Japanese discovered Sina and the Sandes and before the war ended, they martyred the Sandes. Sina tried to hide David but was forced to give him up or be killed herself. What a heartache for the young nurse!

DORM MOTHER

Sina remained in Long Nawang doing what she knew best: cooking, sewing, and keeping house. Since many young people came to Long Nawang for schooling, Sina opened a dorm for the girls where she taught them to be good Christian wives and mothers. Because there were no markets, the girls were taught how to plant gardens. As they lived and worked together, Sina planted the Gospel. Tithing her meager income, she frequently had only a few eggs to bring as her Sunday offering.

It was into this environment that the Lord sent Susanna. Here was a real live baby for the dorm girls to love and cherish, preparing them for motherhood.

After the war, missionaries returned and started the Long Bia Bible School. Franscina Davids was

the logical one to be the ladies' dorm mother. Together with Susanna she began this new ministry. Since she had had no formal biblical training, she attended classes along with the first two residents and graduated four years later.

Sina faithfully taught and disciplined Susanna. Students in the dorm shuddered whenever Susanna was spanked. This was such a foreign idea to them, but Sina explained to them that it would teach Susanna what was right.

Eventually, Susanna, herself, studied at Long Bia Bible School where she met and married Lewi. Blessed with three lovely daughters, the couple are still actively serving the Lord today.

Through the 18 years that Sina served as dorm mother she influenced countless lives as she led morning and evening devotions. Since she had spent so many years in the interior, she understood their language and cultural backgrounds. Winning their confidence, she was able to advise the students wisely. Sina even taught a few classes at Long Bia.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Because many of Sina's Long Bia 'daughters' had married and had ministries nearby, she and the late Elizabeth Jackson (C&MA

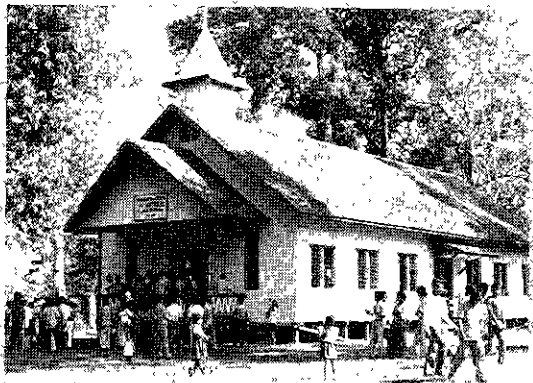
missionary at Long Bia) started Christian women's groups in the Kayan Hilir District. They encouraged women to pray, read Scripture, and tithe. The outcome has been the annual support of at least two Indonesian missionaries in other river valleys. The movement has grown as students from Long Bia shared the vision of women's ministries and have applied these teachings in their own churches.

LATER YEARS

As Sina grew older, she could no longer carry the heavy responsibilities she once had. Little by little the women she had trained took over her ministries until she officially retired in 1982. With her pension money, the men of the church built Sina a small house near the Bible school campus.

A well-used path leads to a door that is still always open for God's opportunities. Though her formal work is now over, Sina is still serving the Lord as she is able. She awaits His call. Surely our Lord will welcome her saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. You have done what you could." †

Wilma Riggensch, veteran missionary since 1956, serves with her husband Ken in East Kalimantan & district evangelism.



1. Immanuel Bible School chapel was the site of the Jubilee celebration.

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4. Jubilee: a time to reflect on God's faithfulness over the past 50 years.



Photos by Mike Roark



2. Veterans molded by the Church in West Kalimantan continue faithfully in the

JUBILEUM

Janet Kuhns and her husband as teachers in the Immanuel Bible School in West Kalimantan. They were there in 1961.



... these pioneers established
... ntan. Today their children
... others' footsteps.

E by Janet Kuhns

... and Bill presently minister
... Bible School at Kelansam,
... e served in Indonesia since



3. The haunting notes of the traditional gourd flute reminded delegates of pagan hopelessness before the Gospel penetrated West Kalimantan.

KALIMANTAN

5. The right hand of fellowship and the love of God unite these chosen first workers as they gather at the festive homecoming.





photo by Wally Albrecht

“Oh God! Please show me the sin in my life; cleanse me. Already I’ve sought for souls in this city three months, and so far not one person has put his trust in You. What is hindering the fruit I so long to see here?”

In January 1984 Matias Sakai and his wife poured out their hearts to God, seeking personal cleansing and fruit in their new ministry. Intending to plant a church, they had moved the previous October to Purwokerto, the transportation and business crossroads of west Central Java. But things had not gone as expected. Instead, they found themselves in this seemingly “impossible situation.”

In response to their humble faith, God began answering prayer. The very next day after their heartsearching and cleansing experience, God gave Matias three souls. Immediately he began weekly discipleship meetings in one of their homes — and that was just the beginning. During the next twelve months God gave fruit: nearly 40 adults were won to Christ, discipled and baptized. Besides the church in his home, Matias began services in two homes in other areas of the city and also in the nearby cities of Purbalingga and Sukarejo.

A National Missionary Transplanted to Java

AN EXPECTANT FAITH

Their livingroom has been packed with up to 60 people each Sunday morning making future growth virtually impossible. One day Matias was asked, "Have you given any thought to the future of this ministry — a permanent location, and a suitable building?"

Without hesitation he responded, "Yes, I believe God wants to give us at least 70 ubin (1 ubin = 14 sq. meters) of land and a building that will seat 300 people. And what's more, He has given me the plan for the building!"

Because the average monthly income of the adherents was less than US\$60, they needed a financial miracle to build a church of that size. And a miracle was what they got!

A young Korean congregation in Japan, no more than a year old themselves, held their first missionary convention and raised US\$15,000 for overseas work. They decided to designate this for church planting in Purwokerto! A good piece of land (actually 97 ubin) was purchased on the edge of this growing city and construction will begin soon.

THROUGH REFINING FIRES

Life has not been easy, but the Lord has always been faithful.

During their studies at Long Bia Bible School in East Kalimantan their eldest child, a son, fell ill. After suffering several months he died the day before graduation. Graduation was postponed, and the funeral held instead. A heart-broken young couple entered the ministry and soon were assigned to serve for three years in Java, far from family and home.

Later, God blessed them with a second daughter, but still Matias longed for a son. After five years of waiting, the Lord answered their prayers: Samuel was born late last year.

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Matias is but one of approximately 20 home missionaries, workers who come to minister on Java from the outer islands of Indonesia to assist in planting 500 churches by 1990. Because of their varied backgrounds, they face culture shock, adjustments, and sacrifices as much or more so than does any missionary from the West. We praise God for workers such as Matias and ask you to pray with us for their continued effectiveness in church-planting and evangelism.

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Wally and Bev Albrecht, completing their first term, are involved in Java 500 evangelism.



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Ordinary People

*Just ordinary people, God uses ordinary people,
He chooses people just like me and you . . .
Because little becomes much as you place it in the Master's hand.*

As Dave Elmer's rich baritone voice sings these words, a powerful impact settles in and lingers. Missionaries are really only ordinary people who are being used by the Lord.

Our Indonesian missionary

family welcomes its newest members, Dave and Ida Elmer and their three children: Scott, Christy, and Cheri.

Dave hails from Greenfield, Massachusetts where his parents were active in the Alliance Church. As a young boy he was surrounded by the influence of missions. Many missionaries stayed in his home during missions conferences. One missionary family in particular, the Richard Tompkins from Thailand, became close friends.

At age nine with the help of his mother, Dave accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour. As the years went by, Dave became successful in sports, so much so that he was offered a full college football scholarship. Through a serious football injury, Dave sensed the Lord directing him instead to Toccoa Falls College.

At age seven Ida was led to the Lord by a praying mother. During her New England childhood she, too, was surrounded by missions. In fact, her desire to become a missionary came in response to an invitation given during a missions conference in her local church.

Dave and Ida met as small children though they did not pay much attention to each other until age 16 when Ida took piano lessons from Dave's mother. A year or so later she began attending the

C&MA church where Dave's family worshipped. Their romance blossomed, but a previous commitment took her to Washington, D.C., where she worked at the Pentagon for the U.S. Air Force as a civilian secretary. There again God spoke to her of full-time service.

In 1969, Dave & Ida both entered Toccoa Falls College where they married a year later. Here, too, their son Scott was born.

When Dave graduated in 1975 they accepted their first ministry as assistant pastor in DeLand, Florida. The senior pastor at that time was none other than Rev. Richard Tompkins on extended furlough from his ministries in Thailand! During their DeLand ministry the Lord blessed them with two daughters: Christy and Cheri.

After the Tompkins family had returned to Thailand, Dave and Ida responded to an urgent appeal for dorm parents voiced in *The Alliance Witness*, but because their children were too small, they were refused.

God then led Dave into a musical ministry and then into Christian Education.

Once again the Lord intertwined their lives and ministries with the Tompkins. Because of health problems the Tompkins returned to the homeland and served at Bradenton,

Florida. Dave was called there as the Christian Education Director. During this ministry God used a missionary message to remind Dave and Ida about their involvement in missions.

God granted their heart's desire. In January, they arrived in Indonesia to assume dorm parenting responsibilities at the Bandung Alliance School after six months of language study.

Their initiation to missionary life in Indonesia has been rougher than most new missionaries face. First, their son Scott departed for Dalat School one week after their arrival. Next, Cheri and Ida were hospitalized. Then a tornado flooded their home. In the midst of every trial Ida's response has been simple trust. "Above and beyond our own spiritual growth is the awareness that we're being prepared to identify more readily with missionaries and their children to whom we'll be ministering in the MK hostel."

We are thankful to the Lord for bringing these "ordinary people," the Elmers, to Indonesia. Please pray for them in their new responsibilities. †

Sharon Kendall, editor of the Pioneer, works with her husband Jim in the Kalam Hidup publication ministry.

Feeding Hungry Souls

Not often do missionaries arrive on the field with a head start in the new language, but such was the case with Rick and Cathy Byham. They quickly discovered that their family name translated literally meant "spinach," a popular item on the Indonesian daily menu. With a chuckle and raised eyebrow, they instantly tucked away one unforgettable word into their new vocabulary.

Rick and Cathy along with two-year-old Jason, arrived in Indonesia in March, 1984. Rick with his fun-loving, compassionate ways, and Cathy with her steady, sweet spirit quickly endeared themselves to our mission family. They came to us following three fulfilling years of ministry at Midway Alliance Church in Springfield, Pa.

Needless to say, service is first backed by training. Rick had studied for two years at West Virginia University, and then gained some practical experience working at a national iron works. These were difficult years for Rick as he searched to find meaning in life.

A Gideon New Testament was placed in his hands, and once or twice someone spoke to him of Jesus. In the wonder and greatness of God's love, Jesus came into his life as he searched the Scriptures.

Photo by Maureen Klassen



With purpose of heart Rick entered Nyack College where he studied for three years (1977-1979), graduating with his BS in Missions. From there it was an additional two years at the Alliance Theological Seminary where he gained his Masters of Professional Studies. Cathy, too, is highly qualified, having studied at Nyack College and graduating with a BS in nursing from Roberts Wesleyan College.

Rick smilingly says that during his early days as a Christian he was introduced to two good things at the same time: his lovely wife Cathy, and the Alliance church, both of which he says are "happy, lasting relationships!"

Cathy had the privilege of being reared in a Christian home and the fellowship of the First Alliance Church in Erie, Pa. Cathy and Rick first met at a hayride. Their interest grew through participation in a college and career Bible study. Eventually their lives were united before God on June 17, 1978. Their home was blessed with a son, Jason Richard, on February 1, 1982.

Prior to their coming to Indonesia, Jason frequently suffered with pneumonia and other respiratory ailments. It was discovered that an

essential blood protein which would combat these infections was missing. Their doctor advised not going to Indonesia unless good medical help was available. Rick and Cathy responded in dependency upon God, and much prayer was offered up for Jason. Later test results came back normal. How great is our God and greatly to be praised!

Within weeks they received word from Nyack headquarters to prepare for departure to Indonesia. The struggles were over; the fears for Jason's health banished. God would surely take care of him. Into the same sure hands of their Heavenly Father they have also committed little blue-eyed Jennifer Catherine, who came to join their family on September 28, 1984.

God has chosen the Byhams to help feed the starving multitudes of this great island world with His living, powerful, life-changing Word. Pray for them as they prepare for ministry among Java's teeming millions of spiritually hungry. †

Maureen Klassen, member of the Pioneer editorial staff, assists her husband Harold in the radio ministry.

In Memoriam

REV. RAYMOND RUSSELL RUCES 10/13/21 – 03/15/85

Rev. Raymond Rudes, better known as “Bud”, was called home to be with the Lord on March 15, 1985. Bud and his wife Ruth had just finished busy tours, visiting Christian and Missionary Alliance churches in Florida. Bud had taken his car to be serviced in a town near his home in Maryland. He died of a massive heart attack as he walked to do some shopping.

Bud and Ruth had just completed 35 years of missionary service in Indonesia with the C&MA. This ministry included language study followed by pioneering the interior Church in East Kalimantan. Then beginning in June of 1965 through to his retirement, Bud poured out his energies as the C&MA representative in the national church’s literature ministries: Kalam Hidup Publishers.

Bud was the first graduate to receive a master’s degree in Communications at the Wheaton Graduate School. Among some of his many projects, Bud founded a magazine for Indonesian pastors; supervised the selection of important books for translation, including Sunday School curriculum and a literacy program; represented and helped publish the *Living Bible* in the Indonesian language; initiated and sought funding for the “Pastors’ Libraries” project; and was instrumental in beginning several ongoing fellowships between Christian publishers and communicators in Indonesia. The list goes on and on! Bud was a visionary whom we truly miss.

Bud is survived by his wife Ruth, residing at 96 Mary Lou Court, Lothian, MD 20711, and by their daughter Debbie Haas. He was predeceased by their daughter Cindy on October 2, 1981.

Jim Kendall serves with his wife Sharon as Mission Liaison to Kalam Hidup Publishers in Bandung, West Java.

SUFFERING SERVANTS

*"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed."
(1 Peter 4:12,13 NIV)*

Christians are called to serve the Lord. As the Lord's servants in foreign lands, we missionaries enjoy much of God's goodness and mercy. We see God at work in dramatic ways in lives which He has changed.

Christians, however, are also called to suffer. Every follower of Christ has suffering to endure. No one is exempt. However, because missionaries do suffer in unique ways, we need your understanding prayer support.

SEPARATION FROM PARENTS

One obvious suffering is separation from family. Separation causes heartache. As parents of missionaries age, these heartaches

often increase. One missionary put it this way: "You know, my first few terms overseas, I needed my parents. Their letters comforted, encouraged, and sustained me. Now that they are older, they need me to comfort, encourage, and sustain them."

Because missionaries suffer in unique ways, we need your understanding prayer support.

To realize that our parents need us and to know that we cannot go to them is, indeed, suffering.

A MOTHER'S LONGINGS

Separation from our children also causes suffering. We are so grateful to our MK schools where our children receive an excellent education with advantages that we parents could not provide. Yes, perhaps we miss seeing that first tooth come out or the children's progress in school as they master math facts and reading. We miss the struggles of writing that important speech, cheering them as they kick the winning goal, or having our eyes meet during their first choir concert.

But we know children need the social interaction of a larger peer group than the immediate family. The children's extended school family is precious to them, and the scope of their education is much broader. Realizing this, our suffering is tempered.

We do hurt when our children are sick or struggling with personal problems. But through the elementary and high school years at least we do have loving, touching, sharing, and talking times every four months as they vacation with us.

The college years are different, however, for our children return to the homeland without us. There they are separated from much that is familiar to them. They struggle alone through the disciplines of

college and make decisions on a career and a life partner. We may not see them for two, three, or four years. Sometimes we receive word that they are very ill, or are struggling emotionally, spiritually, or

The children's extended school family is precious to them, and the scope of their education is much broader.

financially. This is a time of suffering for us, of recommitting our children into the hands of a loving God.

MEDICAL UNCERTAINTIES

Medical problems are another type of suffering. Because our immunity is not built up, we often are plagued by such tropical diseases as dysentery, hepatitis, and unusual fevers — typhoid, malaria, and dengue. Medical facilities in a Third World nation are not as modern as in the homeland. When an illness lingers, when an accident occurs, or when surgery is necessary, we face hard decisions. *Do we stay or go to another country for treatment? How upsetting will such a move be to our families and ministries? What about the expense?*

Occasionally a chronic illness develops and missionary may be advised by doctors to remain in the homeland where treatment is readily accessible. Yet for some, the burden of the ministry compels the missionary to return to his field.

"EAST IS EAST . . ."

Another area of suffering that missionaries face is that of cultural conflicts and misunderstandings. No matter how strong our desire is to love our national brothers and sisters and to work with them, we are different in many areas: our outlook on life, our reactions to problems, our experiences, our education. Differences arise. There

Missionaries also face cultural conflicts and misunderstandings.

is tension, sometimes even broken fellowship. Often the giving and taking process hurts.

PREVALENCE OF POVERTY

Finally, because we live and work in a Third World country, we are daily confronted by poverty.

The needs around us are tremendous. They press us and depress us. Knowing how to share what we have, how to adjust our life style, when to give and to what extent causes much emotional suffering.

NEEDED: INTERCESSORS

Missionary suffering is, however, often God's refining fire for His servants. The process is not easy, but it is a necessary one. You can intercede to our Father so that we will be able by His strength to pass victoriously through these tests.

Some of you have become very special intercessors with whom we can be totally honest in sharing our needs. You have a thorough grasp of our work and the situation in which God has placed us. You know exactly how to hold us up in prayer. We praise God for you. You have gone through many of our refining fires with us and then have rejoiced in our victories.

Friends, pray for us so that we will keep on rejoicing as we share in the sufferings of Christ. †

Beth Drummond, MK and mother of four MKs, ministers in Surabaya, East Java, with her husband Rick, Rick presently is the co-ordinator of the Java 500 program.

PERISHING SOULS DO NOT WAIT

The thermometer read 96 degrees. An oscillating fan hanging from the ceiling thumped to an annoying rhythm, laboring to circulate the muggy air which seemed to lie on me like a blanket. Our dean had called a faculty meeting for the end of another long day of teaching. I hardly noticed as colleagues trickled into the room, one by one, hot and weary. Staring out the window to the street beyond, I felt my mind began to drift to another place, another time.

NOVEMBER, 1981 – JUST
THREE YEARS BEFORE

God was giving my wife and me the privilege of serving a fine

church in the homeland. We had learned much, yet we realized there would be new, exciting lessons just over the horizon. We were happy as God was blessing our ministry, and the people had begun to expect and appreciate our leadership.

As Thanksgiving approached, everyone in our church knew Missionary Convention was just around the corner. We determined that Convention '81 was to be special. We prepared our hearts, planned programs, preached the missionary message, and prayed for eternal results. We were certain God would answer; and, He did – but not as we expected.

NOVEMBER, 1982

We said good-bye to this beloved congregation. We agreed together with them that God had answered our prayer during that Convention a year before. My wife, our two small children, and I climbed aboard the huge 'bird' that would carry us to Indonesia. We brought along suitcases, handbags, barrels, crates, and a vision. That vision was to prepare and train men and women to effectively serve Christ and His Church among Indonesia's lost millions.

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Two years and many trials have come and gone. I was jolted from my daydreaming by the dean's voice calling our meeting to order. "We have gathered," he began, "to discuss next semester's teaching assignments." He proceeded down the list as we each pondered our new challenges. Finally, the discussion reached my name. Listed were such heavy courses as Contemporary Theology; Ethics, and Advanced Pastoral Methods.

ME? I must teach *those* courses? Would I be adequate to rise to the challenge of teaching these subjects in my newly-acquired though limited fluency in Indonesian? Nevertheless the need was there. I would just have to lean harder on the Master Teacher's promised enablement.

It was a long meeting. As the afternoon shadows lengthened and night fell, we wearily adjourned. I turned back to the window. The street was still busy with people. Across the way were several men sitting in their three-wheeled bicycle taxis exchanging laughs. A little girl was playing at the edge of the street with her baby brother. Vendors and shopkeepers were busy tending and selling their wares as usual. The continual flow of cars, trucks, and motorcycles rushed by.

Those people desperately needed the Good News that Jesus had come. Some had never yet heard that Christ saves. Some were resistant to His love. None of them were aware of our meeting that night just fifty feet from where they stood. Our job would be to train ambassadors of reconciliation to reach them.

The lights were switched off. I walked out of the room into the darkness. The need felt staggering, the task overwhelming. My inadequacy seemed so great, my inexperience so obvious.

I needed time to learn, to grow.
BUT THERE WAS NO TIME.
Perishing souls do not wait! Lord,
You must lead the way. †

Rick Sessoms, serving his first term, ministers with his wife Tina at the Jaffray School of Theology in Ujung Pandang, Sulawesi.

Java 500 Update

In 1978 the C&MA mission and the Indonesian national church set a mutual goal of establishing 500 churches on Java by 1990. This is "Java 500" The latest count shows that 90 congregations are now meeting. 410 more churches need to be formed in the next 5-½ years.

The most crucial need now is for more workers. The Java church is not yet producing its own pastors. Men and women from other islands are serving as missionaries, pastors, and evangelists in Java, but many more are needed.

The Simpson Theological School in Semarang, Central Java, is training future church leaders. The school has purchased property for its campus and plans to begin building soon.

The Java Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program recently became part of the Simpson Theological School. Presently 150 lay men and women are studying TEE courses in centers throughout Java, vastly increasing the number of potential workers so desperately needed.

Java's 90 million people represent an enormous challenge. Thank you for your participation in prayer and giving to see these churches planted. With your help, we can reach this goal.

PROJECTS

Special Field Needs

<i>Education</i>	\$ 100,000	Java Bible School	
	1,500	Regional Bible School library books	
	5,000	Makale Bible School building program	
	16,000	Immanuel Theological School	
		Two dorms and one classroom	\$ 15,000
		Wiring	1,000
	113,500	Jaffray School of Theology	
		Teachers' residences	\$ 100,000
		Java evangelistic outreach	10,000
		Office/Classroom furniture	2,500
		Graduate School library books	1,000

	5,000	Graduate scholarship for church leaders	
	2,500	Tractor for East Indonesia Evangelism	
<i>Vehicles</i>	9,000	D. Beack	
	10,000	R. Byham	
	9,000	G. Fairchild	
	9,500	C. Hendrickson	
	5,000	Vehicle for M.K. Hostel	
<i>Literature</i>	10,000	Printing T.E.E. texts	
	10,000	Pastors' Libraries (\$ 75 x 133 libraries)	
	122,500	Kalam Hidup Publishers	
		New bookstores	\$ 100,000
		Computer	15,000
		Publishing new books	5,000
		Correspondence Course	2,500
<i>Church</i>	20,000	West Java Youth Campground	
<i>Planting/</i>	20,000	Yogyakarta church building	
<i>Evangelism</i>	400,000	Good News for Great Cities - Java 500	
	500	All-Java Youth Retreat	
	2,500	Films for East Indonesia Evangelism	
<i>General</i>	2,000	MAF Flying Program	
	1,000	West Kalimantan 50th Anniversary Celebration	
	12,500	Radio Studio	
	5,000	Daily nationwide radio broadcasts	
	7,500	Computer for radio department	
	6,000	Bandung Alliance School	
		Additional band instruments	\$ 3,000
		Photocopy Machine	3,000

Those interested in giving toward these needs or to the General Fund may send gifts to:

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Attention: Treasurer

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The Potter's

Triumph

by Lelia Lewis



Broken, ugly, scarred
Vessels of beauty marred
By the Destroyer
Vengeful, vile,
Full of glee
That he
Had foiled the Potter's plan.
What good now these scattered shards,
Cast off humanity?
The Destroyer had played his cards,
And demons danced in hell.

Mended, graceful, whole,
Vessels of beauty, restored
By the Potter,
Just and good,
Love's alchemy,
A Tree,
Spoiled the Destroyer's hand,
Chosen vessels, bearing His Name,
Redeemed humanity.
The Potter's move had won the game,
And in heaven angels sang.

Lelia Lewis, veteran missionary since 1953, serves with her husband Rodger on Bali.

NEWS FOR

Prayers P

East Kalimantan — Ken and Wilma Rigenbach request prayer:

“We badly need a revival in our churches. Many members do not have the assurance of salvation. Also, pray that believers will practice Christian family principles.”

West Kalimantan — Vonnie Morscheck shares:

“Many villages in West Kalimantan are asking for a gospel witness. Pray for the workers needed to enter these open doors.

Pray, too, for funds to complete the church building and dormitory in Pontianak, where hundreds of young people from interior churches continue their education.”

Java 500 — Coordinator Rick Drummond requests prayer:

“Our most crucial need is for more workers. Java is a young church presently needing help from other islands. Pray for national missionaries who sacrifice much in moving to Java from other islands to serve the Lord.”

“Pray, too, for students in Simpson Theological School and in TEE that they might finish their studies and become church workers.”

Throughout Indonesia come ship and faithful, godly pastors. Education by Extension (TEE) New areas are being evangelized. The “Wings of Love” ministry must be upheld for safety and efficacy. In addition, the Indonesia C believe God in these specific needs.

Jakarta headquarters —

Pray for the newly-elected Chairman and IMBO director. Pray, too, for visas for new personnel.

Bandung Alliance School — Principal Alex Valley shares these needs:

“Pray for the health and safety of the students and staff as they travel many miles each school year.

“Also pray for the new hostel parents who provide a home-away-from-home for our missionaries’ children.”

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Radio — Harold and Maureen Klassen ask prayer for:

“the production of materials

Partners

*the cry for Spirit-filled leadership
both Bible schools and Theological
programs train new workers.
and new believers need discipling.
of Mission Aviation Fellowship
effectiveness.*

C&MA Mission would like you to

geared to meet the needs of radio
listeners;

“clear program reception so the
Word of God might reach into lives
unhindered.”

Youth ministries — Gordon and
Pat Swenson begin a new ministry:

“Pray for the training of at least
five district youth workers and for
the development of youth
materials.”

Kalam Hidup Publishers — Jim and
Sharon Kendall share:

“Pray for guidance in knowing
what Christian books are needed
by the Indonesian community.

“Pray for Kalam Hidup as they
develop publishing leadership.”

EAST INDONESIA

Timor — Dick and Pam Lawson
share these requests:

“The church is poor. Pastors
are left to exist on next to nothing.
Pray that church members will be
burdened and enabled to give.

“Pray that tribal tensions within
the church will dissolve in the
love of Christ.”

Toraja — Millie Ade reports:

“The Torajan C&MA will
celebrate their 50th Anniversary
July 4, 1986. Pray for renewed
vision and dedication.”

Bali — Rodger and Lelia Lewis
request prayer:

“The C&MA is the only Prot-
estant mission working in Lombok
and Sumbawa: population two mil-
lion. Pray for property for a church
building in Dompu, capital of
Central Sumbawa.

“Many years ago an entire
congregation from Nusa Penida, an
island of 45,000 Hindus south of
Bali, migrated to Sumatra. Now,
one Christian family has returned.
Pray for them as they witness to
their neighbors.”

Jaffray School of Theology —
Geoff and Dee Bennett share:

“Please pray for spiritual renew-
al on campus.”

“Pray, too, for the director,
Mr. Anggu, who is finishing studies
at Fuller Seminary and for Mr.
Urbanus Selan, who is acting
director.”



EAST KALIMANTAN (from left to right) Rita & Eric Michael (Long Bia); Judy Teeter (Long Bia); Frank & Marle Peters (Long Bia); Ken & Carolyn Van Kurin (Samarinda), absent from photo.

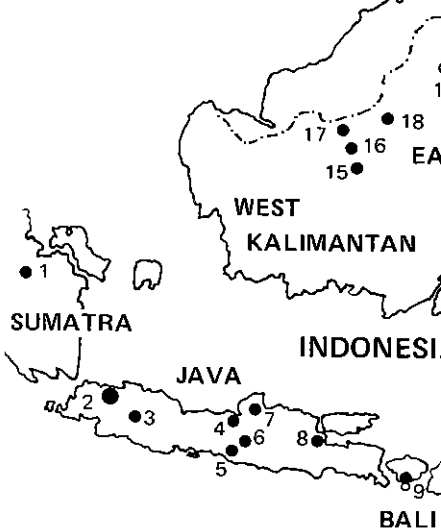


WEST KALIMANTAN
Dudley & Nancy Bolser (Balal Sepuak); Mike & Maureen Roark (Ambalau); Bill & Janet Kuhns (Kelansam); Vonnie Morscheck (Kelansam); Elsie Douglas (Nanga Pinoh); Lela Pierce (Kelansam); Merie Douglas, absent from photo.



JAVA-SUMATRA
Carlos & Luz Christobal (Palembang); Gary & Connie Fairchild (Yogyakarta); Wally & Bev Albrecht (Solo); David & Nadine Brandon (Surabaya); Rick & Cathy Byham (Pati); Anne & George Hobbs (Semarang); Judy Gaskin (Jakarta); Rick & Beth Drummond (Surabaya); Ivan & Bernice Lay (Semarang); David & Valerie Beack and Larry & Carol Fish, furlough.

Indonesia

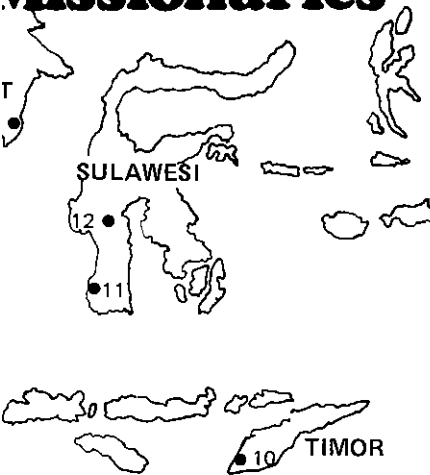


Sumatra — (1) Palembang; Java — (2) Jakarta, (6) Solo, (7) Pati, (8) Surabaya; East Java — (9) Malang; Sulawesi — (11) Ujung Pandang, (12) Makassar; West Kal — (15) Nanga Pinoh, (16) Samarinda



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BANDUNG ALLIANCE SCHOOL
Marty Tomlinson; Alex Valley; Sue Meahow; Dave & Ida Elmer, Michael & Kathleen Milligan, absent from photo, Lorna Munroe & Peg Leffler, furlough.



SPECIAL MINISTRIES
Harold & Maureen Klassen (Radio-Bandung); Gordon & Pat Swenson (Youth-Jakarta); Jim & Sharon Kendall (Publications-Bandung).



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Ken & Wilma
Office). Gunther &
furlough.



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