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EDITORIAL

Most of us at some time or another have longed to be transformed. Though we may try our utmost, our efforts are disappointing. However, with Christ true transformation does occur. We are made new creatures.

This issue of *The Pioneer* focuses on some lives transformed by Christ: a murderer, a sorcerer's grandson, a witchdoctor's wife, and a pedicab driver. You'll also meet four new missionary families and a courageous missionary to Vietnam who was transplanted to Indonesia.

The purpose of *The Pioneer* is to enlighten you and encourage you to pray and give more effectively. Articles share specific prayer requests and projects you can become involved in.

Our desire is that you will share our burden in transforming lives.

Sharon Kendall, editor

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A Murderer Transformed

The hatred brewed. Percolating through the ugliness emerged a devilish scheme. Dare he? What was there to lose? What did it matter that he was a prominent businessman when his inner life was one of constant turmoil? Love and trust had been broken. In their place were jealousy, mistrust, and anger. Paul's wife had transgressed against him and he against her. Their home was a disaster.

The plan gradually took shape. He would dispose of his wife. A gang could do the job! Money was not a problem.

Arrangements were made. Then the horror of his intent gripped his soul. In desperation he tried to call off the whole wild idea. However, there was no stopping. The gang wanted their money, and they would do the job.

Paul paid them to forget the plan, but the lust of money brought the gang back time and time again. The blackmail continued. Pushed to his limit, Paul informed them that there would be no more

money. Consequently, they murdered her in revenge.

Paul and the gang were arrested. A dark, bleak prison cell became his quarters. Into that dismal, hopeless setting came Jesus.

Concerned friends sent Paul a Bible. He decided to read it, searching for its faults. However, rather than finding errors, he was drawn

The blackmail continued.

to its message, especially the book of Job. Job's powerful example of a man who had lost everything but still trusted God convinced Paul to commit his life to Christ.

Jesus transformed Paul's degenerate heart. Now it became a dwelling place for Himself. Soon afterward Paul discovered the "Dawn of Hope" radio broadcasts. The uplifting words of Scriptures through these programs comforted

PROFILE

him. Paul tuned in daily. His faith matured as he studied the Word of God.

Currently Paul daily listens to three hours of Christian radio programs. He continues to study God's Word and plays a leading role in the prison fellowship of about 20 men.

Paul had lost everything . . . wife, family, friends, business, and reputation. In their place he found true forgiveness and newness of life in the Lord Jesus. Though previously enslaved by his own explosive passions, Paul has experienced the liberating and regenerating power of the gospel.

Pray for Paul in the months ahead as he is released from prison and makes a new life for himself and his three sons.

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Photo by Mike Roark

Maureen Roark smiles broadly because Mayang, her housegirl, now belongs to Christ.

Maureen Klassen serves with her husband Harold in the Dawn of Hope radio ministry in Bandung, Java. They are third-term missionaries.

KEY TO A HUNDRED HEARTS

She came to us with eyes downcast, shoulders bent, voice trembling. Accompanied by a friend, she hesitantly asked for work in our home.

*Your head is high now,
Mayang. You belong to Jesus.*

Two weeks earlier my house-girl had left. I was exhausted by countless household chores. Assisting my husband Mike in church-planting in the jungles of Nanga Ambalau, West Kalimantan, further

depleted my energies. This new girl didn't look promising, but we had prayed for just the right replacement. Before she left our home, I asked her name. With lowered head she answered softly, "Mayang."

"Oh, Mayang, so much has happened in your life since that first day. You and your friend Lenggang were anxious to study about Jesus. Before long, her husband also expressed a desire to learn. In fact, he wanted his whole village to hear about Jesus. You were the key to a hundred hearts, for almost every villager is His now. Some new converts have already died, but there have been none of the traditional drums, no wailing, no fear of the spirits or the unknown.

"Your oldest boy Jaisah believes now. How radiant his smile is! He loves to sing; and, in the evenings around your little candle, you often praise the Lord together. In his own way Jaisah is already leading your other children to Jesus.

"Mayang, your little ones are so beautiful. Surely your husband sees what a blessing you and your children have become. We pray that one day he will leave behind his life as a witchdoctor and follow Christ, too.

"Your life has been so difficult. Your husband is over 70 and you are only 27. You have had three former husbands and other children. Now you've found the Lord. You need nothing more.

"Your head is high now, Mayang. You know you belong to Jesus. He will carry you through. He will always be there, as you clear the rice fields, gather firewood, and search for leaves to cook. Jesus will help you lead your children in His way, and live with a husband who does not yet know Him."

During their first term in Indonesia, Mike and Maureen Roark have seen many similar conversions in the Ambalau region of West Kalimantan.

Unwavering Commitment

Although ready for retirement, Helen Evans maneuvers her four-wheeled drive Land Rover with a practiced, steady hand across the rugged Torajan terrain. Southern Sulawesi is her adopted land. Helen loves these Indonesian people dearly, having spent the last eight years ministering to them. Her gracious smile and boundless energy have endeared her to the Torajan people. Retirement now is difficult,

studio photo



As Helen Evans retires she leaves behind transformed lives in Vietnam and Indonesia

but her commitment penned 38 years ago in the flyleaf of her Bible still holds true:

*Use me as Thou wilt; send me
where Thou wilt; work out
Thy whole will in my life at
any cost, now and forever.*

The majestic countryside flashes by as Helen drives. Terraced rice paddies cover the deep ravines. Subterranean passageways riddle the mountains.

High in the cliffs, coffins are stored. Much of the Torajan culture is built around elaborate burial ceremonies. The remains of animists are traditionally buried in red coffins. Today, however, the bodies

of Christians await the resurrection in black coffins decorated with crosses, and Helen rejoices at the thought.

Makale Bible School students claim much of Helen's daily energies, inside the classroom and out. She wisely consels from God's Word. As school librarian, Helen has introduced many to the joy of reading. The library has tripled

Memories of Vietnam frequently crowd her thoughts... wild helicopter rides, leech infested jungles, a Koho Bible.

its number of volumes. She has encouraged colporteur distribution of Christian books to provide funds for student pastors to build their own libraries.

Helen's efforts also reach out into the community. An intelligent neighborhood boy now speaks clearly, his cleft palate repaired, thanks to her diligent search for necessary funding. Co-workers have been encouraged and strengthened by special acts of friendship.

Memories of Vietnam frequently crowd her thoughts. Twenty-three

years in that war-torn country have left a deep love for the Koho tribespeople to whom she ministered. Helen will always remember wild helicopter rides across battle fronts, evangelistic treks through leech-infested jungles, and the thrilling dedication of the first Koho missionaries to other tribes. But most precious of all is the certain knowledge that the Koho Church has its own Bible. Working on that translation committee has provided eternal rewards for Helen.

Helen furloughed in July 1974. Nine months later South Vietnam fell to the Communist North. The door of ministry to the Koho slammed shut! The uprooting was painful. But God had a new place, a new language, and a new ministry for Helen in Makale.

Her resilience and flexibility provide a challenging example to all who claim God's faithfulness in the midst of life's uncertainties. Lord, give us all such an unwavering commitment!

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Mildred Ade, former missionary to Vietnam, has served two terms at the Makale Bible School with Helen Evans.

Martha Tomlinson teaches at the Bandung Alliance School where she has completed two years of service.

New TEAM Members



photo by Jim Ken

After three terms of missionary service, one on-loan to the C&MA, Larry and Carol Fish have returned to Indonesia as C&MA missionaries. We welcome this gifted and experienced couple.

Larry grew up in a Christian home and regularly attended church services. However, it wasn't until he was 11 years old that he realized he was a sinner. At a country revival meeting he knelt at the altar and accepted Christ.

His life's ambition was to study at Tennessee State University so he could work in the atomic energy plant near his home in Johnson City, Tennessee. During his first year at college he met Carol, a pretty coed.

When Carol was three, her mother died. Until her father remarried, she was reared by her paternal grandmother. A favorite pastime in this non-Christian home was listening to the radio. Though only six, Carol heard a Christian broadcast, was convicted of sin, and accepted Christ's forgiveness.

A few years later at a summer camp, she sensed God's call on her life for missionary service. Child Evangelism Fellowship training classes later equipped Carol to teach Good News Clubs, where she led many to Christ. Because of her consistent witness, many of her high school classmates were saved.

While reading *Shadow of the Almighty*, Larry was profoundly influenced by Jim Elliot's statement, "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." As a result he

personally committed his life to follow Christ regardless of the cost.

Together Larry and Carol enrolled at Columbia Bible College. After marriage and graduation, they pastored a rural church in Kentucky. "In all our years on the mission field I have never lived

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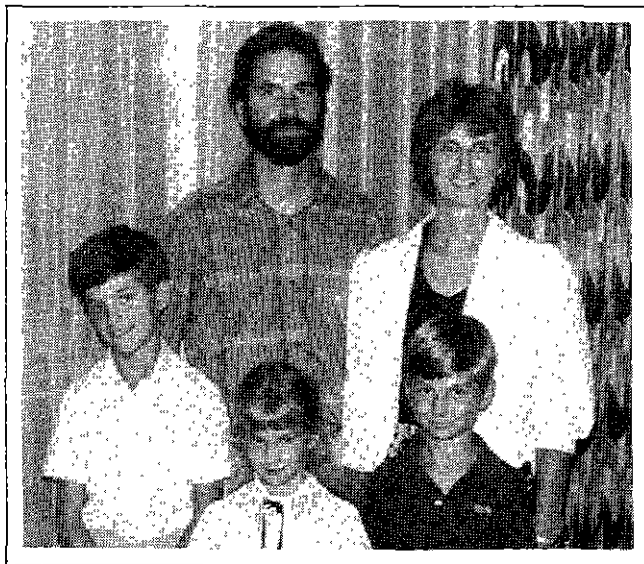
under such primitive conditions as I did during that pastorate," Carol admits.

Accepted by TEAM mission, they planned to serve in Irian Jaya. However, because of visa delays, they were sent to Trinidad. There they planted churches among the Indians and Negroes, and also trained church leaders.

Four years later, they received their Indonesian visas and returned to the States to gather their outfit. By this time they had two daughters, Laura and Debbie. Debbie had been born with a defect in her kidneys which caused frequent, painful infections. When the TEAM medical authority learned of Debbie's illness, he canceled their appointment to Irian

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Ellensburg Envoys



studio photo

Just five days after their arrival in Indonesia, still battling jet lag, our new teaching couple, Mike and Kathie Milligan, assumed their classroom responsibilities. Since that time they have performed their daily tasks with zest. They have quickly won a warm spot in their newly-adopted mission family.

Mike and Kathie met through Young Life Club, where Kathie was a leader. After spending much

time together planning, praying, and fellowshipping, they realized they wanted their personal relationship to continue. Shortly afterward they were married. Mike pursued his teaching career, and Kathie directed a church-sponsored pre-school.

Very active in the Ellensburg (Washington) C&MA Church, Mike and Kathie prayed for many years about becoming more directly

involved in missions. It was in February 1985 that Mike first heard of the need for teachers of missionaries' children. Three months later they received their acceptance to teach at the Bandung Alliance School, Indonesia.

They have already faced many adjustments. Just recently Mike received a new Japanese student into his class of 18 second and third graders. Typical of his good humor, he laughingly wondered if the principal felt he needed the additional challenge of a non-English-speaking student so life would not become too routine!

Mike is a keen professional, well-versed in computers, and has a warm love for children. He teaches unique science lessons in which children "act out" the problems of environmental concerns. As a result of his direction in physical education, the children created and performed to music new rope-skipping routines. These and other innovations have been enthusiastically received. Mike is deeply committed to all he does.

His blond, blue-eyed wife Kathie brings joy and sensitivity to all aspects of her work. Besides teaching morning kindergarten to daughter Anna, Kathie oversees the school library and teaches fourth grade each afternoon. Her work is always done with a desire to

blend quality learning with rich creative enjoyment. She is an initiator. The school garage has become an arts and crafts center largely due to her vision.

Kathie is unusually warm and personally concerned for her students. Within a few weeks of her arrival, she led a fourth grade day student to the Lord. She also greatly encourages her co-workers when the going gets rough.

Mike and Kathie with their three children, Matthew age 10, Peter age 8, and Anna age 6, have quickly adapted to life in Indonesia. This dedicated couple fully realize the importance of their part in the mission family. Only when our missionary parents are convinced of competent provision for their children's education can they concentrate on the task of the evangelization of this great island world. Do pray for the Milligans.

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

Bev Albrecht and her husband Wally have been involved in Java 500 evangelism throughout their first term in Indonesia. She has also served on The Pioneer editorial staff this year.

Welcome to the family

photo by Jim Kendall



When Tom and Barbara Lynne Mangham with Kelly, T.G., and Kara in tow, stepped off the airplane onto the Bandung tarmac, they heard special music! A group of MKs ("Missionary Kids") were singing, "Welcome to the Family, we're glad that you have come." They held a banner: "Welcome to Bandung. We love you."

Tom had always looked forward to beginning his missionary career. He was born in Vietnam where his parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. Grady Mangham, Jr., ministered for 20 years. Tom returned with his family to Nyack, NY, when he was 12 years old. Memories of his parents' ministries in Vietnam and knowledge of God's desire for eternal life

for all of mankind guarded his career goal of serving as a missionary himself.

When his maternal grandfather, Rev. George Braden, showed signs of senility, Tom helped relatives sort and pack his grandfather's possessions, preparing for his move to Nyack with Tom's family. The young man watched as a lifetime of mementoes was discarded. He saw Grandfather Braden left with nothing but 44 years of faithful service to God in the Arab Lands. Those eternal treasures could not be taken from him. Because of his grandfather's example, Tom also longed for a lifetime of service to God.

Barbara Lynne is also an MK. She was only two years old when her parents, Sam and Marianna Wilson, went to Peru, South America. Both her father and mother taught her rich principles of life from Scriptures. They also instilled in her an awareness of the privileges of being an MK.

After 10 years in Peru, the Wilson family returned to America. Dr. Wilson later became the head of the Missions Department at Nyack College and taught at the Alliance Theological School in Nyack, NY.

As a young girl Barbara Lynne sensed God's call upon her life. However, it wasn't until her second

year at Nyack College that she finalized her commitment to foreign service. A visiting missionary challenged the students: "Why not plan on being a missionary, and go in that direction, until God shuts the door?"

Barbara Lynne and Tom met at Nyack College. They were married in 1977. Since that time Tom has served as youth pastor in the Omaha (Nebraska) Gospel Tabernacle as well as pastor of the Alliance Church in Port Chester, New York.

In 1984 the Manghams were appointed as C&MA missionaries to Indonesia. Two years later, their visas were finally granted. Now Tom and Barbara Lynne with their children - Kelly, 6; T.G. (Thomas Grady Mangham, IV), 4; and Kara, 2 - tackle the challenges of life in Indonesia.

Tom and Barbara Lynne's rich missionary background has drawn them to foreign service. May this heritage continue for many years to come.

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Connie Fairchild is especially glad that the Manghams have arrived because Tom is her brother! The Fairchilds are in their third term as church planters in Java.

God's Relentless Pursuit

photo by Jim Kendall



“Mother and Dad, may I pack my suitcase and go to Irian Jaya with the missionary?” Eight-year old Elaine’s request at first shocked her parents. Upon reflection, this shock gave in to a commitment to see the Lord’s purposes accomplished in their daughter’s life.

During her teen years, Elaine wondered about God’s earlier call in her life: “Was that just a childish whim?” Again God spoke to Elaine at a missionary convention. This time His answer came through Vietnam missionary Charles Long – “Keep on going until God shuts the door!”

With this in mind Elaine went to St. Paul Bible College for two years and then to Mansfield Gen-

eral Hospital School of Nursing in Mansfield, Ohio. In her senior year she was chosen class president. Because of administrative problems, it was a turbulent year for the school, particularly for its senior class. During this difficult time Elaine provided the leadership that bound her class together.

However, the pressure took its toll. Elaine grew bitter about those experiences. Although she still faithfully attended church, she rebelled inwardly and refused to re-enter St. Paul Bible College to complete her missionary training. During missionary conventions she heard the Lord say, "Who shut the door, Elaine?" She tried not to listen, but God continued to gently woo her.

A few years passed. While on a Florida vacation with her father, Elaine was suddenly the brunt of an elderly friend's rage. His behavior was so bizarre that Elaine was stunned. Crying for hours after the incident, her hardened heart was at last broken. God spoke, "Elaine, you'll be guilty of similar behavior in the future if you hold on to your bitterness. This is your last chance. Give me your hatred, Elaine, or I'll put you on the shelf for good." At that moment she yielded to God.

Soon afterward she returned to St. Paul Bible College. There she

was also encouraged to complete her master's degree in Christian Education at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY. Her home service was in Norwin Alliance Church, North Huntingdon, PA. "It was there I learned that programs and plans will fade away. What counts is what is invested in people's lives."

"God seems to guide me by shutting all doors except for one," Elaine laughs. "That way I know what is right." This was His direction during her 21 months' wait for an Indonesian visa. Because the prospect of getting a visa seemed slim, she was finally sent to the Philippines. "I was willing to go there, but somehow I felt the door to Indonesia wasn't completely shut." Two weeks later she was informed that her Indonesian visa was being processed.

Elaine arrived in Indonesia six months later. God had opened the door! "I sense a rest in my spirit that I'm finally at the place where God wants me. It's good to be home!"

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Sharon Kendall, editor of The Pioneer, serves with her husband Jim in the Kalam Hidup publication ministry in Bandung, Java. They are in their third term of missionary service.



photo by George Hobbs

CONSTITUTION UNDER

Everyone who sees it agrees that the location is a quiet area close to the main highway in Louisville, Kentucky, conducive to study. The building is to be in its new facilities by August 1968. The school is using national funds to finish the first phase.

Eston from East Kalimantan, a teacher at Simpson Theological School, leads the congregational singing during ceremonies for laying the foundation.



Students busily prepare for and happily

CONSTRUCTION CORNERSTONE

is an ideal site for a campus! Six acres and bus route into Semarang provide a 1985 Annual C&MA Council at Louisville 1985 toward construction of Simpson now underway. The school is hoping to but there is still a great need for additional of the building program.



photo by Wallv Albrecht

anticipate a fruitful ministry upon graduation.



photo by Kembong

Lisias Hasiel, the dean of STS, takes his turn at helping to lay the important cornerstone



photo by Bernie Lay

DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING?

Missionary Ivan Lay had the joy of baptizing Slamet just one year before Slamet's tragic death

Pedaling his three-wheeled pedicab along the streets of Cilacap, Central Java, Slamet Riyadi wiped his brow. "Will I ever find the peace and assurance of heart that I yearn for?" he wondered. "My religion does not satisfy my longings."

One day Slamet was attracted to a small Kemah Injil (C&MA) church and heard the gospel message for the first time. The following testimony accompanied his application to Simpson Theological School in Semarang, Central Java:

*On July 10, 1984, at 8:00
I met with Pastor Lendung,
and he showed me the way*

*of salvation that comes
through Jesus Christ. At that
moment I knew I was a sinner
and needed to be saved.
At exactly 9:00 I believed
and received Jesus as my
personal Savior. After that I
rejoiced because now I had
the assurance that I was ready
for heaven.*

Slamet's Islamic wife and family were very much opposed to his new faith in Christ. However, he entered Bible school with an intense desire to serve Jesus, seeking opportunities to witness for Him.

After his first year in school, Slamet went home for the summer break. His family and in-laws opposed his faith so much that he returned to the Bible school for the remainder of the vacation. God used him effectively in Sunday School ministries as well as village and hospital visitation.

In August Slamet began his second school term. Two weeks later he returned to his home village to bring his wife back with him and to check on his support money. His wife had become a Christian through Slamet's witness and now

His Islamic parents had no idea what a Christian funeral was, but they knew their son would want one.

was ready to join him. He borrowed a bicycle and pedaled a fair distance to visit the pastor of his supporting church. His mission accomplished, he set out late that afternoon to return home. A gentle trickle of rain soon became a heavy, tropical downpour.

It was dusk. Slamet had been pedaling for half an hour. The car ahead of him stopped suddenly.

Passing it, he did not see an approaching car and ran head-on into it. He was flung over his bike and dashed to the pavement. Instantly killed, he was ushered into the presence of Jesus.

News of his death reached the campus at midnight. Early the next morning a carload from the Bible school drove four hours to reach Slamet's village. His Islamic parents had no idea what a Christian funeral was, but they knew their son would want one.

The school director and the pastor of Slamet's church officiated at the service. His family and hundreds of villagers heard about Christ's salvation that day - many for the first time. Perhaps through the impact of Slamet's testimony, his death could accomplish more than his life.

(Editor's note: The staff and students at Simpson Theological School continue to pray for the salvation of Slamet's family. Will you pray, too?)

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Bernie Lay and her husband Ivan have had a versatile ministry since their arrival in 1952. Currently, they teach at the Simpson Theological School in Semarang, Central Java

Equipped for Service

We have a friend whose joyful countenance brings smiles to our faces. You would agree that this is a man at peace with God. However, it has not always been that way.

The seventh child of a poor farmer in Central Java, Supardjo was born in 1949. His parents followed the ancient Javanese belief system.

In 1967 Supardjo graduated from a technical school. He hoped to further his education, but his parents were unable to help him financially. Neither part-time work nor scholarships were available. His only recourse was to find full-time employment.

After several months of unsuccessful job hunting, he traveled

to Surabaya, East Java. There he was finally hired as a civilian office worker at a large military compound. Even with this regular employment, he was not content. He tried to find happiness in various forms of entertainment.

In 1970 he attended a church and an evening Bible school, hoping

Receiving no financial help from those he serves, Supardjo looks to the Lord as his Provider.

to find fulfillment. Though Supardjo was attracted to a young woman, he insisted she become a Christian before they married. Meanwhile, he himself lacked peace and contentment.

In November 1975, Supardjo met Mardjono, a very active lay Christian. Mardjono invited him to the first C&MA-related church in Surabaya. Together they faithfully studied the Word of God. During this time Supardjo accepted Christ as his Savior. In 1979 he became an active member of this church and began to study lay ministry courses through Theological Education by Extension (TEE).

After completing several TEE courses, Supardjo ministered at a small preaching center in the Karang Rejo section of Surabaya. There he visited and witnessed to unbelievers who expressed an interest in the Gospel.

As with so many Indonesians, Supardjo's monthly earnings are very low. He can't afford to ride public transportation. After an eight-hour day at the office, regardless of torrential downpours, flooding, or merciless heat, Supardjo pedals his bicycle 45 minutes to Karang Rejo. Though he receives no financial assistance from these people, he joyfully serves the Lord. His quiet, steady smile remains.

Supardjo's family, too, reflect God's peace and contentment. His wife leads a daily Bible study in their home. Their little daughters, ages three and five, love Jesus. Their sweet voices regularly ring out praises to Christ, testifying to their neighborhood. When the girls feel they need something,

Unable to afford public transportation, he pedals his bicycle to TEE classes.

they ask Jesus first and keep reminding Him until their requests are met.

Jesus has given to Supardjo a life full of meaning and purpose. Because of his training through TEE, he is now being used to bring meaning and purpose to the lives of many others.

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The Drummonds, former missionaries to Vietnam, are now serving in Java. They are involved in church planting and TEE ministries.

From Sorcerer's Apprentice to Bible Teacher



photo by Eric Michael

Rev. Tusau Bilung, the head of Long Bia Bible School, with his wife and family

I was reared in a pagan family in the interior village of Long Nawang, East Kalimantan. My grandfather was a sorcerer. As a boy, I happily imitated him in animistic ceremonies.

My parents and many relatives became Christians in 1949 when I was living with Grandfather. He strictly forbade my conversion while I lived under his roof.

Several years later, in a church service, I felt the evil of my past for the first time. Though no invitation was given, I remember committing my life to Christ.

Later I was baptized by the late Rev. Raymond Rudes, the resident C&MA missionary. For two years I lived with the Rudes family. Through their influence, and that of my pastor, I gradually felt God's

call into the ministry.

In 1956, I realized I would need to travel to the coast to further my education. There were few outboard motors plying the rivers of Kalimantan in those days, so for a week we braved the huge rapids of the Kayan River in dugouts. Along with several others of our group I enrolled in the Long Bia Bible School.

During my four years there I experienced frequent illnesses and many hardships. Once I was hospitalized on the coast, a day's boat travel from the school. Others had to clear, cultivate, plant, and harvest a rice field for me so I could eat. By God's grace gradually I was healed and later graduated from Long Bia Bible School in 1960.

On graduation day I married the only girl who had braved the rapids on our way out of the interior. Together we returned to our home district where I served for five years in the pastorate.

In 1965 I was sent by my district to Jaffray Bible College in Ujung Pandang, Sulawesi. Although I hated to leave my wife and children behind, God blessed in my absence as many people came to Christ through my wife's ministry.

To the city dwellers of Ujung Pandang, the name of my tribe – 'Dyak' – was equated to a head-

hunting cannibal. Sensing their fear, I testified of the change God had made in this Dyak's heart. He could do the same in theirs.

Following graduation, I returned to my home district. A year later I was called to teach at Long Bia Bible School, where I had previously studied. There I also served as pastor.

In 1970 my wife died, leaving me with five children. That was a hard blow! I was overwhelmed at the prospect of rearing our children as well as ministering. Rev. and Mrs. Ken Riegenbach, missionary teachers at the school, came to my rescue. They reared my six-month-old daughter for two years in their home.

I have since remarried. In 1983 I was appointed director of Long Bia Bible School. I also serve as head of the East Kalimantan C&MA Education Committee. It is a joy to be part of the on-going training of Indonesian young people. For me, God's call remains firm.

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Eric Michael and his wife Rita are in their third term of service as teachers at the Long Bia Bible School

Jaya because of poor medical facilities.

Settling in America would have been the easy thing for Larry and Carol to do. But reassured of the Lord's call and promised provision, they accepted an appointment to Java as missionaries-on-loan to the C&MA. Monthly Debbie underwent painful treatment for her defect.

After language study they were asked, "Are you willing to go to West Kalimantan?" Larry and Carol fasted and prayed over this decision. Would Debbie's health be further jeopardized in such a primitive area?

"Lord, show us Your answer when we take her back to the doctor," they begged. At her next

Java 500 Update

by David Heath and Alex Valley

The Java 500 program has been on a plateau for most of the year. Although expansion has been hindered by an acute shortage of workers and finances, Java 500 has seen a distinct consolidation and spiritual maturity among its many fledgling congregations.

Many groups are experiencing difficulty in obtaining legal permits to build churches. Consequently, believers meet weekly in small homes for fellowship and worship.

Pray with us as district missionaries and national workers persevere in the challenge of establishing an effective church on this densely-populated island. The task is huge; the response encouraging; the potential staggering. Pray that leaders will be found and equipped to participate effectively in the work and vision of Java 500.

David Heath and his wife Elizabeth are former missionaries to Vietnam. They are currently serving their third term in Indonesia where David has been the Field Chairman.

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

treatment, the doctor was amazed. Debbie had been miraculously healed!

Confidently, they moved to Kelsansam, West Kalimantan, where Carol taught in the Immanuel Bible School and Larry ministered to nationals through Theological Education by Extension (TEE). On weekends they took their daughters and ministered in villages.

After their first furlough they returned to Indonesia with TEAM, serving two terms in Central Java. There they had a variety of ministries: church planting, administration, bookkeeping, and even MK dormparenting.

During their third furlough, Larry and Carol transferred to the Alliance. With a nucleus of three families they started a church in Elizabethton, Tennessee. Under their leadership the church grew.

In August 1985, they returned to Jakarta. Daughter Laura, 20, remained at Cedarville (Ohio) College. Debbie, 16, and Grace, 14, attend Dalat School in Penang, Malaysia.

Larry coordinates Java TEE ministries. He has a distinct burden for national missionaries who have come to Java from other Indonesian islands. "They seldom, if ever, receive letters from their families. Their salaries are very low because the churches are struggling.

I'd like to hold pastors' conferences to give spiritual refreshment and encouragement to these men and their wives," he says.

In addition to actively ministering with Larry, Carol has begun writing a TEE textbook on disci

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pleship. She confides, "Larry and I feel it is essential to train laymen to minister. Teaching them to witness and disciple others is the theme of my book."

The C&MA family considers itself especially blessed to welcome this experienced, godly, and caring couple back to Indonesia and into the family.

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Judy Gaskin, missionary since 1971, enjoys a fruitful ministry planting churches in Jakarta through training Sunday School personnel

Sharon Kendall serves with her husband Jim at Kalam Hidup Publishers. They have been missionaries since 1975.

News Around

The following items, gleaned from annual missionary report, relate just a few of the ways God worked in Indonesia this past year.

Java

"As part of the Java 500 program a team of 14 students and teachers from Jaffray Theological School conducted evangelistic rallies across the island of Java. Six cities were visited in three weeks. There was opportunity to preach to approximately 10,000 people. Five hundred decisions of various kinds were reported." — **David Heath**, field chairman

West Kalimantan

"In one village 70 people wanted to accept Christ. A young TEE student felt God's call to minister there. Not only will he teach these new believers but he'll also evangelize surrounding villages." — **Dudley & Nancy Bolser**, Balai Sepuak

"In the upper Melawi and Ambalau regions, there are only four pastors for 11 congregations. Other villages could be evangelized. The door is open. Hundreds of new believers need discipling, but there are not enough workers." — **Mike & Maureen Roark**, Nanga Ambalau

"Immanuel Bible School has raised money for evangelism and organized weekly outreach teams. Some go to transmigration camps and others to small villages along the river. Over 75 salvation decisions have been made this semester." — **Bill & Janet Kuhns**, Kelansam

East Kalimantan

"There is a desire among all the districts in East Kalimantan to grow and mature. They have shown more interest in evangelism. This past year three families and a single fellow were sent to Java as missionaries." — **Frank & Marie Peters**, Long Bia.

The FIELD

"The outlook for ministry in Central Kalimantan is bright. Four new posts were opened last year and thirteen people accepted Christ. Now we have ten places of worship. Our young workers are enthusiastic but need help and direction as they evangelize and minister." — **Ken & Carolyn VanKurin**, Samarinda

East Indonesia

"Teams have been sent out from the church in Sumba to minister in Sabu. They have seen nearly 100 converts from animism baptized as a direct result of their efforts." — **Dick & Pam Lawson**, Kupang

"After many years of praying, a Church Music program has finally begun at Jaffray School of Theology. The program has five students, specifically chosen to teach music in different regional Bible schools." — **Geoff & Dee Bennett**, Ujung Pandang

Specialized Ministries

"After hearing the Word of God proclaimed on the radio, a Jakarta housewife invited Jesus into her life. Forbidden by her husband to attend church, she depends upon radio programs to provide spiritual food. Recently, she donated 25 Bibles to the radio ministry." — **Harold & Maureen Klassen**, radio ministry in Bandung

"Last year Kalam Hidup Publishers purchased a three-story unit adjacent to the Jakarta bookstore. The purchase price of \$ 100,000 was paid without going into debt. Over \$ 46,00 was donated for this project. Praise the Lord!" — **Jim & Sharon Kendall**, literature ministries in Bandung

"God miraculously provided visas for new teachers just in time to begin the new semester. This shows His concern for the education of MKs." — **Alex Valley**, principal of Bandung Alliance School. †

EFFECTIVE INTERCESSION

“GOD, BLESS THE MISSIONARIES.” – Amen, we would all say to such a prayer. God is blessing them, but how can we pray more effectively?

Pray for a heart filled with the love of God. Missionaries live in abnormal and difficult situations. The oppressive climate, the pervasive power of the Enemy, the frustrating cultural differences, the loneliness, all work to rob them of their love for God and the lost. Natural love in the human heart will not stand the test. Without the love of Christ filling the soul, these pressures may produce hard-

ness, impatience, sharpness of tongue, anger, and even bitterness. Christian love must be demonstrated daily. It is imperative that there be love between the brethren, for only then can God bless the work.

Pray for his love for the lost. Often the missionary is unappreciated. Neither he nor the message he brings is wanted. He is a foreigner and an intruder. Through his love and compassion he must endure the shame, returning time after time until love breaks through and he and his message are accepted.

Pray for his health. Satan can limit a missionary's effectiveness through illness. Often the Enemy strips mission fields of workers through sickness. Exercise your God-given authority to bind Satan in such cases and loose the child of God to be effective in ministry.

Pray for protection against Satan's attacks on the missionary's mind and spirit. May he refuse to hear the inward gnawing accusations of the Evil One against himself or his fellow workers. At times a missionary can get very discouraged. Intense powers of darkness make work slow and difficult. The Accuser of the brethren is always on hand to reproach. Pray that the missionary will resist Satan in the Name of Jesus.

Pray that the missionary may live in brokenness. It is necessary to rebuke sin, but if done judgmentally such action can harden the transgressor and drive him further from the Lord.

Pray for a Spirit-filled ministry and revival. How easy it is to labor in the flesh, depending on one's own strength, wisdom, and ability, but how futile! God has promised to pour out His Spirit in these last days on all flesh. PRAY, PRAY, and continue to PRAY that the missionary will be filled continually with the Spirit.

Pray for more laborers as the Lord commanded in Matthew 9:7. All fields are shorthanded. We, in Indonesia, need special prayer that God will open the door. Pray that new visas may be granted and missionaries already on the field may be enabled for the task - to reach those yet unreached by the Gospel. Jesus died for all, but all have not yet heard.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
(James 5:16b KJV)

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David Heath and his wife Elizabeth are former missionaries to Vietnam. They are currently serving their third term in Indonesia where David has been the Field Chairman.

Special Field Needs

<i>Education</i>	\$ 100,000	Java regional Bible school campus	
	1,500	Regional Bible school library books	
	1,500	Makale, Toraja regional Bible school	
	16,000	West Kalimantan regional Bible school	
		One new classroom & one dorm	\$ 14,000
		Rewiring campus	2,000
	117,500	Jaffray School of Theology	
		Evangelistic outreach	\$ 10,000
		Office/classroom furniture	2,500
		Electronic typewriters	2,000
		Library books	1,000
		Teachers' residences	100,000
		Music program	2,000
	15,000	Graduate scholarship for Church leaders	
	2,500	Tractor for E. Indonesia regional Bible school	
	10,000	Tenggarong Bible School buildings (E. Kal.)	
<i>Vehicles</i>	8,000	Vehicle for M.K. hostel (D. Elmer)	
	7,000	R. Byham	
	11,000	G. Kamphausen	
	11,000	M. Milligan	
<i>Literature</i>	10,000	Printing T.E.E. texts	
	7,000	Pastors' Libraries (\$ 70 x 100 libraries)	
	43,000	Kalam Hidup Publishers	
		Bookstores	\$ 20,000
		Correspondence course	2,500
		Publishing new books	5,000
		Computers	15,000
		Pat Groff Memorial Library	500

<i>Church</i>	210,000	Java 500 church buildings		
<i>Planting/</i>		Jakarta -- Kramat	\$	50,000
<i>Evangelism</i>		Jakarta -- Kelapa Gading		50,000
		Yogyakarta		20,000
		Solo -- Cinderejo		40,000
		Cilacap		50,000
	15,000	Java 500 evangelism/training program		
	50,000	Church building, Pontianak, W. Kal.		
	10,000	Central Kalimantan evangelism		
	72,200	Youth Ministries		
		West Java youth campground	\$	18,200
		All -- Java youth retreat		500
		Youth evangelism project		23,000
		Youth center building		30,000
		Youth center library books		500
<i>General</i>	2,500	MAF flying program		
	19,000	Christian radio programing		
		Radio studio	\$	12,500
		Daily nationwide radio broadcasts		5,000
		Computer for radio department		3,500
	6,000	Bandung Alliance School		
		Band instruments	\$	2,000
		Photocopier		3,000
		School library books		1,000
	4,400	Bandung Alliance School Hostel		
		Kitchenware	\$	1,000
		Stove		1,000
		Refrigerator		2,000
		Dressers/wardrobes (per set)		400
	1,500	Gestetner duplicator for KIBAIID		
	400	Shallow-water boat engine -- East Kalimantan		

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"For if a man is in Christ he becomes a new person altogether — the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new." (2 Corinthians 5:17, Phillips Version).