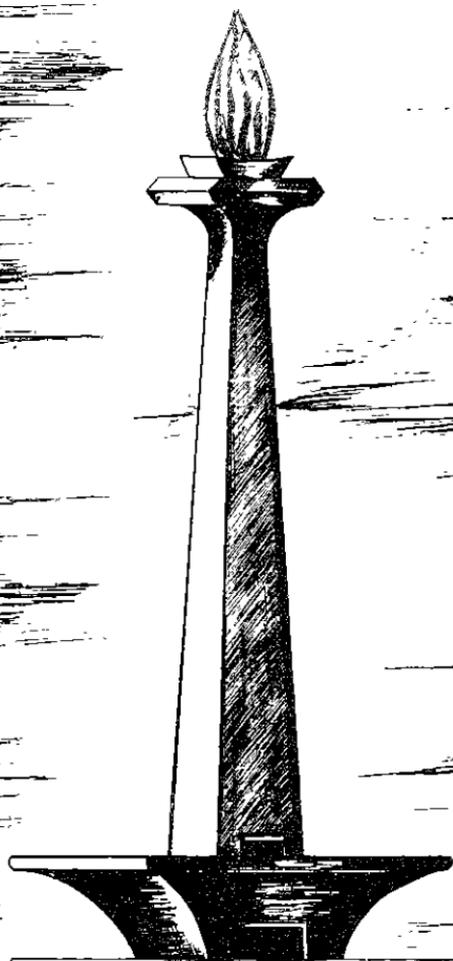


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"Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us"

1 Samuel 7:12

Strange the way—unmapped—uncharted:
Landmarks gone—now all is new;
What can bring me peace and comfort?
"Thou hast brought us hitherto."

Tests and trials weigh and press me;
Sight perceives no clear way through;
Should I doubt—since looking backward?
"Thou hast brought us hitherto."

"I will never, never leave thee!"
'Tis His Word! His Word is true!
Can He fail—when He is faithful
And hath brought us hitherto?

Onward then—I dare to trust Him!
He will show me what to do;
He will guide, provide and succor,
"Who hath brought us hitherto."

— Selected

The prophet Samuel set a stone between Mizpeh and Shen, and called it Ebenezer, saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," claiming victory over the Philistines. Likewise, the Christian church of Indonesia has experienced spiritual victory in a miraculous way and everywhere we hear Christians thanking God for His intervention.

Yes, God has given us a NEW DAY in many areas of Indonesia. Pray that it will remain thus and not again be darkened by the clouds of communism. Pray that the light of the Gospel will continue to shine freely as does the golden flame that graces the stately National Monument.

— THE EDITOR



MISS PATRICIA MAY GROFF

Arrived in Indonesia on January 7, 1967

With the Lord March 6, 1967

In Memoriam

PATRICIA May Groff was born on April, 6, 1941 into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Groff at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Hope High School, Providence, Rhode Island, in June, 1959, and "Magna cum laude" from Nyack Missionary College in 1963, with a Bachelor of Science degree. In June 1966 she received a Master's degree from State Teacher's College, Oneonta, New York. She taught in Public schools in New York and Georgia.

Miss Groff applied for foreign service and was happy to answer the call for a teacher in the Bandung Missionaries' Children's School when she was informed of the need. She immediately began preparing and packing, little realizing that nine long months would elapse before her visa would be granted. In the meantime she continued teaching.

On January 7th Pat arrived in Indonesia and this was indeed a happy day for her, the missionaries and their children. The Lord had answered our prayers. On January 29th school opened for the new semester and the children felt as if they already knew Miss Groff as they had prayed so many months for her visa. Now she was actually here teaching them! Pat assumed her teaching role with zest, enthusiasm and dignity, and the children loved and respected her. At the time of her death she was formulating plans for a program to be presented by the children at Missionary Conference time.

Five weeks of school went by and suddenly, on March 6th at 2:00 a.m., Pat's ministry came to an abrupt end. While she was sleeping, a thief broke into her apartment and stabbed her to death. Her belongings were few—she was still living out of her suitcase. Her outfit from the States was due to arrive in a week or two.

This tragedy has been a terrific shock to our missionary family and national staff, as well as a tremendous loss to our Mission. Our hearts have been deeply grieved. Pat's life of consecration was exemplified in her willingness to come to the field of Indonesia and serve Him full time. In God's permissive will, He has called her to higher service. We do not question His leadings, but rather, we ask ourselves the question, "Am I fully surrendered to His will?"

The Dawn of a New Day Depends on You

LELA PIERCE

WITH the ringing of the alarm clock at 5 a.m., a sleepy student rouses himself from his thin cotton mattress, stumbles outside in the darkness and vigorously beats the hollow log hanging from the end of the dormitory porch. The sound is heard throughout the school grounds, awakening students and teachers for a new day at Emmanuel Bible School, Sintang, West Kalimantan.

Location wise, the school began a new day with the opening of the 1946 term. The need for a change of location had long been realized. The school originally opened in the Belitang district, well up the small Belitang river. Buildings erected there were intended to be temporary but continued to be propped up and used for 12 years. The location was far off at one end of the area served in West Kalimantan; in the dry season the Belitang river was often impassable; the space was inadequate for expansion. For some six years the search for new property went on. Eventually the new site was purchased and after further delays, construction of buildings began. With the erection of a "temporary" boys' dorm, sufficient housing was ready by July 1964. School opened in August with classes being held on porches and what is to eventually be the boys' kitchen, and in a portion of the temporary dorm.

Praise the Lord for a beautiful spot on the banks of the Kapuas River, mainstream of West Kalimantan traffic, about one-half hour's travel downstream from the county seat of Sintang. There is ample

space for all needs, the school is easily accessible from all directions—as Kalimantan transportation goes! Rubber trees provide a source of income for the school. A new day lies before us with greater opportunities of reaching young people called of God for His service.

Education wise, a new day followed along with the moving of the school. Entrance requirements for the first Bible School students were simply to be able to read and write; many of the wives even had to be taught that much at the beginning of their school days. Over the years new standards were set up, with third grade being the requirement for a period of time. Even this was not strictly enforced. As educational advantages progressed for the youth of Indonesia, so the requirements for entrance to Bible School advanced. Fourth year grade school was required the last few years at the old location. With the move, the requirement was raised to the sixth grade. This has made a tremendous difference in the amount the students can take in. By the sixth grade they have been introduced to world geography and a bit of history. Their knowledge has advanced a little beyond the narrow confines of Dyack village life. While they still learn only by memorization, their mental ability to grasp a new truth is greatly improved. A new day lies before us with greater opportunities of teaching



*Graduating Class of 1966
Emmanuel Bible School - West Kalimantan*

young people called of God for His service.

Spiritually, does a new day lie before us? Certainly the church of West Kalimantan is in great need of revival. Youth Conventions, organized youth groups, and Short Term Bible Schools have had their impact on the young people of the church. Many of the "Christian" young folk have been brought face to face with the fact that their parents' belief does not suffice for their own individual spiritual need. Students frequently testify to opposition from parents who feel they just cannot give them up to the Lord's service. Other young people openly ridicule them. The opportunities for worldly gain and prestige are there for those who are "educated". Mentally, they are better equipped when they leave Bible School to serve the churches and to carry the Gospel to unreached people. But to mentally grasp a fact, even a spiritual truth, is not always to grasp it in the heart where it will bear fruit for the Lord. Those now studying in Bible School are the leaders of tomorrow. Before us lies a tremendous challenge that these young people may be prepared spiritually for a new day in the life of the church of Jesus Christ. By miraculous intervention, God has extended the time for service in Indonesia. Prayer is the key that will unlock the door to the new day spiritually. That key lies within your hand. Will you use it in behalf of the Emmanuel Bible School of West Kalimantan?

His Grace Knows no Bounds

RICHARD AND BARBARA SMITH

WE are living in a new day in Indonesia. A great change has transpired since introducing the Sumba station in the last issue of the THE PIONEER. The thrill of arriving at our appointed station has worn away and in its place has arisen a deep concern and burden for individuals. Such as the man who under Satanic power was ordered by an inner force to climb a high palm tree only to find himself "pulled" down to the ground twenty feet below with nearly every bone in his body broken. We asked ourselves after seeing him writhe in pain, "how can we approach this man with the light of the Gospel?" We are reminded, "ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance." Then there is the man from our Miggitimbi work who unworthily took communion. Several hours later he turned red and was violently sick. The Gospel teacher, knowing his sheep, told him, "that will teach you to play hypocrite when the missionary comes to visit." Our hearts then focus on the verse "as ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so *walk ye* in Him." We pray, "Lord teach us to help them to walk." Again, there is the man who was excommunicated from the local church on the charge of adultery. He cannot understand the charge held against him and thus has attempted to make trouble for the pastor and board members. We ask ourselves "how can this man condone his sin?" Our thoughts are turned to the Psalmist who cries, "it is time for thee, Lord, to work; for they have made void thy law."

In terms of individuals, there has been progress in our three churches of Kambiniru, Miggitimbi and Wadjelu. In the Kambiniru church several key men have been gloriously led into a richer and fuller

experience in Christ. The young people and Sunday School leaders who were once too shy and passive about their tasks have become brave for Christ and have an evident burden for their classes. The work in Miggitimbi has grown in numbers as well as spiritually. Our work in Wadjelu has had some progress, but is a difficult station as the people are deeply steeped in paganism.

The Sabu people with whom we work in the area of Kambiniru are very superstitious and because of their belief in and use of fetishes, they have many and varied experiences with Satan. Our night watchman had one such experience. One night while lying in the backyard, he began groaning as if in pain. After several minutes of this, he let out a wild scream. We later found out that someone was working magic on him and the sensation that he felt was Satan trying to kick him. These are not uncommon experiences. Satan has been known to reveal himself in a more real way. Such was the case with a friend of ours. Our friend, a Christian girl, shared a bedroom with an unconverted girl. One day the unconverted girl fell ill. After several days of no improvement our friend called in the doctor. The doctor found nothing wrong with her. Shortly after this, the sick girl began acting strange. She would stare as though seeing nothing and became unfriendly. One night our Christian friend was lying in bed praying for the sick girl when suddenly she felt a blanket of heaviness come over her body. Because she could barely breathe, our friend got out of bed. It was then that she saw a black figure—tall and headless. Our friend, herself coming out of paganism in which she was under Satan's power, knew what she was facing and how to handle the situation. The figure was facing the sick girl. Claiming the blood of her Savior she ordered the figure from the room. He refused to leave until at last in desperation she opened the door herself at which the figure went out and vanished. This story sounds fantastic

but we know this Christian girl well and have no reason to doubt the integrity of her story. Again we are reminded it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

We have talked much of the work here in Sumba. But how has the new day in Indonesia affected our local work? The new day in Indonesia has opened new opportunities of evangelism for our church in this land. In Sumba we were given the privilege of weekly presenting the Gospel to those held in custody after the attempted coup. We distributed literature. The response was more than we expected. Many had merely gotten on the "bandwagon" and given an opportunity to hear of the mercy of God, they repented. Those in whose custody these men were, told us later that the new faith of these condemned men kept them through to the last moment of life. This was a real witness in the area as eventually everyone learned of the condemned men dying with the name of their Savior on their lips. Praise God His love has no limits; His grace no bounds.

Another area of witness which the new day in Indonesia brought to us in Sumba was among the families of the bereaved. The personal witness of the condemned men was a tremendous impact on their families. Many families were drawn closer to the Lord through the new faith of these men. In a couple of instances we were able to lead two widow ladies into a clearer knowledge of the work of the Holy Spirit as our Comforter.

We praise the Lord for these opportunities of service and as we launch out into still a new opportunity, that is, a school for training gospel teachers, we sincerely covet your prayers. All of us praise the Lord for His grace in giving us this new day in our country; pray that the Lord will lead us into a wider and richer ministry in the coming days.

From Prayer Burden to Production

RAYMOND R. RUDES

IT all started one day in February 1966 when Mr. Udis, National Director of our Indonesian publication department and I made a list of books that were either out of print or fast going out of print. I put the list on the newly located desk at Djalan Tjiatuel 46, Bandung, pasting the list with scotch tape to the center door of the bookrack over my desk. The caption at the head of the list read "PRAY ABOUT THIS." The total number of books titled there was about twenty-five. Some had never been reprinted since their original printing and others were in various conditions of manuscript form. Actually, when we found time in this new assignment and as we were acquainting ourselves with the files and filing system, we discovered a great pile of unfinished objectives. Nearly all the problem was the lack of funds to put the burden and objectives into production. Commentaries by Dr. R. A. Jaffray were just about out of print while a desperate attempt was being made to print new commentaries on the New Testament by Rev. J. W. Brill. Besides this, Sunday School materials, Women's Quarterlies and Young People's materials were stacked up waiting for the day they would appear in good Indonesian and be distributed among the thousands of Christians. A quick survey of the hours and months that had already been put in on these partly finished materials increased our burden over and over again.

As I prayed I was thinking of the quick and easy facilities in the USA and the many who should be sharing in our literature program in Indonesia. I thought of the effectiveness of "off-set" press work being done in most offices and businesses there. Then one day late

in February came a letter from Mrs. W. W. Kerr, president of the Women's Missionary Fellowship, saying that they were going to make our Indonesian field a target of their WMF giving, and were trusting the Lord to use them in getting many portions of His Word in print. This was the first ray of hope.

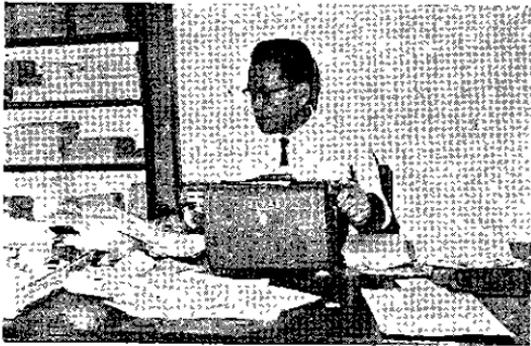
We moved in faith to purchase supplies for our Bible Magazine and to prepare manuscripts. This alone took all our meager rupiah reserve. Two books were at the printers and one printer called for a downpayment which we borrowed from our mission headquarters. The second printer asked us for Rp. 140,000 (\$2,800.00) for a contract on the Doctrine book of 10,000 copies. In faith we agreed to the contract with a promise that within two weeks we would pay the first payment of Rp. 80,000.00 (\$1,600.00). Miraculously the Lord provided the funds and with a good exchange we were able to meet the payment plus week by week purchase the necessary supplies of paper, linen, binding and lead. A couple of other missions made purchases from us and paid us abroad, Council time was on in Vancouver, and prayer burden was fast becoming PRODUCTION. Mr. Harry Post was able to complete the booklet "Mengenal Agama Kristen" (Know the Christian Religion); the Indonesian version of "Daily Light" started to roll into our bookstore from far off Surabaya, East Java; and "Dasar Jang Teguh" (Firm Foundation), our doctrine book, was being delivered from a local printer and filled up our storage place at Sumur Bandung 14, Bandung.

By early September 1966 we had outlined a much larger program; the adding of another full time employee, a contract signed for the reprinting of "Tafsiran Kedjadian" (Commentary on Genesis), a four volume commentary by Dr. R. A. Jaffray on Genesis, and a downpayment on The Topical Textbook being done in Djakarta. Two

other contracts were signed for one reprint "Buku Upatjara Maschi" (Pastor's handbook) and for a new book for us, Dr. Andrew Murray's "Divine Healing." Besides this we requested of the Mission Executive Committee funds for a Monotype typesetting equipment, and increase in monthly budget, and a special request for funds for REPRINTS from our New York office.

Before the minutes of the FEX reached New York we had received a notice of \$10,000 for reprints (Literature Sunday Funds) and \$8,000 for equipment for facilitating reprints. Thank the Lord for answer to prayer and for the production once thought impossible.

Even though there have come off the presses already over 65,000 books containing more than 1,750,000 pages of printed Gospel, our hearts are still heavy as we think of the future with its unlimited opportunities. What about the goals such as completing the reprints of our "out of stock" books. They are about fifteen in number. This means at least \$15,000 to \$20,000. What about larger facilities for printing equipment, offices, and worker's housing? What about increasing our Bible Magazine to 10,000 subscribers from the 3,000 now being printed? What about the cost of reprinting most all of our correspondence courses and the cost of the original printing of new courses. What about a quarterly magazine designed for "THE PASTOR" in addition to our Sunday School materials that will cover a full seven year program? What about a pastor's library, the full equipment for the soldier in the front line? What about correlating of Bible School and Seminary materials that will make interrelationship between our school more practical and standard? What about writer courses and a bookmobile followup to meet the need of the expanding church with its evangelism? THESE are some of the present prayers and burdens that need to change into production.



Rev. S. N. Udis
Director and Treasurer

Last but not least, we recognize that we are working within the framework of the National Church. Besides the open door, what part do we have in assisting the believer on the local church level fulfill his responsibility to the Lord and to the Church in taking

on the financial burden of this publication ministry? This is the hour for you to join with us in prayer. Your prayer burden and Godly concern will result in the fruits of PRODUCTION—while it is day. "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." 1 thess. 5:24 Pray for these needs and our staff:

- DR. S. M. UDIS, Director and Treasurer.
- R. R. RODES, Technical Advisor, Mission Publication Secretary.
- MR. DJARKASIH, billing clerk and sales
- MR. FADJAR, magazine subscription manager
- MR. MARKUS, mailman
- MR. ANDY, mimeograph machine and mails
- MISS Mary Udis, stockroom clerk
- MR. URBANAS, Correspondence course manager
- MR. TIGUR, mailman and distributor for Correspondence Course
- MR. LINDUNG, typist and filing for Correspondence Course
- MR. JONAHAN, filing and mailing for Correspondence Course
- MR. DJAUANG, delivery—chauffeur
- REV. J. W. BRILL, author and staff member
- REV. NEMEHIAH MIMERY, Editorial staff
- MR. JAMES HULAKATI, translator, editorial staff.

IMBO THE Inter Mission Business Office

VERNON NEIGENFIND

was established in 1963 to represent a number of evangelical missions of the Indonesia archipelago. This was in answer to a need that arose when West Irian came under the territorial jurisdiction of Indonesia. Most of the missions serving there did not have anyone in Djakarta, the seat of the government, to represent them. There was also the need of an office that could handle transportation, shipping and financial matters.

At the present time the official member missions are the Australian Baptist Missionary Society, Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, Regions Beyond Missionary Union, The Christian and Missionary Alliance, The Evangelical Alliance Mission and The Unevangelized Fields Mission. Several other groups and individuals are unofficially associated with us. These include the Go Ye Fellowship, World Evangelical Crusade, World Vision, Assemblies of God, and the Zending Gereformeerde Kerken with headquarters in Holland.

Often the American Embassy and some of the Indonesian government offices refer persons to us who make inquiries in regard to West Irian. For instance, the following have visited our office in search of information: Newsweek's Chief of the Hong Kong Bureau, businessmen, a doctor of biology, a student of anthropology and crocodile hunter, and a journalist and movie photographer.

This office has engaged in everything from purchasing flashlight batteries to delivering a letter addressed to former President Sukarno.

The work at times is exacting and time consuming, but there are many worthwhile compensations. Some of our greatest thrills have been experienced when we welcomed new missionaries to the field—some whose visas we had worked on and prayed over for months.

The members of the present IMBO office staff are Mrs. Louise Kairupan, our Indonesian secretary; Mr. Koos Sarsidi, Assistant to the Director; Miss Lois Bochnke, secretary; and Mrs. Mary Post, bookkeeper.

IMBO has tried, though it has not always succeeded, to handle mission and missionary needs and problems in such a manner as to please. The demands of this office differ from regular missionary activities, yet we are thankful to have a part in this far-reaching service to our fellowmen in this "New Day" of opportunity in Indonesia.

Education—What is Your Concept?

DAVID MOORE

WHAT is progress in an educational institution? Generally, it is measured in terms of student enrollment, school buildings and academic qualifications of the faculty. Precisely in those respects Jaffray School of Theology has progressed. Enrollment is in excess of seventy-five students, a substantial increase over the past year. One teachers' duplex, one men's dormitory, one women's dormitory, a large dining room, and a huge men's bathroom complex are the units completed in the building program. Scheduled for 1967 is the administration building with its offices, classrooms, and temporary library; another teachers' duplex, and a married couples' dormitory. Considering the old buildings still in use, physical facilities are good. J. J. Mustakim has returned from three years' study at Union Biblical Seminary in Yeotmal, India, where he earned the B. D. degree. Mrs. Mustakim also studied for three years, compiling an outstanding scholastic record. F. L. Kamasi, present rector of the school, is expected to go abroad for advanced training this year or the next. He holds the B. A. degree and is a graduate of Ebenezer in the Philippines. Four other instructors are working on their B. A. degrees. Two part-time instructors in the Indonesian language hold M. A. and B. A. degrees. Maurice Bliss is working on an M. A. in Theology at Wheaton Graduate School. Among the present freshmen class of twenty, all are graduates of Jr. High School, fourteen are graduates of Senior High School, and seven have had at least one year of university work.

Unfortunately, the above criteria are superficial. Enrollment, physical plant, and faculty academic qualifications are *not* an index to progress in a theological school! John Dewey's principles of

progressive education are in disrepute, and understandably so, when considering the excesses and misinterpretation to which they have been subjected. However, it cannot be denied that Dewey stressed a valid concept: education is truth experienced. Our objective at JST, then, is not to attract hordes of students, fill their minds with theoretic doctrine and objective fact while exposing them to practical ministry as popularly conceived. Our objective is far more complex and difficult of attainment. It is to lead our students into a personal encounter and experience of divine truth resulting in changed lives and ministries. It is the leading that is so difficult. To lecture, to preach, even to inspire is relatively easy. But to *demonstrate* truth in the context of everyday living demands spiritual depth and abandonment to God few of us are willing to actively pursue.

Jaffray School of Theology is the national church in microcosmic form. Students have come from all parts of Indonesia, including West Irian. Other churches and missions are represented among the student body. At JST students are exposed to two kinds of education: that which is carried on inside the classroom, and that which is carried on outside of it. The latter is by far the most influential. To err little is to err greatly because error taught in precept or demonstrated in life can be multiplied throughout the entire church. Poor teaching because of insufficient preparation, faulty presentation, immature thought, parroting of cliches without grasp of meaning or implication; shallow living evidenced in impatience, coldness of heart, dishonesty, false piety, lack of depth in devotional life, unkindness; all of this introduces students to experience from which they will most certainly learn. What they learn determines the failure or success of Jaffray School of Theology.

But time evaporates, interruptions are endless, a million tasks are undone. It is hot or rainy and *so* noisy. The city presses in upon us.

This is no monastic refuge hidden away in the quiet peace of nature's beauty. JST is located in the heart of a growing city with its moral disease and depravity, its sickness and hunger, its death. Humanity swarms everywhere. Here you cannot isolate yourself from the wounds of life. You cannot retreat from the noise and the dirt and the smell and the interruptions. We consciously come to serve, to teach. But our major task is to be. And what the missionary is will assuredly be reflected in the national church, in its strengths and in its weaknesses.



*Rev. F. Lawrence Kamasi
Rector at Jaffray School of Theology*

For God's sake, pray for us! For the church's sake, pray for us! Pray that in the crucible of life; the schedule of classes; study preparation; the struggle to communicate; the grading of assignments; the informal contact with students; the counselling of the student caught cheating or the student who labors under the delusion of pretense; the inconsistency of leaders both missionary and national; the petty jealousies and power plays within the church; the hours spent in government offices; the encounter with corruption; the attack of dysentery or worms; the irritations and impatience; that in the frustration of daily life we may walk by the Spirit, expressing the fruit of the Spirit. That, after all, is what it means to be a witness for Christ.

A New Day . . . or A New Night?

KENNETH VAN KURIN

FROM nearly every corner of Indonesia one hears reports of a new and spiritual dawn which has broken out over this vast Republic. The long fingers of enlightenment have reached out and pulled away the cover of Communistic darkness. One now sees a new horizon enveloped with the morning's first misty ray of hope. GOD has spoken, GOD has given Indonesia a new day.

There is, however, one corner in Indonesia where this dawn's early light does not shine and has failed to penetrate. What was meant by GOD as a new and glorious morn has become a new night; a night even blacker than the darkest Communist night we have ever experienced. Bali, with the help of God, has wrestled her way free from the menacing, threatening power of Communism, but another has come to fill the void vacated by her former dreaded foe. Her new enemy whom she does not yet realize is present, is far more subtle and many times more dreaded. Her new enemy is the resurrected form of an old enemy—he is bigotry.

The effects of the abortive coup d'etat has done nothing to assist the advance of the Gospel of the kingdom in Bali. Christianity is now more openly opposed than ever before since our arrival on the Island in 1961. All the sobering effects felt by the Balinese which were the result of the eruption of stately old Mt. Agung, the sense of utter defeat spiritually has vanished. There has emerged a new force to take its place which could be adequately termed Balinese nationalism.

The new Bali man reels to and fro being drunk with his new-found bloody glory. The sharp edge of the Hindu sword still dripping with the blood of the many guilty and nonguilty victims of the attempted coup, is now lusting for a newer victim. Perhaps Christianity will one

day be pitted against this sword; will become a victim of the Balinese's newest enemy.

On many occasions in recent months the Christians have attracted adverse headline attention in the local press. Numerous times the Christian citizenry have been unjustly blamed for acts of violence, of which all the accusations were without supporting evidence. Among other things, a number of Christians were blamed and put in jail for burning the big market in the capitol city, Denpasar. Later the Christians were released when the evidence would not support the case.

Something which incited the Hindu wrath was the report by a newspaper reporter of the destruction of a Hindu temple by a group of Christians. This, of course, was true but the facts were not given. The Christians were a former Hindu community who decided they didn't need the temple any more and voted to use the temple and its surrounding property for a more useful purpose.

The most recent attack on Christianity affects us personally. After having negotiated with the owner of a small piece of property and securing his approval and paying the money for its rent, the head of the village refused to allow him to sell or rent to Christians. The entire village was informed that Christians were not welcome and that no negotiation for sale of, or rent of land to people of the Christian religion was to be made.

The Indonesian declaration of independence which grants freedom of worship to all Indonesians is without power and authority on the island of Bali, except to those who would choose the Hindu-Bali religion. The Balinese are not free men. They are chained to tradition and culture, slaves to Hinduism of which there is no release and prisoners of superstition which is used by Satan to keep the people in subjection to their culture and religion. One often hears whispering of a new blood bath and there is sense of tension centered around the main figurehead in the present political situation. We wonder, will this be the straw that will cause the new eruption so often whispered about? Will the new eruption clear away the haze and allow the sun to shine? Only time will tell. By faith we pray. Will you pray with us?

The New Day in Nusa Tenggara Area

MARION ALLEN

WITH last year's abrupt political change-over from a very discouraging leftist position to a position much more compatible to Christian life we look with renewed confidence toward Christian work in this eastern area of Indonesia's archipelago.

Our district National Church Conference met on the Island of Alor in July for the best conference we have had to date. Sixty-five delegates were registered and three new missionaries were in attendance for the first time—Rev. & Mrs. Richard Smith and Rev. Craig Hendrickson. Mrs. Hendrickson was not able to make connections in time to attend. It was noted that the delegates felt more free to enter into the discussions than they did during their first conference.

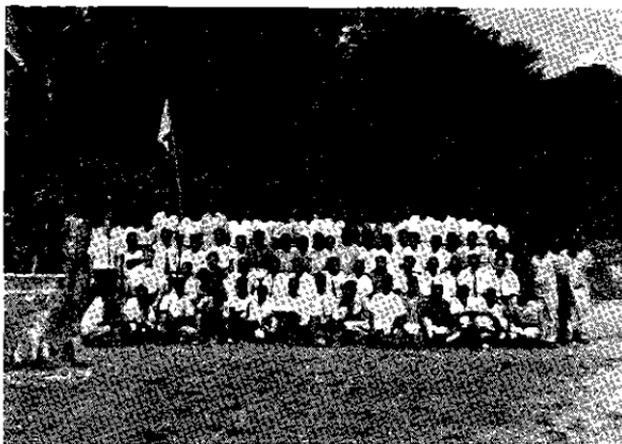
The program which Conference laid out for the coming year is really reaching out for a New Day of progress for the Church here. It is a program that will challenge the best from both the National Church and the missionaries if we are to accomplish the goals.

For Sumba the District hopes to make an opening on Sabu Island. At present no worker is available for this ministry but we are praying that God will meet this need. Two new workers appointed by Conference have arrived from Alor with their families and I was able to take them to the mountains of Timor recently to begin their ministries. We are expecting two more Alor workers and one couple to minister in Sumba and Timor respectively. The District Superintendent, Rev. Banaweng, who lives in Sumba will be moving to

Timor as soon as possible. He will be living in the interior of Timor Island and will be our first ordained worker to reside among the sixteen churches of this area.

Another step of faith was to take on the full support of the District Superintendent as well as district administration. To do this they will follow the plan laid down in Numbers 18:26—28, by giving a tithe of the tithe for district work. Inasmuch as most of the tithe is corn, rice or other produce, we expect to have about eight tons of corn and two tons of rice among other things come into the office. Most of this will be sold to cover district expenses.

The Conference voted to invite the Missionary Aviation Fellowship to operate in our district. Extremely bad communications is our greatest natural hinderance and we are praying that the Lord will work this out so that by the next conference in August of 1967 M.A.F. will be operating among the churches here. One can readily see the need of this by what we experienced at our Conference which was held July 19—30. The very first transportation, a small boat on which only a very few of us could return left Alor August 29. A second group was able to get away on September 17,



Alor Conference



Rev. J. B. Taka
President of National Church
in East Indonesia

but it was not until November that the last group of delegates returned to Kupang, Timor. It is next to impossible to have any degree of efficiency under these conditions. And of course our great shortage of preachers here is intensified by such poor communications.

On a recent trip to the mountains of Timor seventy-five new believers were baptized; twenty-four at our Oetnana church and fifty-one at Mesekolen, which has been chosen as the site for the 1967 Conference.

This year there have been ninety-nine baptized on Timor Island, and one can see a gradual, if not spectacular growth.

The Richard Smiths hope to have the Lay Workers' Bible School in operation by early 1967 on Sumba Island. This school will serve our district as well as the district to the West of us which includes Bali, Lombok and Sumbawa Islands. Pray that the Lord will give us a full class of twenty for the first year. The Craig Hendricksons are opening a new work in the Flores, Adunara and Lomblen Islands. We in Timor hope to intensify our work in the interior of this island.

With all these new goals for the work, it is truly a new day. New believers, new places being opened and new workers being trained; yes, the fruit of past years' labor and prayers is being born. We praise God for this but most of all we thank Him for the way the National Church itself is learning to stand on its own feet making its own decisions and by faith launching out trusting the Lord to meet it just as He has in the past met the missionaries in their needs.

Let's Have A Look at Youth

— GORDON JENSEN

“A new day in Indonesia” requires new plans and a greater emphasis on YOUTH! I believe that the most urgent task of the church at this time is to reach the young people who make up the majority of the population of many countries. “In many of the smaller countries, especially the island world, over half of the population have not yet celebrated their 15th birthday. Young people must be won for Christ if Christianity is to have a place in the future of new nations. The time has come to make the younger generation our prime objective in evangelism. To neglect it would be a strategic blunder. Winning young people must be made a definite goal, and be given priority in our plans. We must eliminate objectives of lesser importance, and dedicate as much as possible of our missionary force to this effort.” (Quoted from the *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, Vol. 2, No. 4 Summer, 1966)

We have seen in this country how young people have been able to influence and change the course of a nation. We see youth playing a significant part, not only in politics, but also in religion. The ever-flowing stream of people, mostly teen-agers, going past my office window causes me to ask, “Who *will* reach them?” They must be given an opportunity to hear the Gospel NOW in their youth. Remembering that eighty-five percent of those who accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour do so *before* they reach eighteen, we must have more workers dedicated to reaching young people. In fact, all the statistical studies of the phenomenon of conversion show that the majority of definite conversions, the result of which is permanent, have taken place between the ages of twelve and seventeen. The Communists try to keep their youth from being exposed to anything of the Bible until they have reached the age of eighteen. By that age the Communists believe their young people are beyond the reach of the Gospel. The doors to youth work are wide open in Indonesia. Are we ready to go in?

Young people must be trained after receiving Christ as Saviour and this has been our privilege in the city of Bandung. We have seen many newly converted young people witness for Christ in the city as well as to their friends and relatives in the villages. The book, "Soul Winning Made Easy" has recently been printed in the Indonesian language, and is a very helpful contribution to those who are called to work among youth. Camp work, youth retreats, youth choirs, evening training classes, and Christian radio programs can be the means of training young people in Christian living and soul-winning, and showing them the importance of surrendering completely to God. We have seen a definite change in the lives of many of those who came back to the Lord during the last youth retreat held in Bandung.

The worker among young people must love them and know how to make friends easily with both the Christian and the non-Christian. Much of the actual soul-winning will be by personal contact rather than by meetings. A lending library can help in making contacts with those one seeks to win for Christ. A youth worker must be more concerned about winning the person than about getting that person into his particular church. I read one time that the missionary to young people must radiate the religion of the warm heart, rather than that of cold dogma. The maintenance of this personal living relationship with the Lord is the ultimate, indispensable qualification for winning young people.

Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." A missionary forced out of China by the Communists was asked, "How would you do things differently if you could turn back the clock and start over?" He replied, "I would have emphasized student work and literature prepared for students as the Communists did." How could we have been so short-sighted? We have not been forced out! WE ARE STILL HERE! May God help us to do what we can with the opportunities that come to us as individuals and as a mission.

The Inner Feelings of A New Missionary

DUDLEY L. BOLSER

AFTER ten months of concentrated language study and five months of waiting to locate housing at our station in Sekadau, West Kalimantan, the time finally arrives for us to take that big step which quickly and drastically changes our status from that of a groping language student to that of a full-fledged missionary. Now we are expected to perform many and varied ministries with the utmost effectiveness, the foremost of these being that of proclaiming the Gospel to those who have possibly never heard before.

I still remember that evening as I lay on the roof of the mission boat listening to the small sounds of the town of which I would soon become a part. What were my thoughts and feelings?

The one feeling which seemed to transcend all others was that of joy. A mighty joy which flooded my being because at last the goal of all the packing, moving, studying, and the thousand other things that had to be done was finally reached. Here is the place of our service. Here is where God would have us minister His Word. What a privilege and joy is ours.

But even as I thought upon these things, another feeling began to emerge and at first I wanted to describe it as apprehension. As

it began to gain control, it became greater than apprehension until it bordered on that of being "scared". What could possibly cause this? Just a week prior to this time I had been talking to the post master of Sekadau, and he made this statement, "You are coming too late; the Catholics have been here a long time already."



*Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Bolser
Tommy and Sarah Beth*

As I thought of this my own inadequacy loomed like an insurmountable mountain before me. I was not yet fluent in the language; I still knew so little about the ways and customs of these people. In what way could I best introduce myself and the Gospel to these folks? As I realized that first impressions are very important, these and many other things gave fuel to my doubts and present feelings. But just as this was about to gain complete control, God's voice broke through my thoughts and gave expression to a marvelous truth. He had called me and He had prepared me and He it was who would be my adequacy.

With this truth having shaken my present feelings, joy flooded my being again. A new day has begun for my wife and me as we begin our ministry in Sekadau. A new day has begun for the Mission and National Church as a new station is opened, and those who have never had a permanent witness shall be reached. This new day will become a time of exalting God and gathering many into His kingdom if each of you are faithful to your trust of prayer.

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6. West Kalimantan Bible School building program	20,000
7. Mimeograph for West Kalimantan regional KINGMI (district office)	300
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