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Can a little boy whose first job was looking after the family water buffalo in his native Bali become the head of a Bible school? Can he meet an orphan girl from the far interior of East Kalimantan who braved the rapids of the Kayan River to get a Bible school education? Can they serve the Lord together and find satisfaction in it? Yes, they can, and the Supligs are an example of how the Lord blesses and leads step by step.

Born and brought up in Hindu Bali, WAYAN BUKTIADI SUPLIG was the boy who looked after the family kerbau. His early training in responsibility has stood him in good stead. Wayan’s father and grandfather were strong Christians and early Wayan gave his life to the Lord. He and several of his brothers have entered the ministry. After finishing junior high school, he went to Makassar in 1961, attending classes at the Bible school in the mornings and finishing his high school work in the afternoons. After his first year at STTJ he had an opportunity to return to Bali for a vacation. Little did he dream that he wouldn’t see home again for nearly 10 years.

In 1962 a lovely Dayak girl named Ribkah Julan Juk came to STTJ in a special two-year program to help the Kalimantan workers. Julan had been born in the Pujungan, and received her grade school education there. In 1956 she braved the rapids to come to Long Bia. The staff saw leadership ability in this maturing Christian, and upon her graduation from Bible school, asked her to become temporary dean of women as the regular dean was leaving for furlough. Julan started teaching that
year and the students loved her. Then the way opened for her to attend STTJ and that is where she met Wayan.

Julan graduated from STTJ in 1964 and returned to her teaching at Long Bia. Wayan had long ago said ‘anywhere’ to God, and upon graduating the following year, came directly to East Kalimantan. He was asked to pastor the campus church while teaching at the Bible school. This he cheerfully did, in spite of the fact that it was double duty for anyone, let alone a new graduate. In October of that year he and Julan were married and they continued to serve the Lord in East Kalimantan.

In 1968 Wayan was elected head of the Bible school. Under his able leadership many changes have come about at Long Bia. He is highly respected in East Kalimantan, having served not only on the Executive Committee of the national church, but also as Education Secretary to coordinate the five Bible schools of East Kalimantan. The government also has seen his leadership abilities and he has been outstanding as one of the ‘village fathers’. His unwavering and humble Christian testimony has been a blessing to many not only in the school, but outside of it also. Julan is much loved as well and is sought out for advice in many matters. These past few years since her children are old enough to go to school, she has taken over the responsibilities of leadership in the Kaum Wanita Daerah (area ladies groups). She wasn’t a stay-at-home, but tried and succeeded, in visiting all the groups in the district at least once a year. This has taken quite a bit of sacrifice on the part of the family as she must squeeze these visits in during vacations or on weekends.

The Lord has blessed their family with two children. Yohana is now 10 and Robert is 8. Their family life is a shining example to everyone of what a real Christian home should be. Many are the visitors who have been entertained in their home and can bear witness to this fact. After serving together for the regular 6-year term, the family went to Bali on their 3-month furlough. What a happy meeting with the grandparents who had so faithfully prayed for them through the years! When their furlough time was almost finished, the Lord suddenly called Wayan’s father to Himself. How they praise the Lord that he had the opportunity of holding his grandchildren on his knee and telling them Bible stories before he went on to his reward.

The Supligs left us this past January to take up new duties in STTJ. Their leadership and Christian testimony will be missed in East Kalimantan. We pray that the Lord will lead them on to even greater things in the years to come.

Overheard from the M.K. school playground:

- OK, I forgive ya! Now, will you forget it?!
- Of course I brush my teeth. Do you think I want them to rust?
Of Stilts and Missions

by Harold Klassen

The Dyak is known, among other things, for his house that is built up on stilts. Actually, it is a necessity where the river swells and floods a few times each year. There are other benefits as well in owning a ‘high rise’. It provides a shelter for chickens and pigs at night. Items that need to be disposed of can easily be done so through the cracks of the floor. Kayu uling (Iron wood) is the key in building this type of structure. It is known to last practically a lifetime. Some claim that there is no world demand for this wood because it simply lasts too long. We are creatures of change! Its resilience seems to be increased with age and when in water or dirt. Now, doesn’t that description of ‘iron wood’ portray the character of the Christian that we are to manifest?

It is our privilege and joy to work with the Dyak people of East Kalimantan. We have the direct command of God to “Go... teach... make disciples... baptize...” (Matt. 28:19,20). Forty-nine years ago when the first missionaries arrived in Borneo (Kalimantan), they were faced with the challenge of presenting the ‘Living Christ’ to a vast multitude that was steeped in superstition and fear. God has promised that “His Word will not return unto Him void” and so many were liberated in Christ... today numbering over 30,000 baptized believers. God has provided a vehicle—the national church—whereby the remaining area...
of East Kalimantan can be totally evangelized. But, where does the missionary fit in? That was the question we asked upon our arrival in 1974. Some national brethren very graciously wanted to hand over their responsibilities, reverting back to the situation they experienced before the church became indigenous. In order to understand the people and their needs, it was necessary to visit extensively within the districts, ministering in many of the churches, chatting in their homes while sitting in the typical cross-legged position on the floor . . . getting to know them as brothers. In the course of time, as needs became evident, a literature ministry developed. Presently, four national operated book outlets, three located in the interior, are meeting the need of providing literature for the believers. Correspondence courses, corrected by the pastor, has given new impetus to the adults within a number of interior congregations. Operation LINK is the latest in literature ministry. Through an established series of books and tapes, people that are illiterate are taught to read, which enables the 'learner' to become established in the faith. LINK is also designed as an evangelistic tool. Our national brethren share our burden and heart's desires, and do have a passion for those still steeped in darkness, but in many instances they are just not able to reach into new areas because of their economic limitations. When and where necessary, encouragement has to be given by working together in supporting students as they prepare for the ministry, and in finding suitable transportation. Thus, areas are being reached now that were not reached before. With the coming of MAF, we are beginning a new phase of missionary activity as well as an enlarged ministry. Initially, much time is spent in meeting the need of building strips in key locations. Lord willing, upon our return from furlough, a good portion of time will be spent ministering to the leadership of the national church. And because of the airplane, a constructive ministry to the youth of Samarinda can also be

Dyaks studying the Gospel of John correspondence course.

Operation LINK in action.

The Pioneer
Having the AYCers in Ujung Pandang was a lot more than just fun. For sure, it was fun. Like the swimming and supper at Kayangan Island about 20 minutes off the mainland, watching the sunset, trekking around the high walls of the old Dutch Fort and Museum, the “rap” sessions, endless parlor games (Do we really have to go to bed now?), trip up to the cool mountains where we had a weiner roast and time of quiet singing and sharing around a bonfire at Jaffray’s former house, and the times we laughed until we cried on several of the short trips around town. But like I said, this wasn’t all of it.

The AYCers were in Ujung Pandang, Sulawesi for ten days. There were 2 girls: Sandra Scott and Kathy Lemmon and 3 boys: Carl Polding, Doug Welbourn and Terry Plaugher. Really a great bunch... five distinctively different personalities that God used in a most marvelous way. But I am getting ahead of myself.

"Work" is probably the word these young people would use to describe their stay with us. We called it “helpfulness” and surely appreciated it! I guess the biggest project was the putting together of a 152 page book for Extension Education. All seven of us must have walked several miles around the tables before we had completed the 100 copies of the book. Besides this, painting and working on the car plus hours of typing from the girls, these 5 young people squeezed more than 35 ministries into those ten days. Their ministries included singing, singing, and singing.

The 1976 AYCers... From left to right: Doug Welbourn, Sandra Scott, Kathy Lemmon, Carl Polding, Terry Plaugher.
testimonies, preaching and teaching at Jaffray Bible College, on radio, in
the local university, women’s meet-
ings, at C&MA churches as well as
several other denominations. We
praise God for how He used these
five young people in winning souls
and inspiring and encouraging Chris-
tians. In one meeting alone 14 young
people accepted Christ. How my
heart was blessed when just last
week the message at the ladies meet-
ing was one of the messages formerly
brought by one of the AYC girls.
The speaker remarked at how mean-
ingful the message was to her and
she wanted to share it again.

The AYCers were at Jaffray Bible
College almost every day. The five
of them would often get “cornered”
by the Bible School students who
spoke fluent English. These were
good times of sharing. After chapel,
time was given for questions. Bible
School curriculum and Christian Ed-
ucation plus personal questions re-
garding “call” seemed to be the
most popular topics. I think what
made the biggest impression on the
students was the fact that all five
AYCers testified to experiencing a
second work of grace in their lives
which gave their lives real direction
and new power for victorious living.

We praise God for the friendships
made, the unity felt in ministering
together, but more than this we
thank God that His Word that was
sown shall stand forever (Is. 40:8).

In Bali:

In 1967 the Kemah Injil church
in Negara, western Bali, had signed a
very reasonable long-term rental con-
tract for a combination parsonage
and meeting place. It wasn’t that
the building was haunted (your usual
house bargain in the East) or merely
run down. It had been the home of
a communist. They offered to the
man’s widow a sum sufficient to re-
store the house in return for a ten-
year lease. They allowed the be-
reaved family to live in the rear while
the major portion of the house was
used for the pastor and his family
and church meetings. It was not an
ideal situation but the small group
accepted what they felt God had
provided.

Shortly afterward the Kemah In-
jil received a gift of money and this
they wisely used to purchase an ex-
cellent tract of land on the growing
eastern edge of this district capital.
Through the years the group had
grown, opening two branch works,
Blessing... From Disaster

by Rodger Lewis

but the mother church remained small, unable to support its pastor and family. What funds had come in were used for the construction of a permanent branch building four miles from Negara.

And now it was 1976. In less than a year the contract would expire. The Christians prayed repeatedly that once again God would provide a suitable parsonage/church. Yet to be able to build on its property remained in the realm of unfulfilled dreams and not-yet-answered prayers. The Christians felt strongly that God had put them in Negara not to fold but to grow. On several occasions they had been strongly tempted to sell the property as they saw its value greatly increase from year to year. The government put pressure on to buy them out but through a Christian contact in the provincial police this was prevented. Reminding themselves of the way the Lord had provided nine years previously, they prayed on.

Then came July 14, 1976. At 2:15 in the afternoon God moved the Kemah Injil out of the old building forever. Pastor Luther and family barely escaped as a tremendous shaking of the earth brought part of the house down around them. Large cracks appeared in the part that remained standing. Brick walls bulged out of line threatening to topple with the next tremor. At 5 P.M. a severe jolt brought further destruction. The Luther family spent that night on a nearby soccer field. It was several days before they recovered enough from shock to be able to construct the simplest shelter. Then friends came from unaffected areas of Bali bringing plywood and woven-leaf panels with which a very tem-
The permanent parsonage-church goes up on the Kemah Injil property.

A temporary house-church was built but the Luther family lived there for almost three months: cooked, ate, slept, entertained guests and worshipped God. Christians, though crowded under the leafy roof, could smile for their Kemah Injil (literally "Gospel Tent") was now in keeping with its name. The leafy roof may have been leaky but it was scarcely tested for in all that time there was only one brief shower. But the nights were cold, and days scorchingly hot. No one complained. Mrs. Luther’s time came and she gave birth to a girl-baby who was named Tektonik after the type of earthquake that so shortly preceded her arrival. Meanwhile donations came from sympathetic friends near and far. Fifty truckloads of gravel fill were used to bring a portion of that still unused property up to road level. Carpenters were hired. On October 1 the Luther family moved into the new facility. A miracle. The church stands among leading government buildings. The dream had been fulfilled and prayers answered far more quickly than anyone could have anticipated. On Sunday, October 3, praises were sung to God in the first worship service.

Plans include a bigger adjacent structure while the present building will remain as parsonage and Sunday school rooms. It has been proven again that God answers the prayers of His children, bringing blessing from disaster to those who trust Him.

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Rodger and Lelia Lewis have spent 24 years on the field and much of that time they have been in Bali. Their hearts are torn this year as they go on furlough, knowing that there is no other resident missionary on the island to teach the growing number of new converts. Pray with them that God will provide visas for the missionary candidates waiting to enter Indonesia.
“To be or not to be—that is the question?” However, that is not the question in the life of an M.K. “To be” is the answer. Why? Simply because his or her parents are missionaries. Therefore, he is a “Missionary Kid” and there is no getting away from it! He knows he will be going to a boarding school when he begins first grade and he knows he will be separated from his parents and younger brothers and sisters for eight months of the year. He accepts this because his loving parents have prepared him for it long before school age, and he is ready for it. When he reaches high school age, it will thrill his parents to hear him say, “I wouldn’t trade anything for being an M.K. True, I miss my parents, but I am grateful for houseparents who love me and are concerned about my needs, feelings and problems. Knowing I am happy in school gives peace to my parents and helps them carry on an effective ministry for Christ. And I feel that I have a share in their ministry.”

The Bandung M.K. Hostel provides a home atmosphere with built-in playmates for the children to share with, to compete with, to laugh with and to cry with. Let’s take a glimpse at hostel life. Routine, Rules and Rewards are the three R’s to happy and peaceful living in the home, and bells are the biggest factor in carrying out the first R. Yes, bells govern M.K. lives and with a family of twenty-three we cannot live without them. The
The morning school bell signals the start of another day.

School bell rings at 7:45 in the morning and the closing bell at 2:30. Before school the children are busy as they have their beds to make and their rooms to clean. Those on kitchen duty are busy clearing tables and others are extra busy as they have their bed sheets to change, a weekly responsibility that all six grades are required to do.

Off school hours are spent in music practice, a walk to the near-by store or a hike up the mountain, roller-skating, jump roping, kite flying, playing croquet, playing school or with Barbies on rainy days, or practicing softball, soccer or kickball for an oncoming competition with the International School. The group spirit is fantastic and the M.K.'s learn sportsmanship early in life. Saturday morning responsibilities include polishing shoes, cleaning and straightening shelves, drawers and closets, and occasional work assignments. Once in a while we hear someone say, “There’s nothing to do today. It’s so boring!” This prompts us to make a suggestion like, “How about raking the yard or sweeping the walks or picking snails off the yard bushes and plants, or making a coffee cake or cookies.” Usually one of these brings a response and the child is no longer bored, and, if it seems like too much work, he is off playing with the others!

Opportunities for the M.K. to develop leadership and creativity are endless. This is exemplified in the self-directed skits, puppet shows, and
TV programs they produce before their built-in audience. Sunday evening devotion time is often given over to the children and they plan it themselves with a song leader, special numbers, and a sermon by the "preacher".

"To be or Not to be" house-parents for almost eight years has not been a question with us, for we have found real fulfillment in caring for missionary children and have considered it a ministry unto the Lord. We love these children and feel that they are a very special brand of youngsters who learn early in life to be independent, who adjust quickly to changes, and who have learned to be brave when it's time to say goodbye again to Mom and Dad and brothers and sisters for another four months of school. And oh, the joy that comes with that first letter from home or that package from Grandma and Grandpa! M.K.'s need a lot of love and the house-parents and teachers are the ones to give it. Love, concern, patience and understanding are things the child is looking for in us, when away from his parents. Having a share in molding these young lives we consider a real privilege.
For the first time in history, a C&MA missionary family (Gary and Connie Fairchild) has taken up residence in the East Java city of Surabaya, Indonesia's second largest city, to begin a ministry of church planting. Weekly Bible studies have been begun and several important contacts made. In the meantime, in the capital city of Jakarta in West Java, two missionary couples are in full-time church planting ministries. Results of special meetings with Rev. Bill Allen and Dr. Richard Harvey have been encouraging. Work among Jakarta's youth is growing. A District Youth Committee was formed with the young people taking an active part in leadership. More than 100 young people attended a district youth retreat resulting in the rededication of many to the Lord. A highlight for the more than fifty Java Sunday School teachers was the seminar held in Jakarta in January. The theme was "That the generation to come might know" (Psa. 78:6). As a result of the seminar at least one new Sunday School has been opened in Jakarta and many teachers have a greater burden to teach. Five hundred children meet weekly for Sunday School in 15 different locations in Jakarta.

In West Kalimantan a milestone was reached when the first retreat for pastors' wives was held at the Kelansam Bible School. New insights into the values, responsibilities and duties of a pastor's wife were gained by many. Another highlight of the year was the Christian Leadership Seminar held by Mr. Wiwcharuck for all the national workers of West Kalimantan. Students from the Immanuel Theological School at Kelansam played an important role in evangelizing in new areas throughout the past year. In just two years the Jengkang area with a population of 20,000 now has 3,000 converts with 500 baptismals. The Theological Education Program (T.E.E.) in West Kalimantan has continued to expand with the opening of three new centers this year making a total of 16 instruction centers and 300 students regularly attending classes.

The Krayan Church District of East Kalimantan with its ongoing missionary vision continues to take the leadership in evangelizing new areas. Students from the district Bible School at Kampung Baru have gone as pastors to other districts where the demand has been greater than the supply. Church growth in the central Mahakam district of East Kalimantan has been astronomical with an increase of 133 percent and the number of workers doubling. This district presents a tremendous
challenge with 34 villages still without a Gospel witness. The coastal oil city of Balikpapan in East Kalimantan now has a resident missionary family, the Eric Michaels. There is much potential among the large foreign population as well as the Indonesian nationals. This presents a great challenge to the national pastor and missionaries. The Long Bia Theological School in East Kalimantan had an enrollment of 94 this past year, the largest in many years. Witnessing teams from the school had fruitful ministries in the Pujungan and Apo Kayan districts where revival broke out in several villages.

The past year seemed to be a year of mounting difficulties in East Indonesia due to the grounding of M.A.F. in Timor and Alor, and yet it was a record year for starting new churches. Praise the Lord, that 14 new churches are in various stages of being organized. Eleven of these are in Alor, two in Timor and one on the island of Sabu. In Bali, the disastrous earthquake which struck in July resulted in more than 700 being killed, 3,000 injured and approximately 250,000 made homeless. Kemah Injil (C&MA national church) casualties were two or three injured and about 25 homes either destroyed or damaged. Christians in Bali were much encouraged by the compassionate outpouring of the Indonesia C&MA missionaries, national Christians and friends from abroad. The World Relief Commission of the N.A.E. channeled $4,000 through our mission. This money was spent for the construction of 10 semi-permanent homes in the Singaraja area, and for the rehabilitation of 13 homes in western Bali. An additional $2,495 from missionaries and friends made up the total spent. One ton of rice, five drums of used clothing from missionary and national friends in Java and hundreds of thousands of vitamins from a Chinese congregation in Jakarta were distributed to the earthquake victims.
INDONESIA

Jakarta, Java
Rev. and Mrs. Gunther Kamphausen, Chairman; Miss Margaret Lee, bookkeeper; Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Neigenfind, Inter-Mission Business Office; Miss Judy Gaskin, children's work; Rev. and Mrs. Craig Hendrickson, Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Swenson, evangelism and church planting.

Bandung, Java
Rev. and Mrs. Raymond R. Rudes, Rev. and Mrs. William F. Kissell, publications; *Rev. and Mrs. Ivan E. Lay, missionary children's hostel; Miss Lorna Munroe, Miss Mary Bower, *Mr. Clyde Krikorian, Miss Judith Anderson, teachers, Bandung Supervised Study Group; *Mrs. C. Krikorian, youth ministries; Miss Helen Evans, language study.

Surabaya, Java
Rev. and Mrs. Gary Fairchild, evangelism and church planting.

West Kalimantan
Rev. and Mrs. Dudley Lela Pierce, Miss Y. William K. Kuhns, I. Douglas, Nanga Pincang, Serawai.

East Kalimantan
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Mrs. Harold Klassen, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Riggenbach, Miss I. School; Rev. and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Michael.
PACIFIC OCEAN

East Indonesia

lolser, Balai Sipuak; Miss Murphy, Rev. and Mrs. Sam; Rev. and Mrs. Merle ev. and Mrs. David Heath,

E. Van Kurin, *Rev. and arinda; Miss Judith Teeter, ters, *Rev. and Mrs. Ken Deets, Long Bia Bible nes Kendall, Malinau; Rev. likpapan.

At Home

Rev. and Mrs. Neil R. Dean, Miss Vonnie Mor- scheck, Rev. and Mrs. Peter Nanfelt, Mr. A.A. Val ley, Rev. and Mrs. John Van Patter.

* To furlough in 1977

July, 1977
Gail and Irene Fleming have taken up residence in Paslaten Langowan, Minahasa in northern Sulawesi. They are assisting the KINGMI Batak Church which has for many years requested a resident missionary in that district. A successful Wiwcharuck Leadership Seminar was conducted also in central Sulawesi and was attended by nearly all the KIBAID workers plus students and many elders, a total of 227 participants. In November 1976, 23 students graduated from The Jaffray Theological College in Ujung Pandang, South Sulawesi. Eight of these graduated with a Bachelor of Theology degree.

Kalam Hidup Publishers broke all previous records last year when the sale of books and literature reached a record high of $103,225. Sixteen new titles were produced. Christian literature presents a tremendous challenge in Indonesia today.

The Inter-Mission Language Center graduated 19 C&MA missionaries in its first year of existence. In the short time that the language center has been in operation, it has proven to be an effective center for cross-cultural communication.

Several “wee folk” have been added to Indonesia’s C&MA missionary family since the last issue of the PIONEER. They are Rebecca Dean, Gary Bradley Fairchild, Chandra Joy Peters, James Taylor Kendall, Aaron Donald Michaels, Brad Douglas Swenson, and Matthew John Beach. Congratulations class of 1995 Dalat High School!

Happenings at STTJ

A good spirit on campus would describe the 1976 school year at Jaffray College. It is difficult to pinpoint this good atmosphere on campus to any one thing. Several students have shown a serious attitude toward spiritual things. A monthly prayer meeting is new. Last semester a week of special meetings were held. Several students came forward for special help. More recently, several chapel messages by teachers and students coincidentally centered around the Holy Spirit. At the same time, the Spirit seemed to “blow” across campus creating a hunger in several students for the fullness of the Spirit. A fourth year student testified that he was filled with the Holy Spirit in his dorm room. He testified as to being able to sit in classes for the very first time without a critical spirit toward the teachers. He said he found new victory over his old nature and discovered a new love toward others. We praise God for this good spirit on campus and we are trusting that this will set the stage for an even better year in 1977.

PAT GROFF MEMORIAL LIBRARY

“Except a corn of wheat. . .” It was ten years ago in March, while a teacher in the M.K. school, that Pat Groff died. The following year the Patricia M. Groff Memorial Library was opened to the public in Bandung. Since that time approximately 2,500 people representing many islands in the archipelago and from various walks of life have become
members. At present there are approximately 350 members on the active list. Patricia M. Groff Memorial Library houses 7,722 volumes and of this number 3,735 are Christian titles. Situated on a very busy thoroughfare, the library has endeavored to carry on an effective witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. Opportunities have been given to explain the way of Salvation to many through the English classes held once a week. Some have prayed to receive Christ as a result. The Bible Correspondence Courses have been introduced with the result that many have enrolled. Countless pages of Christian literature have been distributed to visitors and members. Several Christian films have been shown to a full house. After almost ten years the the Patricia M. Groff Memorial Li-brary shines forth more brightly than ever as a friendly and welcoming beacon light to those passers-by who would take the time to stop in for a visit and avail themselves to the services rendered by the library.

What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead. Men of God in days of old were famous for their faith.

By faith—by believing God—we know that the world and the stars—in fact, all things—were made at God’s command; and that they were all made from things that can’t be seen.

It was by faith that Abel obeyed God and brought an offering that pleased God more than Cain’s offering did. God accepted Abel and proved it by accepting his gift; and though Abel is long dead, we can still learn lessons from him about trusting God.

Enoch trusted God too, and that is why God took him away to heaven without dying; suddenly he was gone because God took him. Before this happened God had said how pleased he was with Enoch. You can never please God without faith, without depending on him. Anyone who wants to come to God must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely look for him.

(Hebrews 11:1-6 Living)
The students of STTJ (Jaffray Bible College, Ujung Pandang, Sulawesi) along with a local weekly ministry in many different city churches, etc. have an annual “far-flung” ministry to different areas of this large nation of islands. Follow with us as we prepare for a typical “fling”.

An evangelism committee is chosen each year, consisting of three students and one professor. Almost the total student ministry during the academic year is determined by this committee.

At the beginning of first semester the basic goals are set for the year including areas of team ministry in November and December. Over past years teams have been sent to Toraja (Sulawesi), East Kalimantan, Bali, Lombok, and this year Sumba, Timor and Irian Jaya.

Prayer and preparation for the annual team ministries continue over many months. This year a monthly half-night of prayer has been begun to pray especially for the evangelistic outreach of the school as well as other matters. A monthly “Praise and Prayer Letter” has also begun this year, with the aim at securing wider more specific and more regular prayer support for the evangelistic program.

By using the missionary Faith Pledge system of giving, we have witnessed the Lord work wonderful things with annual pledges reaching over a half million rupiahs ($1200

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The sacrificial giving of students, friends and supporters of the school has been a great encouragement and challenge to all.

The teams generally consist of two preachers and a singing group, usually a quartet. This year a new emphasis was the giving of seminars in the different churches, aimed at meeting special areas of weakness in Christian education and spiritual growth and development.

Each year there are always different kinds of attempts by the "enemy" to frustrate this vital ministry, as he hates the word 'evangelism' and everything to do with it. We have experienced failures and there are many weaknesses but we learn from these and press on with this great task.

The leaving and returning home of the teams is always a big event, and reports of the team's ministry are always given at the beginning of the academic year.

The teams are away about five to six weeks, serving during the Christmas and New Year celebrations, which give a very special opportunity to the teams to reach the lost.

Space does not allow even to begin to convey the many and varied experiences and specific results of the teams' ministries down through recent years, but the Lord has always blessed and we believe that many people in that great and final DAY will meet the Savior and Lord because teams were sent out from STTJ, Ujung Pandang.

A team from S.T.T.J. with one of the men to whom they had opportunity to minister.

July, 1977
I consider “Home” to be where my mother is in Hamden, Connecticut, although my birthplace was Nyack, New York. Even though I grew up in Nyack and graduated from high school there we did not have any connection with Nyack College or the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The “Institute people”, as we townspeople referred to them were a bit odd to our way of thinking. I had been saved when 12 years of age but was not living for the Lord. However, the Lord worked a series of miracles in my life, and the fall after graduation from high school I enrolled as a freshman at Wheaton College. That fall during special meetings at the college, the Holy Spirit worked in my life, and I changed majors from Home Economics to Christian Education.

It was during my junior year at Wheaton that the Lord spoke to me about becoming a missionary. Although this was not my desire I did want the Lord’s will in my life, so I began aiming in that direction. Under the New England Fellowship of Evangelicals, I taught Daily Vacation Bible School in New England during the summer of 1946 and that fall became a Rural Bible Teacher in southeast Vermont. I loved the work and would have been very happy to continue to serve the Lord there, except that I had promised the Lord I would go to the mission field. So in the fall of 1948, I enrolled at Nyack Missionary Training Institute as a transfer in Christian Education. During that year I applied to the Christian and Missionary Alliance as a missionary candidate and was accepted.
cepted but not yet appointed.

Meanwhile the New England Fellowship was in need of a C.E. Director and requested me to come immediately following graduation. During the following year I lived in Boston while directing the work of 13 Rural Bible Teachers, speaking in churches and on a children's radio broadcast every Saturday morning. That year I was appointed to French Indo-China and in September 1950 sailed on the "Ile de France" for four months of French language study in Paris. At the end of January 1951, I arrived in French Indo-China as a missionary to the Koho-speaking tribes in the mountain district of Dalat.

The happiest years of my life were those spent in Vietnam as a missionary, teaching in the Bible school during my first and second terms and then working on manuscripts of the New Testament in the Koho language. In April 1967 the first copies of the Koho New Testament were dedicated and distributed. When all of the missionaries were evacuated from Dalat in 1968 due to the Tet Offensive it was wonderful to know that the Koho church had the New Testament in their own language, in case we never got back. The latter part of my third term and entire fourth term was devoted to working with the Koho young people.

I left for furlough in July 1974 and Vietnam fell to the Communists in April 1975. After the Lord had partially healed my heart so that I was able to think of another mission field, I requested appointment to Indonesia, arriving in Jakarta on July 20, 1976. I am grateful for the twenty-three and a half years I had to serve Him in Vietnam and I praise Him for His definite leading and the many answers to prayer.

Lord, I long to know You better
Than I ever have before.
That my life may be of service;
And my heart, a place of worship
To the Living Christ.

Can it be that You have sought me,
Brought me to this place in love?
Then, Lord, may my life be fruitful,
Telling lost men of salvation
And the Living Christ.

by: Judy Anderson

July, 1977
Adjusting the Focus

by Maureen Klassen

The golden full moon glistening on the still water, the dark shadows of river side growth, the chug of the engine, the heavy breathing of our sleeping children, as we make our way stealthily in the night from one village to another to present the claims of Christ. The reality of it all pounded into life the mental picture we had held of missions. Here we were in the heart of Kalimantan (Borneo), Dyakland. The friendly golden tooth grin of the people, the swinging dangling ear lobes, the tattooed skin, the stilt bark houses ... all there, as we had imagined it to be! Stepping off the boat would we make our way steadily to those bound in sin and entangled in superstition? Yes, we would, but not exactly as we had envisioned. The water lapped against the edge of the long narrow boat, and we stepped on land and into the arms of our brothers and sisters in Christ! We roll out our mats on the floor of their home, we receive with thanks the tasty bowl of jungle greens, the dried salty fish and the substance of life ... mounds of rice. We listen to them tell of their people ... their fellowship of believers ... the problems they face ... their struggles of daily life. The light shines within our own hearts, and we clasp their hands in love!

What greater joy could be ours than to step back and encourage and cheer the toddler on as he learns to walk, run and stand strong, sure, stedfast, mature in Christ? Pastors laboring in their rice fields, or standing on the dirt floor of a classroom teaching for lack of provisions to lay out before their families. The red-stained beetle nut mouths and the poison tobacco stick ... the contrast in desire and practice. Glaring is the need of change. Growth in the lives of believers, guidance in the lives of pastors and leaders. Our much loved brothers and sisters in Christ need us and we need them! We look into their eyes and they look into ours and with heads bowed in prayer we commit ourselves anew to our heavenly Father, the Lord of the Harvest, to mold and shape our lives together to become mighty tools, open channels, like the bamboo pipes used to channel the fresh spring water, available for free flow of the water of Life. There are many still eeking out an existence in a dry and parched land. The task of getting them drink, and nourishing that new life is a task to be shared.

A great wedding day is coming, and the time for final preparation is short! Christ loves His bride greatly, and longs that she be complete and ready for Him. He poured out His life for her! Should not we?
I have a disease. It's no ordinary disease. Probably out of all the people in the world less than 100,000 people have had it. That's not very many when you think of the billions of people who have lived. It is called “first-termitis” or initial adjustment syndrome. Every missionary who goes overseas experiences this in some varying degree. What were our symptoms and signs? First, we had the initial adjustments to the food and water. This is no light matter, because I spent many hours thinking about how I picked up all these little bugs. Because of this I lost 15 lbs. And because of these little bugs I got typhoid. This is a fever that is not to be thought of lightly. I was in the hospital for two weeks because of its danger. Then I had to rest for about four weeks until I gained my strength.

One of the characteristics of a missionary is that you do things as a team with your wife. And so Pat joined me during my last three days in the hospital. She had a miscarriage. Our little girl, Deidre, also had pneumonia. And so, all of this brings its discouragements and frustrations.

Then there is the frustration of living in a rainy climate—everyday, sometimes twice a day, rain. Your tools rust, the books mildew and the laundry never gets dry. And you always seem to get caught in the rain going or coming home from some place.

Another symptom is forgetfulness. You hand something to someone with your left hand and get a funny look in return. Then later you remember that the left hand is considered unclean. Next you make an appointment with someone, only to wait for them to show up. After stewing for a while you remember that in many cases it’s rubber time. My wife says your whole life style changes to fit the culture. Language learning is a major task of the first-termer. You can’t understand why all the adjectives go in back of the noun instead of the front where it should be. At first you are bothered by the quiet, reserved ways of the people, but later learn to appreciate it.

Your family also shows various symptoms. Like when your daughter gets her hand caught in the wringer of the washing machine. Or you accidently spill boiling water on her hand while filling the bathtub because there is no hot water faucet.

As a husband and wife you don’t dare show affection in public because this is something that is not done in your adopted culture.

Another symptom of first-termitis is indecision. A new missionary must learn to live in a new culture. This takes a lot of time and serious application. Because of the cultural gap many times you don’t know where you stand. When the people
laugh, are they laughing at you or with you in your efforts to adapt? Are they laughing at what you said or how you said it? Many times you just don’t know what to do. Where do you fit in? Sometimes it’s not very clear. For instance, how do you work out the critical balance of leading people in a ministry and letting them perform it for themselves? Sometimes you think you should teach them with the methods of your own example, but sometimes that is not the most fitting way. And therefore, you are not sure always which step to take.

Then there is the symptom called “why don’t they do it the right way?” This symptom comes because of our cultural baggage we bring from our western society. Why do we have to bargain for everything? Sometimes you wonder why you spend so much time over the equivalent of 25 cents. All of these frustrations come because of a lack of willingness to accept and do things in a different way.

When you begin to drive in the city traffic, you realize that all accounts between you and God must be settled because you may be going home at any minute. But the longer you drive you realize that the traffic has its own rules and systems. There is much more give and take than what we had in the States. There is a system and we have to learn to live in it.

Another symptom is a change in attitude toward material goods. We have had some unexpected visitors in our home. After having seven robberies in our house and losing hundreds of dollars worth of things from our missionary outfit, we begin to realize that our attitude toward things begins to change. One of the dangers in this is the anger and terrible feelings towards the thieves that pops up in attitudes towards people in general. When this happens you really have a problem. When I finally began to realize this, I prayed for the salvation of the thieves. Then my attitude towards the people changed. These are the symptoms of first-termitis. What is the cure?

First is time, because it takes time to learn new customs. You cannot expect to learn a new set of social patterns overnight. It takes time to learn not to use your left hand when handing things to others.

Secondly, a willingness to accept the new. Learn a new language. Learn a deeper respect that is given to older people. Learn to talk quietly when it is about something important. Learn to accept and drive by the formal and more importantly the informal rules of traffic.

Thirdly, pray. Pray for the millions who do not know Jesus. Pray for the husband who has lost his wife in childbirth. Pray for the mother whose five month old baby suddenly died. Pray for that insistent beggar who seems to come by your house periodically. When I pray like this, the people begin to break that hard cultural shell of mine and begin to find a place in my own heart.

Gordon and Pat Swenson are first-term missionaries serving in Jakarta. They are involved in church planting and evangelism.
HELP!

by Clarabelle Kissell

Have you noticed the page entitled "Special Field Needs?" Probably you have. Perhaps as your eyes have traveled down over the list of needs and the amounts requested for each item, you have gazed in almost disbelief at the number of vehicles and the amount of money requested for each. We can't say that we blame you for wondering. You are undoubtedly thinking, "Why so many cars?" Why so much money?" We hope that as you read on, you will begin to understand at least in part, the reasons that have brought about these requests for new vehicles. You could not begin to comprehend fully the need without visiting us and experiencing firsthand our transportation dilemma.

Everyone knows that cars have a way of wearing out. Even with just the normal amount of use covering an average number of years, cars do wear out. How much greater the wear and tear when the roads are perhaps, let us say, just not as good as they could be. Or perhaps as the case may be, the vehicle is in need of a repair or a motor job but because certain parts are not available or a capable repairman on the spot, the vehicle has been pressed into duty beyond the "breaking point" resulting in the need of a major overhaul. By and by this results in two or three or perhaps even more vehicles having passed the point of dependability and many working hours spent trying to get a car to operate when it just utterly refuses. To further complicate the problem, perhaps the missionary is a poor mechanic to begin with. There was the time, not too many months ago, when the available running cars were far less than the demand since our missionary personnel had increased by approximately 45% in the span of seven months. The supply of vehicles simply was not sufficient for the demand. Presently, much of the Mission's emphasis seems to be on city work, especially in Java. More missionaries will soon be arriving. Will additional vehicles be available also?

Some may pose the question, "Is there no public transportation?" Yes, we have horse carts, and a three-wheeled pedi-cab bicycle affair where the passengers sit in the front and the driver in the back; then there are also what we call "opelets," a four-wheeled vehicle which very often resembles a steamship coming into port, as it comes down the road almost broadside with radiator boiling over and pulls off to the side of the road calling for more passengers! Some towns and locales may even boast of buses but all of these modes are very undependable and much time wasted if these are the only choice.

Only in the past three or four years were restrictions put on the importing of cars making it necessary to purchase all vehicles in the

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All nineteen children were tucked in for the night. The hostel was quiet until a fifth grade girl called down, "Aunt Bernie, please come up, something seems to tell us the Lord is coming tonight. We're scared!" Before I could go up, Uncle Ivan tried to relieve their fears, telling them that the Lord says He is coming like a thief in the night and we will not know ahead of time. When I went upstairs, I found the four 5th and 6th grade girls huddled on their beds with their light on, half afraid, half joyful, half crying, half praying. I sat down with them and we talked about heaven and what we thought it would be like. And I reassured them that as Christians they should be looking for Christ's return. After prayer together the girls were kissed again and tucked in for a night of sweet dreams about heaven. (B. Lay)

Rainy seasons are something you look forward to. That is, if your house is not situated in a low area of town. It happens to he OUT lot to live in just such an area. After two weeks of straight rain day and night, the inevitable happened. The water seeping in, I mean. Under the doors, up through the drain holes. We began moving things away from these areas. Then, the water began flowing in. By 10:00 at night every room in the whole house was under water. We stacked things higher and higher. The water was still rising. Walking around in the back of the house caused mild waves on the front porch. We stayed up all night. Fortunately, the four children were asleep. By 3:00 in the morning the water was up to the middle of my calves in some parts of the house. We were cold and beat . . . worried about the refrigerator being damanged . . . then at 6:00 a.m. our 8-year-old son woke up. Seeing all the water in the house, he was elated. Wading out into the living room, he said, "Mommy, isn't this the happiest day of our lives?" I really can't say that I agreed with him — but I did smile. (B. Smith)

Over four years ago when we first arrived on the field, Bill Kissell, a senior missionary, kindly offered to help us do our first shopping. Upon our arrival home, we began opening up the boxes and putting things into place. We came across four dark blue kemp like pieces of material with finished edges . . . just the size of placemats. We had no idea what they were for, so decided that Bill must have put them in so that we would have something to use on our bare table. The number was just right too. Well, can you believe it? I nicely laid them out on our table.
for dinner one day, and then noticed the strange look on the face of our helper as she brought in the food. What laughter rolled when we discovered that our place mats were really floor rags! Who ever heard tell of buying a cloth to wash the floor with???

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Bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Romans 12:14-16

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Of Stilts (from page 6)

had simultaneously. John the Baptist’s statement concerning Christ, “He must increase but I must decrease” is very applicable to missions. As the Church, using its God ordained gifts as endowed by the Holy Spirit begins to function as God desires, then the missionary will begin to fade into the background. The reader may question, “Are missionaries still needed in East Kalimantan?” The answer is a definite ‘yes’ . . . but our role is changing. Praise God, He is building His Church, and Jesus Christ will be manifested through it.

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NANGA PINOH AIRPORT LIMOUSINE SERVICE

With the introduction of Mission Aviation Fellowship service to West Kalimantan, an additional mode of travel has become a necessity. The photo below shows the four-wheel garden tractor, piloted by missionary Merle Douglas about ready for take-off to the air strip, a 20 minute drive from home, with Elizabeth and David Heath and sons as passengers in adjoining trailer. Standing a safe distance from any possible danger from take-off is Elsie Douglas.

Both the Douglases and Heaths are transferes from Viet Nam and are now working in the Pinoh and Melawi districts respectively of West Kalimantan.
Operation Link is a literacy program which consists of a set of communicative tools to teach adults to read Indonesian. Each set consists of 20 books of "Readers" I, II, and III, 15 flash card stories, 15 simple story books, "Heart of Pak" chart with booklets (tracts) and THE LIVING NEW TESTAMENT for those who finish the course.

Highlight of the operation came with the visit of those who donated funds, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Falkenberg, President Director of Bible Literature International, Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Falkenberg, R.R. Rudes and Soemitro, from the editorial department, went to Kelansam on the closing day of a pastor’s conference and following the seminar by Peter Wiwcharuck. In Rev. Bua’s home in Kelansam we met with the district and regional committees and found an open door and ready reception of Operation Link. The regional committee promised to do the distribution of Link for Kalam Hidup through pastors and the TEE program to clusters of villages throughout all West Kalimantan KINGMI area.

Following this reception there was a demonstration to the workers who had gathered.

Back at Kalam Hidup reports are coming in such as the following: "Bapak (father) Kelai, Silan, Baron, Selong, Totom and Ibu (mother) Burai, Nonomy, Sangun and Dona have learned to read and are waiting for their New Testament. Four young people are now teachers: Samudra, Yusenen, Mandyana and Semadar. They can now run the program, push the buttons on the playback and teach the whole course even without the pastor, Matias Maludin.

As graduates finish their course, more and more reports will come in. But the most important kind of in is first, In Faith (those who will accept Christ) and secondly, In Time (those who will evangelize others through their new found treasure, the ability to read). LINK can make the difference between hearing only to examining the Scriptures personally. Pray for Link.

Help! (from page 27)

country. With rising inflationary costs and taxes the price of a new car is astronomical. Thus, the exorbitant figures quoted in our "Special Field Needs." But we praise the Lord because these figures do not stagger Him at all. He has told us "to ask largely." We have seen Him provide for needs as large as these in the recent past and we know He will do it again. Do you believe in miracles? We do! Yours for happy motoring and for the spreading of His Gospel of love more speedily.

The Pioneer
### SPECIAL FIELD NEEDS

The following projects have been approved by the Christian and Missionary Alliance Board of Managers but are not included in the regular budget.

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Those interested in giving toward these needs or to the General Fund may send gifts to: Dr. B.S. King, Treasurer, The Christian and Missionary Alliance, Box C, Nyack, New York 10960.

*July, 1977*
PLEASE PRAY...

For the physical, mental and spiritual health of the missionaries.

For the thrust in city evangelism, especially within Jakarta and Surabaya.

For guidance for the newly-elected national church leaders and officers.

For good response at the new stations opened by new personnel.

For the health and ministry of missionaries on furlough.

For the Lawrence Kamali family. He has been seriously ill for over a year.

That visas be granted for several couples already appointed and waiting.

For the health and safety of missionary children away at school in Penang and Bandung.

For Bali, in view of the increased response and yet the lack of a resident missionary.

For continued outreach by the varied ministries of Kalam Hidup Publishers, including the bookmobile, library and monthly magazines.

For continued growth among pastors and lay people stemming from leadership training seminars.

For the need of an increasing number of qualified national teachers and directors in the Bible schools.

For the Theological Education by Extension programs and for missionaries involved in teaching them.

For the director and workers at the Inter-Mission Business Office.

For the needs of Mr. Anggu (a national teacher) and his family while he is studying in the Philippines.

1977–78 Prayer Calendar

16 For the support of the General Fund of the C.M.A.

17 For the planning of the Indonesia Mission's 50th Anniversary commemoration activities, including special evangelistic outreach.

18 For the Indonesian radio programs being aired over Trans-World Radio under the auspices of Kalam Hidup Publishers.

19 For special wisdom, strength and encouragement for the field Chairman and Executive Committee.

20 For the varied needs of the M.K. graduates who will be returning to the homeland for college.

21 For evangelistic teams traveling out from the local Bible schools.

22 For continued open doors for the gospel here.

23 For a fruitful evangelistic outreach of the national church to new areas of Indonesia this year.

24 For the progress of Christian Education programming in the churches.

25 For the continued production and distribution of the Living New Testament in Indonesian.

26 For the 656 national workers who have little encouragement from the outside, yet faithfully minister.

27 For M.K. hostel parents and teachers in Penang and Bandung, as well as for replacements and additional personnel.

28 For the continued growth of the new churches established throughout the islands this past year.

29 That more Indonesian young people would feel the call of God into full-time Christian ministries.

30 For special wisdom, strength and encouragement for Mr. Kerr and the rest of the Overseas Division in Nyack.

31 For the continued safety and protection of M.A.F. flights.