Reaching the Unreached

The topic of "Unreached Peoples" is often discussed today. Because of the vastness of Indonesia, there are many peoples groups here who have not yet been evangelized. Some are resistant to the gospel while others have never heard of Christ’s love for them personally.

This issue of The Pioneer focuses on work that the C&MA is doing among some of these peoples. Recently primitive cave-dwellers in Kalimantan (Borneo) were reached with the gospel. Their response as well as the courage of the evangelistic team make for good reading.

A children’s home in Bali for poor students is an unusual outreach ministry. Students return and win their families for Christ.

The Ot Danum tribe reached only six years ago is now sending its first couple to Bible school.

But tribal people aren’t the only "unreached" ones. Work among transmigrants—people sent from Java to less densely populated islands—is taking place throughout Indonesia. These people who have left the security of their extended families are more receptive now.

You can also read of the new congregation in Semarang, Java, a city of 1.2 million, where professional people are turning to Christ.

The number of unreached peoples in Indonesia is unknown, but the means of reaching them is apparent. Your prayers will break down resistance and bring forth new workers. Your gifts also help reach out in love to the unreached.

Sharon Kendall, editor
Cave-Dwellers Find Christ

Rev. Damus Singa and his three companions excitedly scanned the mountains as their boat neared the coast of East Kalimantan (Borneo) where they would disembark. Government officials and friends had warned them not to attempt contact with the unknown tribal people in this mountainous area because many had been killed in the past. Damus, a director of evangelism, had had three experiences of first-time contacts with unknown tribal groups. Therefore, he was given permission to attempt this new entry.

It was mid-morning, October 6, 1988, the second day into their journey. After disembarking, Damus and his three companions started their trek up the mountain. Within 30 minutes, they spotted a woman — wearing a bark loincloth — carrying a small child. Seeing
the four men, she immediately ran further into the jungle. They called out that they were Dayaks (native people of Kalimantan). After coaxing her back, they explained their desire to meet her people. Would she please take them there?

She seemed to partially understand, but still was hesitant to take them. The language barrier was frustrating. When they realized she and the child had been searching for food, they gave her some from their supplies and then offered to carry her child. Finally, the woman started up the mountain deeper into the jungle. For the rest of the day they followed her, taking turns carrying the child.

Suddenly, the woman began to shout. They glimpsed several tribesmen disappearing through the trees. She rushed after them yelling. Damus stopped at the entrance of a cave. Standing in front were men with long, spear-tipped blow guns. After the woman explained his presence, Damus tried to communicate his desire to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them. However, they would not receive what the strangers offered without first meeting with their chief.

At daybreak they began their trek and several hours later they were led to the chief’s cave. A man in his 50s, his authority over the people was obvious and his command of the Indonesian language was a bit better. As they talked, Damus learned that he and his companions would have been killed had they not been Dayaks. Outsiders were not welcome! The Dayak people, however, were viewed by these cave-dwellers as being just as native to the East Kalimantan area as they were.

Damus spent four days sharing with the Basap people and learning more about them. Seven family groups resided in large caves in this area of the Teluk Sumbang region. The chief estimated that there were another 45 families living within the region. Because of their nomadic lifestyle, they could not be easily located.

Their dress, diet, and manners were very primitive. Their clothing consisted of strips of tree
bark. Their diet was mainly raw meat and uncooked roots and plants gathered from the jungle. They had no gardens and were afraid of fire and water. None of them had ever bathed. In the past the practice of cannibalism had been prevalent among them. Damus could see skulls at the mouths of their caves, but was forbidden entrance.

As Damus shared about Jesus Christ and the way of salvation, the people simply could not comprehend it all. Although he desired to stay longer, Damus had to keep to his pre-arranged schedule for an MAF flight home. The chief stated that his decision to either accept or reject this new belief would be made when Damus returned.

That second trip was made in June, 1989. This time Damus took with him gifts donated by Dayak Christians. The chief had eagerly awaited Damus’ return. He reported that they were now ready to receive the Christian religion and longed for a pastor to live among them. During Damus’ time there, 120 received Christ and 86 were baptized. This, of course, is just the beginning.

Damus, along with many other Christians in the Dayak community, is full of excitement and plans for the future. Dayak church leaders have appointed an evangelist to live with the Basap tribe.

The church in East Kalimantan has been served by Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) for over 15 years. MAF flies in evangelists, teachers, doctors, laymen, as well as supplies for developing their communities. MAF plans to fully subsidize the flights for evangelizing and discipling the Basap people. Pray that all obstacles will be overcome as this project continues.

Shelley is the wife of the MAF Program Manager in East Kalimantan.
Once you visit it, you never forget it. Perhaps it is the scores of healthy, happy children and young people swarming the cramped facilities of this children's home that impress you. You wonder where they put them all. (Four to six occupy each bunk bed at night, and seats at study tables have waiting lists!) Maybe you are touched by the dedication and efficiency of the staff. You wonder if their patience and love ever run short. (All 14 are from Hindu-Bali background, a few are alumni of the Home itself.)

Perhaps it is the positive outlook, quiet mien, and humble spirit of Rev. and Mrs. Nyoman Gama, directors of the Home, that speak to your heart. (Graduates of Jaffray Theological Seminary, they capably manage the Home, pastor the local church, and oversee four evangelistic posts in the area.) Or it may be that it is the faith and vision behind
this outreach ministry on the "island of the gods" that challenges you.

You wonder where the money comes from to house, clothe, and feed nearly 200 children. (The

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menu for today calls for 220 pounds of rice, 70 pounds of vegetables, 400 medium-sized fish, mounds of soy bean cakes, and a generous dose of hot peppers.) Monthly school fees are due next week. Only faith and earnest intercession at the daily 5:00 a.m. prayer meetings keep extra funds coming in to continue construction on the desperately needed four-story dormitory and all-purpose building.

Whatever tugs at your heart, the fact is that The Baithel Christian Children's Home in Klungkung, Bali, is an impressive witness of faith in the true God. This testimony speaks boldly to the islanders forever caught up in intricate rituals of worship to the millions of Hindu gods.

Started in the 1950s by Alliance missionaries, the Home is now owned and administered by the Indonesian Alliance Church of Bali. It provides accommodations for Balinese village children who come to Klungkung to attend public schools. The Home serves Christ through serving underprivileged children and is an effective outreach ministry of the Church. Giving an avenue of entrance into many communities, it shows Christ's love and power to change lives. Gifts from World Vision and other agencies, as well as contributions from individuals, make this ministry possible.

Since 1972, nearly 400 children, from pre-school through high school, have received loving care from the Baithel staff. Many of them have come from Hindu or Muslim families. Most accept Christ as Savior and Lord. Some have been instrumental in bringing their families to Christ.

Self-reliance, responsibility, and applied work ethic are important aspects of the curriculum of the Home. The young people raise pigs and make cement blocks and coconut oil that they sell to help with expenses. After graduating from high school, they are assisted in finding jobs. Wherever possible, they pursue further training or
education. Alumni are now gainfully employed in various occupations. The Home’s outreach has recently expanded to encompass the "hidden peoples" of Lombok and Sumbawa. Thirty-five children from these islands are now being nurtured there and are being equipped with a good education and training in various skills. When they return to their communities, God uses their love for Christ to help reach the yet unevangelized Bima, Sumbawa, and Sasak tribes.

Perhaps most significant of all is that The Bethel Christian Children’s Home is helping to provide desperately needed workers for the many new churches and evangelistic posts on the islands of Bali, Lombok, and Sumbawa. Eleven alumni of the Home are now in seminary, preparing for full-time ministry. More will join them.

You may not be able to visit it, but we hope you will not forget these glimpses of The Bethel Christian Children’s Home. Please pray for this unique ministry that is effectively proclaiming God’s love on the "island of the gods".

These people are hard as rocks," I said to Mochtar. "Yes," he answered, "and I was one of the hardest. Most of my family are still that way." How this West Kalimantan member of the Ot Danum tribe ever overcame his fear of the spirits and jungle omens, heavy drinking, smoking, and addiction to betelnut can only be described as a miracle of God’s love.

In 1984 my wife Maureen and I moved to the remote village of Nanga Ambalau to open up a ministry to the Ot Danum, the tribe most resistant to change in all of the Melawi River basin. When we held the first services in our newly-built jungle home, about 50 attended. Many villagers who lived near Mochtar’s rice fields came to the services and a few received Jesus as Savior, but not Mochtar.

At first Mochtar did not want to even come close to our house, especially on a Sunday. Out of curiosity and at the urging of some of his neighbors, he eventually came. Even then he sat very close to the door and snickered at the believers as they joined in the service. Yet God was working on this "rock". As time went on he started to think about his life and his need of release from the chains of sin that bound him so tightly to the ways of the ancestors.

Lelia Lewis and her husband Rodger live in Ubud, Bali. They have been involved in church planting ministries since 1953.
Mochtar and Ijah — first Bible school students from the Ambalau region.

Broken Bonds

Mochtar’s conversion took place gradually. This prisoner of animism and addiction finally made the step of faith, cast off his bonds, and started to "walk the Jesus road." There came a marked change in Mochtar and his wife Ijah. Their old habits fell by the wayside and their omen-fear was replaced by the Holy Spirit’s peace.

Mochtar and Ijah became involved in church lay leadership and attended TEE (Theological Education by Extension) classes held by Maureen. It was during these times of study that Mochtar and Ijah really started to mature in their faith. Maureen noticed their dedication and willingness to study and minister to others. Their questions at the
end of each class showed the depth of their personal study. Maureen began to suggest that they consider attending the Kelansam Bible School in preparation for the ministry. This was not an easy decision for a couple already in their mid-30s, with three children, a home, and their own land. We prayed for them.

They finally cut the bonds that held them to their home and decided to go to Bible school. They sold most of their possessions. Their final harvest netted enough rice for 1-1/2 years. The following year was a crop failure so they would have gained nothing by waiting. Mochtar got a temporary job to earn money for school costs. When he had raised enough for three years, he put all the funds in the bank, for doling out carefully in those years.

I still remember the day I took the whole family in my longboat one hour downriver to the nearest airstrip. There they boarded the MAF plane to Kelansam. They were very quiet and tears were in Ijah’s eyes. They knew the break had come.

At Kelansam Bible School, they are unique. Mochtar and Ijah are the first married couple to study full-time.

Now half-way through his studies, Mochtar returned to the Ambalau area at Christmas as a member of the school evangelistic team. There, the former "rock" preached to his "rock-hard" tribe in 11 villages during the 10-day trip. During this visit he realized the hard-heartedness of his people.

I accompanied his team to the first three villages. After one service he led two older women to Christ. I was thrilled when I realized that Maureen and I had become spiritual grandparents.

His sermons, preached in the local dialect, are full of cultural examples and illustrations that the people can easily identify with. Mochtar was able to lead 11 of his people to the Lord. This former prisoner to jungle omens is now helping other prisoners find release.

Pray that Mochtar and Ijah will remain humble servants to the Lord and to their tribe.

Mike and Maureen Roark are finishing their second term in the Ambalau area.
God took bits and pieces of dreams, added a vision, gave it to those who were of one heart and mind, and then He brought it to life. This is how the Parousia Urban Church Planting Project began. Semarang, a city of 1.2 million people in Central Java, needed a large urban church that would minister to the middle-to-upper class of the city.

Having a vision is all very good, but how do you make it happen? Where do you start? All through the year God was laying the groundwork through evangelistic campaigns using a Javanese drama team. At Christmastime a celebration was held in a major hotel using the drama team and other special features. Four hundred people were invited. Three hundred of them attended. A month later the first worship service of the Parousia congregation was held. Our journey of faith was on its way as God confirmed His leading in this venture.

Parousia is unique, not only in
the fact that we are specifically seeking people never before targeted by the Indonesian Alliance Church, but in that from the beginning it has been a "team effort". It enjoys leadership by a committee of national pastors and missionaries. Rev. J. R. Khristiyanto and Rev. Tom Mangham laid the foundation of this new ministry. With the addition of Rev. Harvey Matchullis, responsibilities have been divided into three areas: Pastoral Care, Evangelism, and Administration.

In the initial proposal it was stated that within the first two years we would strive for an average attendance of 100 people. PRAISE GOD we have very nearly reached that goal after only one year. We have built on a core group of personnel from the nearby Simpson Theological Seminary (STS) in addition to the regular church leadership. But the very precious part of building upon the core group has been the fulfillment of specific prayer. PRAISE GOD we have five solid families that are now committed to establishing this church.

Take for example the Mawar* family (name changed). Mr. and Mrs. Mawar have known the Lord for years. They began worshiping with us at the invitation of one of our core families. Just recently, Mr. Mawar was offered a promotion, new house, car, and higher salary. But because they would have to move, and therefore not be able to help Parousia be established, they turned it down.

This all sounds so easy and perfect. Yet there has been so much to fight. For every victory, there has been a very real battle with major discouragements and hurdles.

Right now Parousia is at a very crucial time in its development. At present we rent a hotel conference room three hours a week. The pressing need is to locate a building along with the funds to rent or buy. Also, Rev. Khristiyanto is a professor at STS and thus cannot give Parousia his full attention. We desperately need a full-time pastor.

Pray with us that the dream that God has brought to life will continue to develop for the glory of God.

When offered a promotion with higher salary, they refused because they were needed by Parousia.

The Manghams have completed their first term of service in Indonesia and are presently on furlough.
Backyard Missions

From its beginning the Kemah Injil (C&MA) Church of East Kalimantan has been missionary-minded, actively evangelizing beyond tribal, provincial, and even national borders. In the early 1980s, the Lower Kayan District found a new mission field in its own backyard.

The Indonesian government had begun a transmigration program encouraging and helping Javanese and Sundanese people move from the over-crowded island of Java to under-populated Kalimantan. Some

Though he applied as a missionary to Java, he was assigned to Javanese transmigrants in his own district.
of these villages are in the Lower Kayan area.

In 1982, Kaleb Usat, a brand-new graduate from the Long Bia Bible School, applied to go as a missionary to Java. Instead, he was asked to establish a church among the Javanese in his own district. By July, he was living in the transmigrant village of Karang Agung with a Javanese family. He was supported by a district church, with a bicycle provided for transportation. Fifteen people were baptized within that year.

Today a lovely church stands in the village of Karang Agung. In 1987 two more churches were started in transmigrant villages in the Lower Kayan District.

The Karang Agung Church recently sent its first student, Sukiman Dwijo Lusumo, to the Long Bia Bible School. Burdened for his fellow Javanese, he plans to serve among them in East Kalimantan after graduation.

Marie Peters and her husband Frank have taught at the Long Bia Bible School since 1976.

Tropical rains are not easily forgotten nor is the arrival of three new missionary families within the same week. Missionary visas are not given quickly nor in great numbers, but when God’s people pray the remarkable does take place.

In August, 1989, these families settled in Bandung, ready to take on the challenges of learning a new language and culture. These challenges included: frequent illnesses;
tedious housing difficulties; relying on the smile more heavily than the tongue; sorting out new faces, names, sounds, smells, and sights; and releasing children to others daily while parents started language study.

Let’s meet each family.

Bremwell and Donna Frentz have come from the Western Canadian District. “Yeah, Mommy! Yeah, Daddy!” cheered Terri Lynn (4-1/2 years) and Jeremy (1-1/2) as they heard their parents sing different sounding words in front of an Indonesian congregation shortly after their arrival. Before their marriage in 1982, both Brem and Donna were part of Alliance Youth Corps (AYC) teams to Indonesia. He came in the summer of 1979 and she in 1981.

The Frentzes trained at Canadian Bible College and ministered at the Rockyview Alliance Church in Calgary, Alberta. Then Brem graduated from Canadian Theological Seminary. The day after graduation news came that their longed-for visa had been granted—

God has fit all the pieces of their preparation together for Indonesian service.

— McMahans

final confirmation from God! According to Brem and Donna, “It took ten years for God to equip us and grant the desire of our hearts. We know without a doubt this is the place the Lord wants us to be right
now. That knowledge will keep us moving ahead even through the rough times!"

At the conclusion of language study Brem and Donna will teach at the Bible school in Pontianak, West Kalimantan.

Alan and Terri McMahan are from the Ohio Valley District. They met at Nyack College and dated throughout their college years. Ten days after Alan returned from AYC in Taiwan they were married. They continued their studies at the Alliance Theological Seminary and Asbury Theological Seminary.

Their concluding months in the States were very hectic. In addition to selling and packing belongings, Alan served at the First Alliance Church in Lexington, Kentucky, as well as pursuing studies and holding down three part-time jobs. After those experiences, Alan thinks teaching cross-culturally must be easier!

Alan and Terri's two sons, Billy (3-1/2) and Jonathan (9 months), have quickly adapted to their new life. Billy loves his new friends at the Indonesian kindergarten he attends. Jonathan has a smile for everyone and his mother believes that he already understands more Indonesian than the rest of the family.

The McMahans have been appointed to teach at Jaffray Theological Seminary in Ujung Pandang, Sulawesi. They are excited about that opportunity and know God has fit all the pieces of their preparation together.

David and Marcia Nagel come from the Rocky Mountain District with Lindsey (2) and Michelle (4...
Lindsey’s friendliness and Michelle’s ready smile quickly won everyone’s hearts.

David and Marcia’s paths first crossed at Asbury College, where an Alliance student fellowship played a key role. David tells of the two major influences in his life towards missions: MKs and AYC. "While attending Asbury, many of our friends were MKs (Missionary Kids). Our outlook was greatly influenced by them. After one service where MKs shared, I could not pray. For the next three days I struggled with making a decision to give my life completely to the Lord. When I said 'yes' to God, I believe He placed His calling on my life to serve Him overseas. My AYC experience in Irian Jaya and Marcia’s in Mali, Africa, were positive influences as well."

After graduation and marriage, they studied at the Alliance Theological Seminary. From there they had a fulfilling three-year ministry at the Alliance Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

David and Marcia stepped out in faith believing that God wanted them in Indonesia. Before they had any assurance of being appointed or obtaining a visa, they resigned from their church, sold their belongings, and packed an outfit. As they look back, they marvel at how God honored their trust, sending them to Indonesia within three months. To David and Marcia this is the confirmation that Indonesia is where God wants the Nagels!

In August they will be moving to Kupang, Timor, to teach at the Bible school.

Maureen and her husband Harold have served in Indonesia since 1972. One recent responsibility has been the orientation of new missionaries. They are currently on furlough.
Having an egg explode in a microwave, flipping the remote control switch on the TV to enjoy all 30 channels, and learning how to activate a water faucet by merely placing his hands under it were some of the new adventures experienced by Leonard Sumule, Indonesia’s delegate to LIFE 1989.

"The world is not so large after all when God is with me," Leo excitedly related. He made many friends and led several to Christ during his travels.

One of only 15 foreign delegates who functioned as "missionary representatives" of their countries at LIFE, Leo was sponsored by Long Hill Chapel in Chatham, New Jersey. His picture album proves that he visited Dr. Simpson’s grave and the Nyack campus, sat behind Dr. Rambo’s desk at the former C&MA Headquarters in Nyack, and joined the long line to climb to the top of the Statue of Liberty.

"I asked God for a 'tenth' of the respondents to serve Him later in Indonesia."

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Allister, the evening speaker, and Al Denson, the musician, worked as a team interspersing the right music throughout the sermon.

Leo discovered new and innovative ways of reaching young people for Christ. Since returning to Indonesia and continuing his studies at Jaffray Theological Seminary, Leo has organized a small musical group. He and his friends are writing music to use with their messages as they minister to young people in the city of Ujung Pandang. Leo reflects, "I'll never be the same again. Now I must be totally committed to serving God and reaching young people for Him."

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Leo's musical gifts and outgoing personality helped to bridge the gap as each morning in the missionary service at LIFE he sang and played his own songs, challenging young people to reach the 99 million Indonesian youth. "The tears streamed down my face as I saw about 1,000 young people come forward on the final night to give themselves to serve God as full-time missionaries. I asked God for a 'tenth' of them for Indonesia."

Music is a powerful vehicle for reaching young people both in the United States and in Indonesia. "I appreciated the way Dawson Mc-
MKs Visit NASA

The children arrived at the Bandung train station, radiating excitement as the reality of the long-awaited trip dawned upon them. Tonight was the beginning of the 15-hour ride to East Java. Ten students from grades 5 and 6 at the Bandung Alliance School (BAS) and four adults deposited their luggage on the overhead racks and stowed some belongings under the seats.

Hours later it was quite a sight to see the children and adults sprawled on sleeping bags in the aisle and on the seats of the night train. Early Saturday morning, they arrived sleepy but hyped in hot and humid Surabaya.

All the preparations for this journey began many months earlier when BAS received an invitation to attend a National Aeronautics and Space Administration presentation hosted by Surabaya International School (SIS). Many smaller international schools on the islands of Sumatra, Java, Bali, and Kaliman-

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tan were also invited for the weekend.

The fifth and sixth graders, with great anticipation, began earning money for the event by selling hot dogs and drinks at lunchtime on Fridays. Also, the proceeds from a school carnival were donated to the cause.

Saturday's activities in Surabaya included a visit to the largest zoo in Southeast Asia, lunch at Pizza Hut, and an evening barbecue with skits. Later, a total of 110 children were housed by families of SIS.

Sunday dawned clear and hot. There was a morning chapel service sponsored by the SIS Bible Club. The rest of the day was given over to activities such as swimming, water polo, rocket and kite making, computer games, ping pong, tetherball, and basketball. All the students were divided into two teams and throughout the day they competed for points. This gave opportunity for interaction, team cooperation, and old-fashioned fun. By the end of the day there were plenty of exhausted children.

Finally, it was the day of the long-awaited NASA presentation. The speaker, Dr. Dale Bremmer, brought along a laser disk and other equipment to demonstrate scientific principles. For example, by using a simple lazy susan and weights, he was able to show how satellites are launched into orbit. He graphically illustrated with a blow torch how strong and heat-resistant the outer material of the space shuttle is. After the presentation, the children were invited to talk with Dr. Bremmer and to try some of the experiments for themselves.

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Later Monday evening the BAS group boarded the train for the return trip to Bandung. The children chattered enthusiastically about their weekend, the friends they had made, and the knowledge they had gained. It was a trip they will never forget!

Diane Vanderpool has taught at Bandung Alliance School since 1987
August 6, 1989. As the Singapore Airlines Boeing 737 circled around Jakarta and began its descent, hundreds of memories crowded my mind.

My life in the middle of the jungles of Kalimantan was one I wouldn’t trade for anything . . . the daily swims in the river on those hot, steamy afternoons . . . being wakened by the chattering of monkeys as they played in the trees behind our house . . . the fun I had exploring the jungle . . . our family trips to different villages for special holidays.

Just like living in the jungle, my life in boarding school has left me with a store of wonderful memories. Although goodbyes
were painful and there were times I longed for home, I never wished for a different kind of life. I had opportunities at school I never would have had with home schooling:

I never wished for a different kind of life.

sports and choir trips, school plays, dorm pranks, school romances. There I developed deep friendships with other MKs that remain a special part of my life.

In the midst of the flood of memories was the surprising reality of being back in Indonesia, the country I had called home as I grew up. I had returned no longer in the MK role, but this time as a missionary. I would be teaching second grade at Bandung Alliance School — the same school I had attended as a child.

Coming back to Bandung as a teacher has not been exactly like returning home as might be expected. I have felt the loneliness of separation again as I left good friends back in the United States. I am not entirely used to my new role. I find myself still referring to the older missionaries as "Aunt" or "Uncle". But my taste buds have been thriving on my favorite Indonesian foods — satay, cendol, martabak. My teaching experience at Bandung has been very positive. Working with MK "angels" is fun — my students brighten many days.

Through the adjustments I have been thankful that God is steadfast. No matter where I go or what changes come into my life, I know I can depend upon my unchanging God.

Connie Kuhns, daughter of Janet and Bill Kuhns, has completed her year's ministry at Bandung Alliance School. She is now residing in the Chicago area.
International Church Ministries

The Bandung International Church, now called "BIC", began in 1958 as an English worship service in the city of Bandung, West Java, Indonesia. The BIC congregation is composed of Asians, Indonesians, Europeans, Canadians, and Americans. They are business people, missionaries, educators, and students. The congregation represents many different denominations who are one in the body of Christ, worshiping and fellowshipping together. Sunday School is an integral part of the church. Weekly Bible studies, a monthly men's breakfast and ladies' fellowship tea all serve as outreach endeavors.

The joy of giving is part of worship and this has been exemplified by BIC's congregation. It has assisted in many Indonesian ministries such as youth retreats and camps, scholarships for Bible school students, as well as church, Bible school, evangelism, and social projects. In 1989 USS6,500 was given to help fund these projects. A contribution of USS5 per child made it possible for needy children to go to youth camps. Each year at these camps 30 to 40 children receive Christ as Savior, and among these some become Sunday School teachers while others attend Bible school to train for the ministry.

A highlight of the year was the special International Christmas Celebration which was held in a local hotel. God provided the facility rent-free! Approximately 315 people attended, with at least 12 different countries represented. Forty percent of those in attendance were Indonesians. BIC is praying about holding a regular meeting in a hotel, using the English language as an effective door to evangelism.

Yes, this is the ministry of BIC: serving the spiritual needs of the foreign and local English-speaking community and giving assistance to the national church of Indonesia.

Bernie and Ivan Lay have retired after serving in Indonesia for 37 years. Their final ministry was at BIC.
When Dr. R. A. Jaffray, the founder of the C&MA Mission in Indonesia, began the Makassar Bible School in 1932, he prepared men and women to preach and teach the Gospel throughout this archipelago. We have had the privilege of knowing some of the men who were among these first students of what is now known as Jaffray Theological Seminary (STTJ*), in Ujung Pandang, Sulawesi. One quality observed in each of these men has been their burden for those who have not yet been reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They "caught" this vision from Dr. Jaffray.
The time has come for the Indonesian C&MA Church to broaden its vision beyond its own borders.

The very first missionary convention at STTJ began on October 3, 1989. Our expectation was that today’s students would “catch” the vision of the lost around the world. Miss Kim Kho, C&MA missionary to the Philippines, was the speaker not only at this convention but also at eight others throughout Indonesia.

Exuberant Kim needed no interpreter since she was born and raised in Indonesia. While studying midwifery in Australia, she found the Lord. There she started attending a newly-begun C&MA church and caught the vision for reaching the lost.

Kim related well to the desires of our young people for education and a secure future. She shared of her own struggles concerning higher education and a profitable career. But she also told of her realization of the importance of making Christ first in her life and living in obedience to Him. “His love for the lost then becomes our love and burden,” she emphasized.

Kim painted no rosy pictures as she told of her first difficult missionary term. After furlough, she did not want to return to the Philippines, but in obedience to God she did. As a result, He has given her joy and satisfaction. Enthusiastically, she concluded, “There is no honor greater in this world than to serve the Lord.”

As Kim radiated her love for the Lord and her burden for those without Christ, 41 young people around Indonesia caught the vision and answered God’s call for service. US$10,500 was pledged for missions and plans are now being made to send the first missionaries to neighboring countries.

* STTJ: Sekolah Tinggi Teologia Jaffray

Dec Bennett has ministered in Indonesia since 1975. She and her husband Geoff teach at Jaffray Theological Seminary.
Our baby was finally born and I was excited to hold it! Thirteen years before, I had been thrilled to hold my son and then a couple of years later, my daughter. But this baby was different. Instead of the usual nine months, this one took over 16 years to develop. It was given the name, "FIRMAN ALLAH YANG HIDUP" or the "LIVING WORD OF GOD."

As a matter of fact, I really did send out birth announcements to several interested individuals. A few, like Dr. Ken Taylor, had had a part in its inception and they would want to be invited to its dedication.

The first Bible came off the press on December 15, 1989. I can still picture the first 1,000 Bibles stacked on the receiving table. If
you look at the stock records, you will notice that only one Bible was sold on the 15th. It’s mine!

What makes this Bible so special? Although we do have the Bible in Indonesian, Kalam Hidup (Word of Life) Publishers felt the importance of putting God’s Word into every-day language. Consider this: that there are over 300 different ethnic language groups in Indonesia; that Indonesian is almost always a second language; and that many nationals have only a basic understanding of Indonesian. Now you can appreciate why Kalam Hidup pioneered to publish this Bible.

These years of development have not always been easy. Some did not think this Bible was needed. Maybe not for them, but on the other hand, one pastor told us that he uses this version as he prepares his messages. In fact, he has been encouraging each member of his congregation to purchase one.

Translation was difficult. Finding just the right word was a challenge, especially so since we were working on The Book! Deadlines were made and broken several times. Some workers gave up. Those were hard blows. But the development is now over and it is time to celebrate!

In fact, this celebration brought back from America the widow of Bud Rudes, the key initiator. What a joyful three weeks Ruth had reliving memories of where she and Bud had ministered for over 35 years. To her, it was like coming home.

The formal dedication took place on January 28, 1990, with representation from Living Bibles International of the United States and Thailand. This 15th translation of the complete Bible is the first in Southeast Asia. To date over 178,000 Living New Testaments have been published in Indonesian and now 5,000 complete Bibles! God is greatly using this version, especially in evangelism.

This year Kalam Hidup celebrates 60 years of publishing Christian literature. Kalam Hidup was founded by Dr. R. A. Jaffray in 1930 to place effective tools in the hands of Indonesian Christians. One more tool has been added, but much more work remains to be done.

Jim Kendall and his wife Sharon have ministered in Indonesia since 1975. Jim serves as Mission Liaison to Kalam Hidup.
Regular readers of *The Pioneer* might find the name "Java 552" a bit puzzling. Haven't we always called it the "Java 500 Program"? Until June 1989 the answer was "yes". At that time the program underwent a re-focusing.

We continue to believe God for 500 churches on Java. That's our first "5". But we have added the new emphasis of starting "mother churches" in five urban centers (our second "5") by the year 2000 (thus, the "2").

In order to succeed in this project, we need to work together: together with you our prayer warriors and donors, together with our national pastors and laypeople, and together with our fellow missionaries. Pray for the evangelization of Java, an island of 100 million people!

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Rick Byham and his wife Cathy have ministered in Java since 1984.
## Special Field Needs

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"Thank You, Lord, for people who pray
Who go before Your throne each day
Bearing my name, my care, my need.
   Thank You for people who intercede.

"Thank You, Lord, for people who pray.
Sometimes, suddenly a care goes away,
A burden lifts, peace comes anew
   For someone has been in touch with You.

"Thank You, Lord, for people who pray.
It gives me courage to face the day
Knowing I'm not in the battle alone
   For someone is kneeling before Your throne.

"Thank You, Lord, for people who pray.
Although unknown, in their quiet way
They are the heroes; theirs the victory.
   I serve You here because they pray for me."