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A ministry update from the
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Where did all the time go!

The year is flying by - where did all the time go? I can't believe it is already May. Here is a quick run-down of how our year has unfolded to date.

In January, John and I went again to Ketapang area. I enjoyed the trip. Johnny has been several times since then. Among some of the milestones, he helped the national missionary family in the city of Sandai with the beginning of their Sunday morning service. He also helped Rev. Harry find and move to a new home (as he was asked to leave his old location). The new location will allow him to hold a service on Sunday morning in his home. He also worked with Rev. Chaming at Easter, bringing the three church plants together to look at helping each other - and fellowshiping together. The work continues



The youth drama, depicting the lives of young people - peer influence and poor decision making. Nakita and Shoshannah both had small parts in the drama.

in each of the churches and preaching points. The area of Ketapang, and the national missionaries serving in this area, still need your prayers. It is remote and isolated, making the work challenging for the missionary team. It is also difficult in that it is a mix of the Dayak, the Malayu, and Chinese Indonesians and so working within all these ethnic groups is difficult.



A church in Jelawt, one of the churches that we visited as a team on our trip interior. Can you find Shoshannah, Nakita, and Johnny?



Praises and Prayers

1. **Again we Praise God for the ministry that has been happening in Faith Baptist Church in Pontianak.** December 21st our church had a break in, and the thieves stole all of our sound equipment (save the drums) along with the church computer. The church rallied together and spent the early part of this year fundraising to replace the stolen equipment. Pray for them now as they continue to raise funds to finish the church structure.
2. **Praise God for the work that has happened in Ketapang area, and please pray for Rev. Harry and his family as they adjust to their new rental home within the city of Ketapang.** Harry, Christine, Thessa (age 7) and Timothy (age 3). They are struggling with the heat, and the small living area of their new home. Pray for their family in this time of transition. Pray also for Thessa who will have her national educational tests on May 31st. In their ministry pray for their long term vision to purchase land, and begin building a church. They still have their services in Rev. Harry's home. Rev. Harry also asks for prayer so that he will remain motivated and excited despite the isolation and challenges.
3. **Please pray for the ministry in Sandai.** In the city of Sandai, Rev. Nixon and his wife have now begun a regular Sunday morning service. This takes place in their home, and is a step forward in their ministry. About 20 people are now meeting for Sunday morning services. Pray for their safety also as having services in their home draws attention.
4. **In the village area of Tumbang Titi, there are three church plants.** The first has a church building, and one has land and is building, and the third church plant just started to meet. Pray for Rev. Chaming as he works with each of these church plants.
5. **Pray for our family as Nakita has decided that she wants to go to boarding school in August for grade 10.** Pray for all of us as we make the adjustments, and preparations for this.
6. **Pray for our family as we wrap up the school year.** Discipline is what we need to get to the end.
7. **Pray for Johnny's health and safety** as he continues to travel to and from Ketapang on bad roads, and in all kinds of weather on his motor bike.

The children during the Easter week-end outreach event.

Faith Baptist church, here in the city, had a busy week leading up to Easter. Traditionally this is when our church holds a children's ministry outreach. On both Good Friday and Saturday afternoon the church hosted the children's ministry event. We had an excellent turn out from the surrounding community with over 100 children. The church did an excellent job presenting the Easter story to the children in the community. Then on Sunday evening (Easter Sunday), the youth had a drama, and again we had an excellent turn out from the community. Most fascinated by the drama where the children. The drama was a story depicting several young people whose lives go awry because of the influence of peers, and bad decision making, and of course the devil. In a funny turn of events the children kept on crowding forward to see the drama and at one point the children caught up in the story were on the stage with the actors. Forgetting it was a drama they were interacting with the characters and telling them not to do things, and warning them of the dangers they were getting into.

In April Faith Baptist ministry team, and some members of the congregation, made a trip interior to deliver some money and used clothing that the church had gathered over a six month period to some of the poorer areas. We visited three churches and a school in: Jelawat, Sekadau, Sintang, and Sosok, all in the western Kalimantan area. We really enjoyed our weekend interior.

Team Support News

Currently our team support is about $\frac{1}{2}$ of what it was at this time last year. It is also down considerably from two years ago. We pray that our team support will increase over the next few months and hope that you will consider increasing your support for us to achieve this goal.

News from Shoshannah ... "I was really surprised to find a big rock in the middle of Western Kalimantan. It turns out that "Bukit Kelam" is one of the biggest free standing rocks in Asia. You can find it near Sintang, in Western Kalimantan. The internet says that it reaches 900 meters (3,000 feet) above the surrounding plain. "Bukit Kelam" means Dark Mountain."



News from Nakita ... "Too bad that we were so late arriving at Bukit Kelam, I really wanted to climb to the top but we didn't have enough time. Next time we go to Sintang I will climb this rock! I hope we go before I leave for boarding school."

p.s. You could pray for my mom because she is freaking out that I am going to boarding school!

p.p.s. I am officially taller than my Mom!

May God Bless you and your family in the coming year. Thank you for your support for us. Thank you for praying for us, for writing to us, and for caring for us and for God's work in Indonesia.

Love from

Johnny, Paige, Nakita, and Shoshannah

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