



It's been a year!

Once again we celebrated Idul Fitri in Pontianak. This is our second year of Id celebrations in Pontianak and feels like the anniversary of our move to Pontianak since this was our 1st major holiday last year when we arrived. Monday September 21st we visited about 7 homes. Wednesday the 22nd we visited another couple. We noticed that compared with Balikpapan, the celebrations in Pontianak are less wide-spread.

One group of people that invited us is located on the Kapuas River and their homes are built on stilts near or above the river. The simple homes are decorated elaborately for the celebrations, and all kinds of cookies, sweet treats, and sweet drinks are ready for everyone to enjoy. The above picture is somewhat deceptive, as the truth is this is a simple home built on stilts with wooden slats as a floor. The walls are made of thin plywood. It was a bit tricky navigating the narrow walk-ways built up on

stilts in the night. Some of them swayed under our feet. Johnny, who loves all things related to fish and fishing, went with the father at one home who is a fisherman, and when the tide was right at 9:00pm checked his nets and found a good catch of fish. We traveled from one home to the next in the pitch dark of night walking the stilts carefully, the young children around us laughing as they ran the walkways with ease. We really enjoyed our time with the community and learned a lot about their lives and families. We strengthened our friendships with the families and know that we will be invited again to many more

community celebrations. **Praise God for this community of Muslim people who have welcomed us into their midst.**

Praises and Prayers

1. **Praise God for the ministry that has been happening in Ketapang, and pray for John's safety and health, as he travels to and from Ketapang and Adong each month. He spends a lot of time on the road and away from home. Pray for his ministry with the three national missionary families Rev. Harry and family, Rev. Cahaming and family, and Rev. Nikson and family.**
2. **Praise God the girls finished the 2008/2009 school year and have started again the next school year. Pray for our family as we are thinking about the 2010/2011 school year and what we will do with the girls. Nakita is thinking about boarding school, this is a difficult decision for our family.**
3. **Praise God for our new church home, and for the pastor Rev. Djohnly and his wife Ibu Ilam**

who lead us. **Pray** for their family and their ministry, the congregation, and pray for our family and the ministry responsibilities that we are involved in.

4. Praise God for HIS provision for all of us during this time of economic struggle. Here in Pontianak many are still feeling the effects of the world recession as many factories shut down or slowed production, and many cash commodities grown by farmers were devalued. **Pray for those who are still out of work in our community** and also **pray for our PIM support** which is behind where it was last year at this time. Pray for God's provision and blessing for us all.

Ask Us Questions

Don't forget to send us your questions. If there is something you want to know then others do too. Send them to: johnnybm@telkom.net

Ellie and Gord Cox asked if Paige, enjoys teaching the girls, and how we handle summer holidays.

I did enjoy teaching the girls. We were very hesitant at first. We were worried about an overload of "together-time". But we finished our school year! "Hurray", and I didn't kill them, and they didn't kill me. What a relief! In fact we learned a lot about each other, and our relationships are stronger. In mid August both girls wanted - yes I repeat, **wanted**, to get back to school. Both girls tackled school differently and their personalities really come out in how they motivate themselves and studied and completed the tasks. Both did wonderfully. They really stuck it out on the boring days and managed to keep going. Because we started the school year late last year our "summer holiday" was shorter this year. But we did take some holiday time. I also give them time off for some holidays here that we will celebrate (like Idul Fitri - we had three days off September 22-24) but we don't take every Canadian holiday off. We started back the last week in August, and all is going well. Next year Nakita wants to go to boarding school, so it is a tough decision to make. You can be in prayer for that decision.

Johnny, did you buy a vehicle? Yes, in August we finally bought a vehicle. We thank all of you who gave in 2007 and 2008 toward our vehicle.

Team Support News

We are so thankful that at this time of recession and difficulty our supporters have continued to think of us both in prayer and financially. Our PIM support is not where it was last year at this time, not where it needs to be for us to achieve our goal. We pray that we will be able to raise more in the last months of this year in order to achieve our target. **We praise God for you, for our supporters and your commitment to ministry around the world, especially ministry in Indonesia.** May God continue to bless you and your families in Canada.

Family News



Our new neighbors

Some of you probably thought that we have fallen off the face of the earth. At times we did too. Well not quite, but we did move again. Our CBM colleagues Bill and Janice Dyck returned to Pontianak from home assignment and we had been living in their home for one year so we moved to a new location. Thank you Bill and Janice for allowing us to live in your home. It was a blessing to get to know the city before we had to find a home to live in. If you are counting with us, that is four major moves in two years. Wow! It seems to have taken us longer to settle into this house as we needed to do more repairs, but we are settled in, and now enjoying our house. One of the things we love is our new neighbors, all of them. "Spanky, as we have

named him, is an oriental garden lizard, (or a juvenile green iguana.) He keeps us company in our backyard, sunning himself on our back fence every morning. This house is located further away from the centre of the city in a developing neighborhood. Our neighbor has birds and we get to hear them singing all day, - it is lovely. We also back onto a clump of trees so we have lots of greenery around us. **Praise God for his provision of a safe, clean home for us in Pontianak.**

Our home change also brought about a new church family. At the church both Johnny and Paige have lots of ministry to do and be a part of. Among other things Johnny is (of course) working with the youth, and Paige is teaching English on Sunday night to a large group of different ages, and different back grounds. She also teaches and coordinates the junior church program. There are quite a few children 40 - 45. We are really enjoying our new church home. **Praise God for this community of believers.**

News from Nakita ... "It's snowing,... no its Monopoly money. This is the best way to end a fun game with my friends. Not so much fun to clean up mind you." **Praise God for our friends here in Pontianak with whom we can laugh and play and grow.**

Nakita celebrated her 14th birthday in the month of September. Thank you to all for the notes and birthday wishes.

News from Shoshannah...

"This baby orangutan is so cute and cuddly. I just love him. I'm one of the luckiest kids around that I get to hold a baby orangutan, his hair is so soft, he doesn't smell bad, and his baby hands are bigger than mine. Can we take him home Mom?" **Praise God for all the wonder of His creation.**



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