

Christian Seeking Identity

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Greetings Family & Friends

December 19 we returned to the US after spending two and a half weeks in Indonesia. The last time we were in Indonesia was in 2016 when Irwan & Angeline were in the process of starting a Charis Bible College in Jakarta. For us to see what God has accomplished in just three short years was nothing short of amazing. The students have received in their hearts the message of God's grace, God's love and they have come to know who they "Really Are" as sons and daughters of God Almighty. And they are anxious to share what they have learned! After ministering in Jakarta at the school we were invited by the students to go to Bangka Island (an hour flight from Jakarta) to minister in two churches and to do a conference that was made up of pastors from several denominations. It was also a great honor for us to be the guest speakers in Pastor Ginting's church as he, his wife and the church celebrated 40 years of ministry on the island. After our ministry on Bangka Island we flew back to Jakarta. From here we traveled with different students who were anxious for us to minister in their home town cities of Bandung and Surabaya. There were many things that the Lord revealed to us on this trip that we would like to share with you. We pray that it will minister to you as it has for us.



We want to say, Thank you for ALL of your faithful prayers and generous support. You are a tremendous God sent Blessing to us. We pray God's Best for you and your entire family in 2020.

God Bless you!

Your friends,
Mickey & Suzan

You Shall be Witnesses

We know the "best" people everywhere! We returned home from a two-week trip to Indonesia on December 19. Charis Bible College in Indonesia is alive and on fire! The students are taking the things that they are learning back to their friends and home churches all over Indonesia.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

For so many years we have been led to feel like it is our Christian duty to save the world. We have been preaching a condemning message that focuses on sin and guilt and the world has met the message with resistance.

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We are called to be witnesses and that does not mean that we have to go door to door with a heaven or hell message. A Witness by definition is someone who has been there; someone who has a firsthand experience with God. It is our connection with God and the presence of God in us that draws all men unto Him!

This is what makes us different than all of the other people of the world. Our God goes with us! It is the love of God, the peace of God, and the compassion of God that flows forth from within us that draws people to God and the students have become living testimonies of his goodness. We often view people who tout a different religion as unapproachable. There are more Muslims concentrated in Indonesia than any other place in the world and we have a tendency to say, How can Christianity survive under such a hostile environment!

I myself had two life changing experiences in Indonesia that changed my preconceived ideas about “the opposition!” The first one occurred on Banka Island which is a one hour flight from Jakarta. A group of students from there had invited us there to minister to the local pastors. The evening before the pastor’s conference they invited us to dinner at a place noted for having excellent fish. The sea food restaurants were surrounded by local artisans who sold their products in little shops. As we wandered into one little shop I noticed three Muslim women who seemed to be looking at my nose! They kept pointing to it and smiling! I thought maybe I had something on it. Finally, I got one of the students to ask them what the problem was. And their reply was, “We just like the shape of her nose!” Wow! I turned my nose from side to side so they could get a full profile view of it and said, “You made my day! Can I take a picture with you?”

The next time was in a mall in Jakarta. Again, three women came up to me and asked if they could take a picture with me!

I was not sure what attracted them to me, but the lesson hit home! People everywhere are looking for the same thing! They are approachable if we don’t put up walls that say you are not one of us! As I thought about it, they are the ones who initiated the moment of contact. Why could I not be the one to initiate the conversation the next time? All we are called to do is be a living (epistles) testimony of the love of God, and God will do the rest!

From Our Family to Yours we want to Wish You a Very Happy & Blessed New Year!

(Pastors Conference -Bangka Island)



(Teaching in New Covenant Church-Surabaya)



(Teaching in Pastor Samuel’s Church)



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