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GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN INDONESIA

In spite of severe hardships and economic, political uncertainty, God continues to honour His word and the work of His people in Indonesia.

Our Director, Rev. Suryono reports that our 12 field missionaries in East and Central Java as well as Kalimantan are much encouraged by the fruit of their labour.

Magician Finds Christ

Singgih was born into a family where, for generations magic prevailed. Every day Singgih would perform occultic dances known as "Kuda Lumping" where he would enter into a trance and give prophetic messages to people. He was widely sought after by the people in Banyumas. David Budi, our AEF Evangelist in Banyumas City befriended Singgih, his wife Karina and daughter Nita. David shared Christ as the only deliverer, the true Prophet, Priest and King.



David and Mary Eko in East Java

After three months of sharing and intense prayer and fasting, Singgih and family gave their hearts to Jesus Christ and were baptised early this January at the Java Christian Church in Central Java. A big crowd gathered to witness this marvellous transformation.



A Training session.

Intensive Training and Discipleship

Evangelist and Trainer, David Eko and his wife, Mary have conducted several intensive training seminars on evangelism and discipleship. At the Karangpandan Church in Central Java they trained 810 people in the fundamentals of the Gospel and at Srandon Church some 105 young people attended the three-day session on discipleship. All the trainees were also sent to do practical training in nearby villages and churches.



Ministry to village children in Central Java.

Indigenous Training Centre Planned

AEF Indonesia conducted a very successful "Train Native Evangelists" Conference last year in Surabaya. Some 85 young evangelists from various

people groups gathered for the two-day session.



THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR SHARES

The Resurrection Message: FEAR NOT

"... Do not be afraid, I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades: (Rev. 1 : 17).

Jesus Christ came to free us from the fear of Satan, sin and death.

Jesus gives us three reasons why we should not fear:

JESUS IS THE LORD OF LIFE

"I am the Living One", says the Lord. Life presents its own fears and stresses. The fear of failure and even success can keep us awake at nights. Then there are the mysteries of life that keep us afraid – sin, sorrow, strange and difficult situations etc.

To all these fears in life Jesus says, *"I am the Living One"*.

JESUS IS THE CONQUEROR OF DEATH

"I was dead and behold I am alive forever and ever", says the Lord.

Death is the final enemy of man. Yet countless numbers of believers have experienced the unusual calm and confidence as they faced their last moments on earth. They experienced the words of the song:

"There'll be no dark valley when Jesus comes, to gather His children home".

Jesus gives a promise to those who know Him personally:

"He who believes in me will live, even though he dies..." (John 11 : 25).

JESUS IS THE GATEWAY TO ETERNITY

"... I hold the keys of death and Hades", says the Lord.

Just before the cross, Jesus prayed to the Father, *"For you granted Him (Jesus) authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those you have given Him..." (John 17 : 2).*

All those who respond to the Father's love are given to Jesus Christ so that Jesus may grant them eternal life. Jesus is the only one who has the authority to grant eternal life.

Jesus bids us not to fear life, death or eternity. No one else can do that. Let us respond to Him – the Lord of Life, Conqueror of Death and Gateway to Eternity.
Shalom!

According to Rev. Suryono, the need for training is great in Indonesia. "We need contextualised training so our people can apply the claims of Christ to the culture and the religious situation here", Suryono says. Suryono's vision is that AEF develops a modest training centre where 20-30 evangelists can live in at one time and be trained over a period of 15 months in contextual evangelism, indigenous church planting and discipleship.

Let us pray for this vision to become a reality. Let us pray for the evangelisation of Indonesia – that the "word of the Lord" will "spread widely and grow in power" (Acts 19 : 20).



Evangelists Training Seminar

New Horizons ~ Asia College of Ministry in Malaysia and Myanmar

The Asia College of Ministry (ACOM) will commence its Diploma level programme in Johore Bahru (Malaysia) in April, 2002. ACOM will commence its Diploma level programme in Yangon (Myanmar) in October, 2002.



Rev Tom Halls (back row) with the Trainees of SOME Nepal

An urgent need has been identified for both schools – a good, functional library with theological books and commentaries in English, Tamil and Burmese. We are looking to the Lord for used books to be donated as well as a sum of \$5,000 to establish the Library Fund for these schools. Please pray for this urgent need to equip God's people with His Word.