

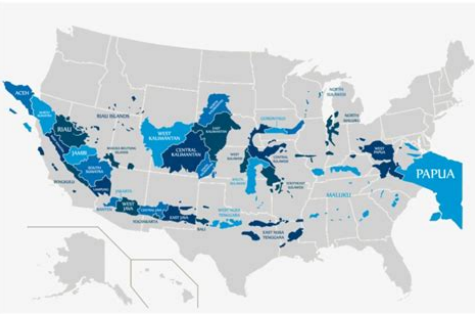
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Dear Fellow Laborers,

1st Quarter 2024

We hope that your year is going well. We pray for you as we know you face challenges. I was writing with a pastor in the States recently, and it is clear that not only missionaries on the foreign field are attacked by the Devil. **Thank you so much for praying for our family.**



When this is written, we are in Ramadan here in Indonesia. A quick Google search will help you understand much about this Muslim time of year. **It is a time of the year for fasting, trying to get closer to their god, and time together with friends and family. Many people in larger cities will return to their hometowns.** With jobs being scarce in their small hometown, a lot have moved to the capital region of Jakarta for work. Now, they are going home to see family and continue their religious celebration with gifts and a focus on forgiveness. They will ask forgiveness and offer forgiveness to those they know. Some that return home will not return after the holiday as they enjoy the time back home and getting away from the overcrowded, flood-ridden capital.

I am not bothered by the people not returning here for my sake but for their sake. I probably would live in the hills of North Georgia if I chose a place to live based on my preferences. So, I understand their pull to live back home in the country. However, they are often even further from the Gospel. **The need is great here on the main island! It is often even more significant on the islands where they were born.** Pray for us here on the main island. Also, pray for the islands further away from Java. We need more churches planted here, but also all over Indonesia.

The Gospel is getting out in our area and people. I met a believer in our area, and **they were warned by someone else in the area that I was a spreader of my faith.** The Christian did not argue with the person but shared with me what they were told. I am thankful that people are getting to hear about my redemption story! This month, **I have seen and heard many instances of peer pressure to adhere to Islam.** Pray that the Gospel will free people from this tight grip of sin. Thank you for praying with us!



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