



EXPLANATION ABOUT THE HOLY WAY.

Several people have expressed confusion about the way in which The Holy Way mission operates.

The Holy Way, Inc. is a non-profit corporation formed for the support of the Holy Way mission in Indonesia. This mission was started by Fr. Edwin Stube and his family.

At present the mission consists of The Holy Way community in Lawang, East Java, Indonesia, a fellowship of Indonesians from many tribes and different parts of the country. They are gathered together for study and preparation for ministry. Teams from the Lawang Bible Training Center also evangelize and plant churches in the villages round about them, hold preaching and teaching missions in churches all over Java, preach in large outdoor campaigns, publish a magazine which goes out to all the islands, and send teams to other islands for evangelism and teaching.

Graduates of LBTC have started training programs and ministry in many other islands, so that our outreach continues to increase very rapidly.

Since June of 1976 the work in Indonesia has been entirely in the hands of the nationals, with the understanding that Fr. Stube will visit occasionally for encouragement and teaching.

The organization of the corporation in this country is as simple as possible. The Holy Way board of eight members has seen us through many trials and hardships. The President of the board is: Lloyd McGuire.

Lloyd's wife, Calista, circulates a prayer letter to those who have expressed a willingness to serve as intercessors for the work.

Our daughter Becky serves as Secretary for the mission, and handles all the business end of things. Contributions for the support of the mission should be sent to her.

Fr. Ed Stube is the editor of this newsletter, his son Andrew does the graphics, and Barbara is the chief intercessor and moral support.

in the Celebes . . .

We just received a report from Hery Nababan, one of our recent graduates, who is working in southern Celebes.

Hery is a member of the Batak tribe of northern Sumatra. He is one of our youngest graduates. He entered our training center as the age of 17 in 1974. From the first, his spiritual development has been rapid. In 1975 he and two other students went with me to the interior of Borneo, where we got involved in a very heavy teaching ministry in village churches. Hery quickly developed a remarkable ability in preaching and teaching.

He graduated from LBTC in January of 1976 and was sent out to southern Celebes to the city of Makassar, with the understanding that he would proceed to Tana Toraja, in the interior.

On arrival in Makassar he was invited to hold a four day teaching mission in one of the churches in Makassar, after which he proceeded immediately to Tana Toraja, an area where my team had ministered back in 1967. Hery stayed at a pastor's house in one of the villages for three months evangelizing in the surrounding villages and seeing many miracles - sick people healed, and people opening their hearts to the Lord. About 360 new converts were baptized.

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The Holy Spirit came upon the village congregations, and they sang and danced for joy in the Lord. Toraja people very naturally express themselves in dance when they are happy.

From the villages Hery moved into Rantepao, one of the larger towns of the region. There he was invited by a number of churches to hold preaching missions. He reports that many of the young people who followed our team around when we were there in 1967 have now become pastors of churches or are studying for the ministry.

From there he returned to Makassar to the church where he had held the

teaching mission before. After three weeks, a team was formed from that church to go to Tana Toraja. They travelled all over the area even to the villages high up in the mountains. For the first time, Protestant, Catholic, and Pentecostal churches in many of the villages gathered together in combined meetings to praise and worship the Lord. The Holy Spirit worked very wonderfully and many miracles took place.

In one place they were called to a house where a child was sick with typhoid fever. The child was a Christian but the family were not. The team prayed for the child and he immediately felt better. But as they were leaving the house the mother told them the child became sick because he had smashed up a rock beside the house which the family had worshipped. The mother had been very angry. Hearing this, the team commanded the demons out of the rock. They entered into the mother so that she began to shake very violently. They took pity on her and cast the demons out of her. She immediately agreed to become a Christian.

In another village a woman who had been insane for 38 years was prayed for and was immediately healed.

At the time this report was sent in, Hery was back in Makassar, but was planning to return to Tana Toraja. He requests our prayer for his ministry on the island of Celebes, and particularly in Tana Toraja.

in Lawang . . .

MINISTRY IN DOROWATI STREET

The following is a report made by two of the students at Lawang Bible Training Center, concerning their ministry in one of the formerly unevangelized parts of the city.

We began our ministry on Dorowati Street in June 1977 with one family who were not yet Christian. This family had two children. The boy was already married, but the girl was still small. The mother and daughter were both sick. The mother's neck was swollen so that she couldn't eat or drink. For two months the husband had been taking her to witch doctors, but they couldn't help her. The little daughter had been sick with a high fever for a week and couldn't eat.

Some friends in nearby Kampung Baru referred them to LBTC. Two of us went there and began to tell them about the Lord Jesus, and read from the Bible some of the accounts of His healing. Then we said: "If you want to receive the Lord Jesus, we are sure that mother and daughter will be healed."

The father said: "We want to believe, if these sicknesses can be healed."

We prayed together. The next day the mother and daughter were well.

From then on we went frequently to pray with them. Others have gathered through their testimony. Several other families have seen God's miracles. A blind woman can now see and reads the Bible. A 75 year old woman named Taipah had a sick grandchild who was healed, so she was converted and is following the Lord Jesus. Her neighbour also was healed of a fever and became a believer.

We referred these families to the church nearest them, and the pastor of the church baptized them on September 9.

Report by Oktafianus Mambrasar and Martha H.R.G.



Jerimia Is coming!

EVANGELISM is introducing people to our good friend Jesus. We want them to get acquainted with Him.

In the New Testament very few words are used in evangelism. The words that are used are fitted exactly to the person being evangelized, rather than being conformed to a set pattern or method. Often words of knowledge are involved. Long explanations are out.

New Testament evangelism is positive and Christ-centered (not sin-centered). Christ is proclaimed as King. The Gospel is the Good News of the Kingdom.

The power and love of the King is shown by miracles done in the Name of Jesus. New Testament evangelism is never in word only, but in "demonstration of the Spirit and power."

Our authority for evangelizing with signs following is the authority of the Name of Jesus. We are baptized "into the name of Jesus." We are given power of attorney to act in His Name. "He who believes in me," Jesus said, "in my name he shall cast out demons, speak in new tongues . . . heal the sick."

We evangelize, just as Jesus did, in the power of the Holy Spirit. "You shall receive power . . ." He said, "and you shall be my witnesses." We speak His words and do His works, not our own.

SACRED STORIES

TESTIMONY OF JOEL M. NABABAN

Joel is 26 years old and an elder of the Holy Way Community in Lawang.

My father is a church leader in the Lutheran Church in Sidikalang, one of the villages of northern Sumatra. But until I was eighteen years old, I didn't know the Lord and rarely even went to church. But then I spent three months in the hospital and used up all my money on medicine. I was getting very discouraged because I wasn't getting any better.

Then one day an evangelist came to the hospital, and began to talk to me about salvation and hope in the Lord. I began to get better. When I got home I read the Bible avidly and the Lord opened my spiritual eyes.

I began to know the Lord was calling me to serve Him. I began to have a tremendous burden for other people to come to know the Lord as I had. I yielded myself into the Lord's hands with the idea of loving others as Jesus had loved me.

One day I met one of the Holy Way teams that was leading meetings at one of the local churches. I began to learn about the power and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

In December 1974 I became a student at LBTC. I began to learn and to develop a deeper faith. I am becoming bolder to witness for the Lord and am seeing His miracles take place. People are being converted and receiving Jesus as their Savior.

Editor's Note: When I saw Joel a year ago, he was indeed doing the work of an evangelist in a beautiful way in the places of human need, on the streets, in homes, in offices, and wherever he happened to be. Even though he is still young, he has been given part of the responsibility of leadership at Lawang and is doing a good job.

The following is Joel's younger brother's story.

TESTIMONY OF MANGUNDUK NABABAN

Though I was a pastor's son, and attended church regularly, yet my life was a mess. I was gambling and drinking heavily. One day in September 1975, one of my friends stuck a knife into my chest. The wound was so bad everyone figured I was dead. While I was in the hospital a minister visited me and said, if I would turn my life over to the Lord, the Lord would help me. I confessed my sins and accepted the Lord, promising to serve Him. When I got well I began to be active in church and really began seeking the Lord.

In February 1977, Darto and Tiurlyn visited my house and persuaded me to go to Lawang to study. Since I have been there, the Lord has renewed my heart. I have been filled with the Holy Spirit and am learning to yield to Him so that His will can be done in my life.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

EVANGELISM IN TANA TORAJA, AND HERY NABABAN'S MINISTRY THERE

near Lawang . . .

TEAM MINISTRY SOUTH OF MALANG,

One of the teams of students at LBTC has been working with the people of a Protestant Church in Bululawang, a suburb of Malang.

The church had appointed a team for evangelism. But the team didn't know how to go about their task. So they contacted our team. When they began to pray together, the team from the church was baptized in the Spirit.

This gave them a new enthusiasm and direction to work for the Lord. Together our team and the team from the church began to visit lapsed members of the church. Many of the people they visited acknowledged their faults and received peace and joy from the Lord.

One day this team went to a village named Codo. About thirty people gathered including some from the Javanese Church and some interested Moslems. The people came with various problems and conditions. One had just been caught by the police in adultery. Some had family problems. When they gathered together, the church elders made no effort to follow a normal order of worship. The Spirit of the Lord took charge. The people began to be convicted of sin. They confessed their sins, and received the Lord's peace and joy. They experienced the presence of the Lord as never before.

They all arose from their time of prayer with the light of God on their faces. Their burden of sin and problems were released.

Then one of the church elders got up and stated that the Lord had answered their prayers. He gave thanks to the Lord for the remarkable things the Lord had just done in his own heart and in the congregation. He even said: "Praise the Lord," which is very unusual for people from that conservative denomination.

One time the Lord led this team to visit a family that had been Christians for ten years. The team reports on this visit as follows: "The Lord led us to read John 1:12 and Romans 8:14-17 and to speak about a son's duty towards his father, and the relationship that should exist between father and son. We said: 'If

you believe these words, you will see the glory of the Lord.' Then we invited them to pray. We felt the presence of the Lord about us. The father saw the glory of the Lord, and fell prostrate. He felt that he was facing God directly, as a son with his Father. He poured out his heart to the Lord, and the Lord spoke words of encouragement and comfort to him. The family was filled with great joy and peace, which showed clearly on their faces.

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"Over and over we have seen the Lord work wonders in the lives of the sick, and troubled, and people with family problems. In the natural way of thinking, we as young people couldn't expect to help older people with their family problems, especially important, highly educated people. But we hardly think about that because we know that God is going to do something wonderful for them. We just go and watch how He deals with their problems.

"Of course, it is not always easy. Sometimes people refuse us and our ministry. But in the difficult times also the Lord gives us His peace. In fact, the peace that was intended for the people who refuse us comes back to us. The joy of the Lord becomes our strength.

"The Lord is building up His people. There is revival in the air. It is our prayer that no one will miss what God is doing these days or the glory of God that is before us. The field is vast, but the hands are few."

Bululawang Team, Lazarus, Hance, and Maria.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**EVANGELISM AND CHURCH PLANTING AROUND LAWANG,
THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF THE LAWANG BIBLE TRAINING CENTER,**

Dear Friends of The Holy Way,

I want to thank you for the wonderful way in which you have responded to our appeal for support in the November newsletter. We have been able to send a substantial amount to the mission in Indonesia, and also have enough to pay for Jerimia's ticket to this country.

We are in the process of arranging Jerimia's ticket and trust he will be coming later this month. He will be available for speaking in the eastern part of the country beginning in February and in the western part of the country later in the year. Requests for his ministry can be addressed to me:

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Good reports of the work in Indonesia continue to come in. It's always a job to compress everything enough to fit into a newsletter of this size. I really wish we could print everything.

Barbara and I have really enjoyed having part of our family here for the holidays. David was in from Montana, and Herry from Minnesota. Kim and Becky were here over the Christmas weekend, and Peter and Rachae¹ were here for a few days after Christmas. We rejoice in what the Lord is doing in each of our lives and in the love He gives us for each other.

We wish you all a very blessed 1978.

In Jesus' love
Fr. Ed Stube

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