



Muara Mujan - April 7

I am in Muara Mujan and trying to form a plan for the ministry and the training program.

Actually -- at this time we don't have anything here for a training center! The results of last year's Discipleship Training School, which was led by Darto and Agus, seem to have disappeared. The people who were trained are apparently gone. Each evening we have a prayer meeting; I have been doing some teaching. The congregation has been experiencing a period of

dryness and shaking, but yesterday as we were praying the Lord gave us a vision of a large flag with a white pole, hanging still. Suddenly a great wind started to blow and the flag began to wave. The Lord gave us the interpretation of the vision, which was that He is going to pour out His Spirit again and revive His Church which has grown cold. He emphasized the necessity of appropriating total holiness of heart and character before the Spirit is poured forth again. This vision was followed by one in which there were many smaller flags waving.

Please pray for the work here. I am trying to adjust to the food here, which is fairly tasteless. We also use the Mahakam River, which, in addition to being used for drinking purposes, is also used for many other purposes, such as

facilities for washing and the bathroom. The other day I suddenly found myself longing for America. I guess it was because I heard a John Denver song on the radio. I do miss you.



April 13

The interior of Borneo is really wild the people, the animals, the jungle. The people are very primitive. They have no furniture and no modern conveniences of any kind. One day we had nothing to eat except plain rice. But it rained hard, and there were many frogs, so we caught them and fried them.

I have visited a tribe, still more into the interior, that is still more primitive. Sometimes they are afraid when they talk to us, but they are quite nice people once you get to know them. Their hearts are still pure; I have talked with them and feel that they can respond [to the gospel] and learn to love the Lord with their whole hearts.

I need to learn much more about the culture here -- the way the people think and talk, their language s, how they eat... one problem is that different villages have different languages; I need to learn at least two.



April 19

Muara Mujan is right on the equator. At noon it is very hot here, worse than Surabaya.

Yesterday I went with a team for ministry in Long Iram. Long Iram is across the river, about a thirty minute journey by small boat with outboard motor. It was unbelievably hot on the water, but we prayed and the Lord gave us a cloud covering.

Almost every day we have ministry in the fellowship at Muara Mujan. I feel like I was talking non-stop. I am trying to urge the people here to move forward towards maturity. There is evident work of the Holy Spirit among them, but many are not obedient. At this time they are experiencing a period of back sliding. They have not had a strong enough foundation of teaching, so when

trial comes, they fall away. When I first came the Lord told me that this was the time for them to stop drinking only milk and begin to have solid food so that they can grow and be healthy. I have been teaching about sanctification, self-denial, following Jesus, and perfection. Pray for me that I may truly bring the Lord's revelation and that the people be renewed.

At the moment we are not doing much outreach, because we feel the Lord wants to work inside the Body first. We do go out to evangelize once a week.

In Muara Mujan itself there are still many who do not know the Lord. They are still worshipping idols. They treat sick people with rites in which they kill pigs. The witch doctor drinks the blood. Our warfare is against these heathen practices. Sometimes at night I can feel the powers of darkness pressing in.

A few years ago there was a large move of the Spirit here. At that time the heathen practices were given up, but as their ardor for God has cooled off, they have returned to them.

I just came home from ministering to the family of one of the church elders whose faith had been shaken and they had withdrawn from the fellowship. As I prayed with them and delivered the prophecy the Lord gave me, they began to weep, and yielded themselves back to the Lord. They said they had longed for someone who could come and minister to them.

Please pray for the following:

- *A strong move of the Spirit in the Body of Christ here, so that the local church is revived.
- *Maturity in the Body of Christ. There is great need of inner healing. Pray that I have wisdom in ministry and teaching.
- *For outreach/evangelism. After elections we want to go further into the interior. There are still many Dayak tribes there that still worship idols. There are many Moslems in the interior.
- *Pray for our safety as we travel by canoe from place to place. River travel is risky at best. A few days ago we went across to Long Iram. Half-way across the motor quit. Efforts to start it failed. We had no paddles and had to paddle it with plates. Praise the Lord we arrived here safely. There are lots of whirlpools on the river.
- *Pray for our health. We use river water for everything. We also have to eat lots of strange things -- wild pigs, dogs, snakes, and occasionally monkeys. I am learning to crucify my feelings.
- *Funds and material for building a training center building.
- *Our language study so that we learn quickly, and can evangelize those who don't speak Indonesian.

May 5

Praise the Lord! Elections are now over and the government is still in

power. We prayed very much for this. We prayed especially that the Lord would continue to give us time to preach the Gospel in Indonesia; apparently the Lord has answered our prayer. We have made a weekly schedule: Monday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings, we study the Bible together with anyone who comes. These are not yet regular students, but quite a few people are coming. Tuesday and Friday we are learning the Dayak Tunjung language. Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, we go out to evangelize. We are also making a garden so we can grow vegetables. Most of the time, we just have plain rice to eat. We all gather for prayer every morning at five o'clock; many of the church people are gathering with us for prayer.



As of now, I am staying by myself at the pastor's house. Three of us came here from Lawang -- Luther, Jerry and myself. Luther is now married to Erlina, a native of Muara Mujan, who is also a graduate of LBTC. Jerry was supposed to stay on with me but conditions were too much for him and he has returned home. Please pray for a young man named Mesak who often goes out to evangelize or pray for the sick with me. He is a Dayak and has been translating for me. He is developing a

boldness in ministry. Evangelism around here is moving slowly but there is noticeable progress.

We had a long talk yesterday with a man who was really interested in knowing the Lord and the Baptism in the Spirit. I prayed for him and his wife. Pray that the Lord will give me His power to work miracles; I am frequently called on to pray for the sick, sometimes in the middle of the night. Also -- please pray for the erecting of a building for a Training Center. We already have the land. Pray also for God's provision for evangelism and His protection. We have to go up the river in a canoe equipped with an outboard motor. I feel that these people need to be evangelized as quickly as possible before the Lord comes...

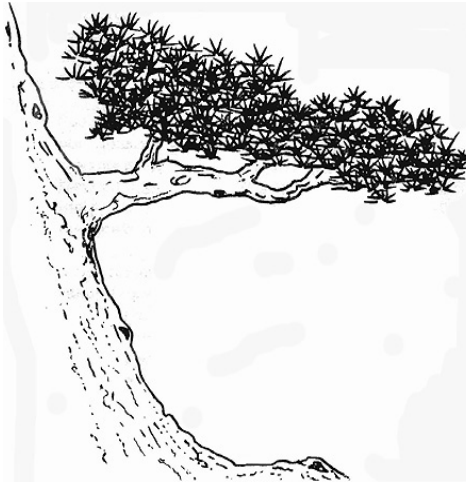
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God seems to be doing some unusual things; Jesus revealed Himself on the altar cloth of a church in the middle of Palu, a Moslem area in Central

Celebes. Policemen cried at the sight of the Lord.

Some time ago we told you about an outdoor campaign done in a badminton court: the night meeting at Tanjung Batu (one of Manado's suburbs) was planned in one day. People rose to the platform to sing and minister spontaneously. I spoke on the last night about enduring by being planted into the One and Only Power Outlet -- Jesus, Who gives life. This area was one of much sin; the adults were living in adultery and the youth were into partying. Today, three months later, those youth who used to sit around and smoke and drink on a Saturday are all worshipping and baptized in water and the Spirit.



Those who were touched at the rally were received at a prayer meeting in a friend's house who had just moved into the area; each week they were led into maturity just in their own neighborhood.

Some of the same results are happening as far away as Tondano, where youths would drink and even stop cars and rape victims. (Jeremiah Rim was the first of our team to enter this area.) Due to the movement of the Spirit -- from all angles! -- these very same youth have, repented, received deliverance, and are now ministering the love of Jesus.



A Boat Trip to Manado

Along with Clara, Conny and I left Surabaya harbor at midnight, down deep in a room near the engines of Ammana Gappa, a Muslim-owned ship bound for Manado, a six-day voyage. Our letters stated we were evangelists, sent out to fulfill the great commission making disciples of Christ. At the front gate of the port we were held up by guards wanting to see how much they could make off of us. In Indonesia one is constantly finding that the easy way out is through a small bribe here and there. But when we are serving the Lord we can't do it that way. We can't talk about the Holy Way and at the same time cheat. So at the end, after spending much time getting other documents, God let us through. We were able to witness not only to people on the street, but also to dishonest guards, that they need to know of an honest God. Actually an evangelist has his most vital ministry opportunities not in big campaigns, but in small

incidental encounters where he can bring the light of Jesus into an office dark with sin and corruption.

During the voyage the Muslims asked many hostile questions. The Lord used us to answer with God-given wisdom and gave us love for the people asking the questions. I found that some of the best answers for Islamic people are to be found in the Gospel of John.

After a day and a half on the boat, not knowing if we would be thrown overboard or not, we went about collecting the few Christians we could find to sing and praise our living God and His risen Son Jesus Christ. At first people were worried, but soon we were overwhelmed by the clapping and singing and rejoicing in the Lord. Soon the captain came in making thirteen people in all. We had never met the captain before, but he was moved by the event and stood up to testify and proclaim his faith in Christ and how, in spite of trials and temptations, he had remained a Christian. Conny shared her testimony of how the Lord had taken her out of an unbelieving town and brought her into a walk in the Spirit. I shared insights the Lord had given us the preceding day from the Book of Judges, about being a hero for God, as Christ in His risen power gives us victory over our problems. Clara ended by encouraging everyone to a determined walk in the resurrected Christ.

The Lord Gave us favour Among the unbelievers around us

As in the Book of Acts, the Lord gave us favor among the unbelievers around us. Passengers and crew alike asked many questions about our Jesus.

Two little girls were there. I was afraid they would not get much out of the service. But they joined in the singing and were greatly renewed. A teenage girl, observing their joy, remembered that she herself had encountered Jesus as a child, she came into our room where she left Islam behind and dedicated her life to Jesus.



"Ministry" is mainly going into an area naturally saying what the Spirit has put on one's heart, and then moving on to the next place, allowing the Lord to give growth and to bring in other groups to act as fertilizer. One must have full faith in God -- that He is able to do the rest -- as long as he has said and done

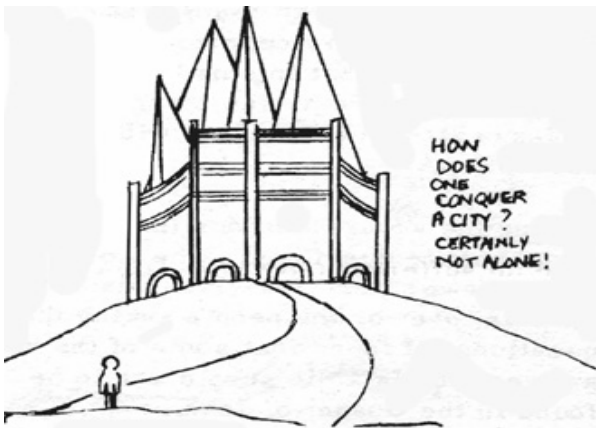
what was on his heart. Trying to force the growth along on one's own is contrary to God's Laws and Nature: it only results in destroying what the Spirit has started -- undoing the work that the Lord had just ordained. Have you ever heard of the farmer who pulled on his tomato plants each day so that they

would grow tall? Every plant wilted by the second or third day by the heat of the sun: his work could not stand up to heat and trial. Trial is supposed to bring maturity.

How does one conquer a city for God? Certainly not alone! -- the enemy will either laugh at him or simply put him to sleep. He must move with God's other people: the local prayer group. All of God's people are generally moved in the same direction at the same time. His clouds and fire are easy to see as the Israelites in the wilderness and even their children and cows would know when to move: the weather gets hot or cold. Moses hears God say, "Go."

One really must be ready to move on as the Lord moves, never doubting his calling. Someday God may lead His Children to settle the land, but in many instances He needs a group of people who must bear the travel through the wilderness and into Canaan, conquering towns and cities for the Lord.

When we first got here, I used to think falsely that God had called us to the island Sangir. We soon found out that God does not (as Arthur Lewis said) call us to an island, but rather to Himself. He wants us to simply be available to be used where He might need us to be at a given time. It is right that He has called us to be in Sangir and to be there at the right time. At the time we arrived, the center was struggling with how to get a vision and how to minister as the Spirit leads. I taught for two months and laid foundations for the Center which is ever expanding (from 14 to 17 with four full time teachers). The teachers are much better than I to continue what has begun.



The Lord chooses His people well. He chooses them to be in the right place at the right time. He never allows us to stay and boast at a work that is developing around us. Rather, once we have added life to an area, He moves us out and allows growth to fill in our place and create a close-knit group.

Here is an example that shows what can happen if one stays and tries to "shepherd" his work. Ronggo was a village with many converts, all moving in the gifts of the Spirit. They were a very capable and well-able people. One brother loved the success and the results of this area and decided to stay. He and his little wife moved in and soon things began to dwindle down to only four families. The pastor and wife both had so much potential. But now, new growth is occurring in the area.

LEADERSHIP

One of the outstanding principles in the Bible is that all the leadership in the churches must be local. People must have a chance to grow, and even stumble.

An apostle (the fellow who travels) must plant, and as growth occurs, come by again and choose the elders (those who are the most mature among the fellowship). When he plants, he plants well but leaves them for a period of growth, just as a painter allows one coat of paint to dry before adding the next. The planter comes back later and checks out the garden, pulling out weeds, labelling the best plants, adding fertilizer, propping up the weak ones.

Dad's work in Indonesia experienced 500% growth the first two years after he left. Many increases occurred in Irian Jaya and the Spirit's movement went like a raging fire across Java.

While here, he touched and encouraged many who later became leaders of thousands: Mother Yohana, Pastor Yohanes, Jeremia Rim, Mr. M. Monmgka, Dolfi, Darto, Tinotius, Rohim. Some directly, others indirectly, and now there are movements outside of the Holy Way, moving as God made products and ministering very effectively. Jeremia ministers in America and Canada, with Daniel and his colleague now in Red China.

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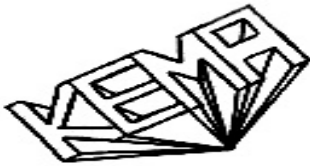
One only has to prophesy and communicate the Words of the Living God, and results occur. People stand up as a mighty army; the words of the Lord said clearly are powerful and moving -people are jolted out of a dreaming, common life, into the victorious life of an overcomer. He in turn (the overcomer) moves and leads others to the Lord.

We must grow to respect our prophetic calling. We must respect the Word of God that we deliver in any form as one grasps firmly a priceless crystal gift. We must never let inferiority influence our delivering a perfect presentation. God's Words are life and life in abundance.

As stated before, the Lord is moving us each day ever closer to His Better Plans. We may settle in Manado; there is an empty house across from the MBTC. Either we will

rent or preferably, buy, so the MBTC could use it even after the Lord moves us on elsewhere.

We've struggled a lot for a visa that would go on for a year but it seems as though we only get two months at a time. Miraculously I have been given over a year in this way!! The Immigration has said that we are on the last two-month extension, which will be up on the day that Conny gives birth to our first fruits -- June 12. We know that God is in complete control and able to do anything. Due to all of your continued prayers and support, we have been able to keep on going and make the many scores. We thank you very much.



Kema is a village of much recent spiritual growth, in spite of the election. Located in Northern Celebes (Conny's home), it is a poor fishing district. God has moved greatly here -- from a maximum of 140 people on a good Sunday, 500 people now come to Holy Communion at the local church.

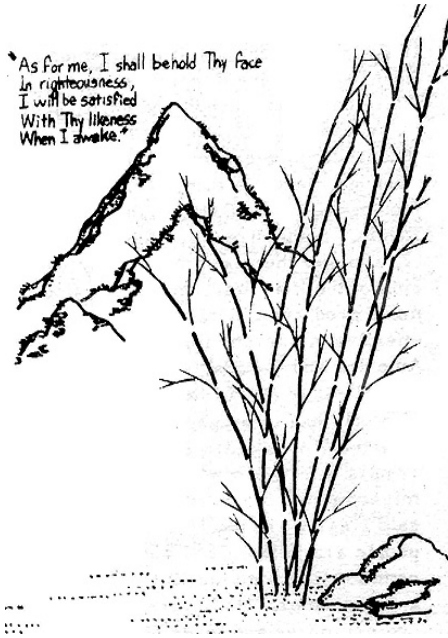
Conny and I set up for Kema's first revival three months ago. The entire prayer group pitched in to organize the two days; David and Ribka (12 and 10 years old) spoke; miracles happened and an interest in God, as opposed to paganistic practices, was created. The local pastor has pushed for the seven home groups to be increased to seventeen, using more elders. Antok and Rudy came from Manado MBTC to work on the MBTC farm (a plot of land). They worked like exemplary Christians; the pastor even spoke of them in church. Soon they were able to minister in many of the home groups. In three months such a climate was created!! Only God can get the credit, although all of the Christians involved deserve commendation for doing their part in His Plan. The Lord has done something that will last!

At the moment, we are working in Northern Celebes. The Spirit of God is being poured out and the Christians are doing a good work. Yet in many ways there are many needs here -- physical needs. The centers in Sangir and Manado live from day to day, not knowing where the next scrap of food will come from, let alone the shelters or centers that they strongly need. MBTC has ministry as far into the interior as Kota Mabago and needs a vehicle. They envision the Lord giving them an Indonesian made blue pick-up truck and a Toyota Diesel van. MBTC has been in short supply of certain things for ten years and yet has developed into a large ministry, teaching at least 300 people a week as new converts and in spiritual development to others throughout Minahasa, the cities and villages.

Sangir has 17 full-time students with four staff members and is going well. It has been two and a half years in rough facilities large enough for eight

people at the most! Yet these people are so anxious to learn (and the teachers to teach!)

We must take on each of these problems and begin to pray for them one at a time and see God take care of them one at a time (His time).



Two weeks ago Andy and I spent a weekend in Nongkojajar (the mountain village where he grew up). We stayed with Bo Sioe (a member of the 1st THW team who pastors a church there). Andrew preached at the church Sunday morning, and I talked about our ministry in Sangihe. Monday we went up to Taman to visit friends of Andrew. It took about 3/4 of an hour to walk up there since I go rather slowly. We handed out tracts and spoke to people about the Lord as we went.

That evening Andy went to another village two hours away on foot, for ministry. I stayed home and prayed. It was great to see him come back rejoicing later that evening. Though he was very tired, all he said was how great it is to serve the Lord.

This last Sunday we attended Herry's engagement party at her parents' home. It was good to meet their relatives.

Andrew often teaches the new students concerning the building of the Temple, based on Nehemiah. Herry has been teaching about the meaning of the Cross.



God's ministry is not limited to some far away opportunity but rather is apart of daily life; facing government officials, using good Christian ethics, regardless of what one might have to bear. One bad thing that occurs sometimes is that Christians often do not practice the Presence of God at the head of their board meetings and many times end up suffering from their own compromises.

There is a Christian Prefab Module Housing Company in West Virginia. They allow God to run their business, practicing His Laws in every decision; workers are converted and the company flourishes and its tithes are sponsoring missions around the world. Even at a market where we have to

bargain for an item be polite, for we must remember that because God loved the whole world (that peasant or cashier) He gave His only Son.

As each Christian practices Christianity in his daily life; we win see a tremendous revival throughout the entire world: India, Indonesia, etc. Christians must stop squabbling with themselves, husbands, wives, and neighbours, and begin loving each other, especially their enemies, as Christ has taught. This is how all great moves of the Spirit are started -- in Korea, Kema, Magdang; all begin with Christians loving the Lord and letting Him tickle their little toes & to keep on moving and spreading the love of Jesus around, forming into groups singing and praising the Lord together.



ALL GREAT MOVES OF THE SPIRIT START WITH Christians loving the LORD.

Kerna was a village we wrote about in our last letter. While writing that letter it came to my mind under the working of the Spirit to stay and do more here. Conny had been instrumental in establishing the prayer group there through the working of God's Spirit in her early days. We left for Manado after a very good prayer meeting here in Kerna; people were ministering prophetically to one another and laying on hands.

Manado was all in God's plans and timing. Because the MBTC was and is still under construction, our former plans to their offer to stay and help them was postponed. The students are learning about the Lord through working together side by side in construction work. Boys and girls alike work joyfully for the Lord. We stayed with Conny's family and ministered mainly to the married adults of the Persekutuan -- the body. It seems neat to realize our new position and our stay due to our marriage; we are the first full-time couple to minister in this area. People are called to be married almost in the same way that others are set aside as Paul and Barnabas for a task or apostolic journey. While we were there, much healing occurred in Conny's family; her father and mother are much more in love than ever before and were joking between themselves when we left.

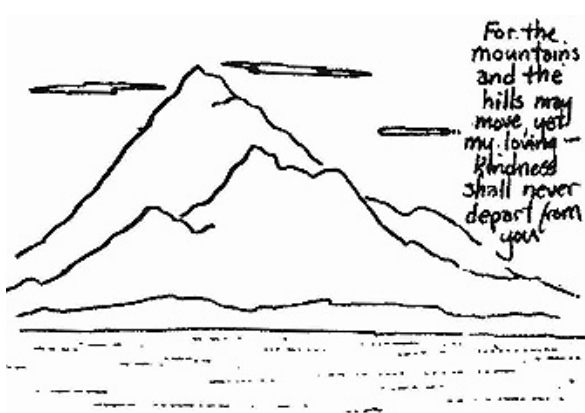
After much prayer and preparation (on hardly enough money to get here) we went by minibus to Kema. (Travelling gets harder as we enter the last month of Conny's expectancy.) We were awakened early the next morning by an offer to minister at a church service but were unable to attend because of a prior commitment. We went to the local Dutch Reformed church where most villagers have attended and who but a native missionary was there!! On Monday morning we ate a short breakfast and ministered to Earnest, a man suffering from crippling arthritis.

We prayed and counselled with him and he soon told us -- "I have tried

witchcraft to heal my aches and it works sometimes... I desire in my heart for the ways of the Lord." He burned his fetishes and charms and just glowed. Although his leg ached, he practiced/prayed throughout the morning at Conny's grandparent's house, where we were staying. That evening, we, along with friends from the local body went to a prayer group that had just been started; first we rode in the back of a pick-up truck and then walked across fields. Ernest walked all the way and clapped and sang even though the walk home was painful. People there mentioned a need for intensive studying of the scriptures so we decided to take the opportunity. These people read on their own and though quite small in number, they are increasing and are now ministering on their own. One government official (a Moslem) was touched and prayed earnestly with them.

Last night, all in God's plans, two girls from the prayer group came to the house and after talking for a time, I suggested that we pray to see what God was trying to say to us. The Lord showed Conny in a vision a leafless tree with birds and with black spots on it. We prayed against every black spot or sin that prevented the tree is leafing-out. Moving in the knowledge of the Spirit we covered and were able to clear the tree. The Bible discussion was on the tongue and how it must be used only for the Lord.

In Manado the Lord is speaking to us in the area of "Jabatan"-- selecting places in the Body and fulfilling the tasks appointed.



Conny is due in about a month; breathing is getting to be troublesome. We are glad God scheduled pregnancy for only nine months! He waits till one begins not being able to take it that they don't mind the birth and then you see the resultant joy and glory stored up an this time. We all then say it was worth waiting for and just Praise the Lord even more.

Marriage has been good for the both of us, especially with the added pregnancy for it has kept us wise and more in God's time. Without it, we might have both over used God given abilities as of superhuman and ended up tired and worn out. We are real people with natural needs and desires moving at the pace of God's leading and desire. This is best.

Darto and Markus plan to come from Java and minister as leaders to the leaders in Sangir. Much teaching will be given with enlightenment. This should

cause a good way for future ministry to this vast area.

We look forward to your arrival, as this will be at the best time and shall bring together many ties across organizational lines and regions that have grown in with time and growth in the many centers, just by your presence a new cooperation, Spirit of oneness and Esprit de Corp. You will unify the centers in the work of the Lord which al so has effects nationally. Irian will be one with Java in vision instead of in competition. Don't underestimate your mission that God has entrusted. Really gather everybody who even sympathises with THW together to pray in chain prayer and fasting. Don't worry about the length of time but quality and preparation of hearts.

We hope that above anything when telling our testimonies that as you read them you might pray that God might bring them, unto completion. The Lord did all and is yet to do his most as we join in prayer.

*Love,
Andrew and Conny*

LAWANG

On January 18, after two days of fasting and prayer, the community at Lawang set many of the students into ministry gifts. Two were recognized as apostles, two as prophets, eight as evangelists; three each as pastors, teachers, and deacons.

A week later eight teams were sent out to the islands. Some of these people are being sent out permanently and some just for a few months.

The annual meeting of the mission was held at Lawang on February 2. The following were elected to serve as board members for the following year:

President	Kornelius Darto
Vice-Pres.	Agoes Endarsa
Treasurer	Mrs. Esther Widjaya
Secretary	Miss Adel Tutuhatonewa
Members:	Mareyke Wamafma
	Adriana Tamarulu
	Sidrianus Mangke
	Antol Wibowo

In the first few months of 1982 five new students have been tentatively accepted at Lawang. They have a six month novitiate period before being fully accepted.

Reports from Branches of The Holy Way

1. Surabaya

In the last few months five new posts have been added to the ten that have been going for along time. One of these is a fellowship in a High School. The others are house meetings.

A training program with twenty-five students is now in operation every Friday.

Outreach ministry includes evangelism in hospitals, on the streets, and in people's homes. New converts are turned over to nearby churches. Teams also go outside the city on invitations of churches and prayer groups around Java and also two places on Bali. One of the teams on Bali was following up the work of the Discipleship Training Course held there earlier. Another ministered primarily to young people and formed an interdenominational youth fellowship. These young people were baptized in the Spirit and experienced spiritual renewal.

2. Manado

The work in Manado is more and more being brought into the New Testament pattern. The freedom of the Spirit is increasingly evident in the prayer meetings. The young people are increasingly obedient in delivering the manifestations of the Spirit. The young people and the older people are being drawn together in unity.

Ministry is reaching out to the villages around Minahasa and new fellowships are being formed. Opposition has been severe, but the new converts are full of peace and joy. Islands around Manado are becoming open to this ministry and many of the churches are becoming open to renewal in their worship.

After Dolfi and Juli Salossa gave a seminar on the Body of Christ, all the fellowships came together and appointed twelve elders to oversee the work of the Body of Christ throughout the city and its environs.

Discussion of principles of the Body of Christ has resulted in bringing the outreach ministry into divine order, arriving at uniformity in the handling of finances, and bringing members into closer relationship with other expressions of the Body.



The Shiloh Training Community at Baltimore is an extremely diverse group although many fellowships are composed of people so homogenous that "they appear to be one great liver or stomach, one relatively recent visitor remarked that it was obvious that it was God who was doing the work of putting everything together as we would never have chosen it in our own understanding. There are people from all sorts of backgrounds and all sorts of ways of looking at things.

The only common ground that many of us have is the commitment of our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ! God has been using members of the Body in ministries of healing, evangelism, and deliverance; He is constantly breaking us so that His Spirit may flow more freely through us, 'a sweet-smelling savour of Christ'. He teaches us lessons and then tests our endurance and faith, our ability to listen to His Voice and obey; sometimes we pass these tests. He has brought us far from where we were at the beginning, but we are still far from the fullness of the stature of Christ -- being formed into His Body is never an easy process -- but our walk is always "pressing onward toward the mark for the prize of the high Calling of God in Christ Jesus". May His Name be ever praised!

ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN

Fr. Stube's book on the biblical and practical aspects of New Testament church planting, entitled: "According to the Pattern", should be available by the time you receive this newsletter. For those of you who have not yet ordered a copy, we include below an order form. We would also appreciate any help you can give us toward distribution, such as recommendations to book stores or friends.

SINGAPOREAN NEWS

In May two of our brothers in the LMU visited from Singapore. They acknowledged that they learned much about Christian living and walking in the Spirit. They heard lots of testimonies from Lawang Bible Training Center students and staff, and also had opportunity to see the Lord's work for themselves.

Many Singaporeans are Christians, but they are still very materialistic. They want to use logic for everything. I was appointed to take them to a Catholic prayer group in Malang. This is a new prayer meeting, and the people are very hungry for the Lord's truth. After some beautiful worship in the Spirit and some manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit, the two brothers from

Singapore were moved to share the Lord's Word. They were truly blessed with the enthusiasm and joy that they experienced in that meeting!

In Toyomarto they also heard many testimonies about all kinds of persecution, mocking, and suffering. The people in Toyomarto still remember my wife Krista who used to minister there. They remember the change that took place in her life. She was used to high society in Jakarta, but she walked up and down the mountains, around the rice fields, in and out of the villages. When Timothy was one and a half years old, he and I were captured on two occasions and almost killed. We remember also the night that we were captured by an angry mob at the village chief's house. We found out later they had all sorts of weapons hidden in the bushes roundabout. It was only by the Lord's intervention that we were able to escape.

In Kampung Baru the two brothers from Singapore also heard how the people there have suffered persecution, frequently having rocks thrown at them when they were meeting or praying. They even have had human dung thrown at them. They never struck back, but several months later the people who did these things received the Lord's repayment. One was beaten up by his friend. Another lost his job. Another was put in jail for breaking the law. Clearly the Lord fights for us and repays wrongs.

They invited us to Singapore. Our fellowship prayed all night and agreed unanimously to send Luther and me. We are now trying to get passports and visas. We hope to leave the end of July or early August.

Faithfully, Ben Bacas

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