

Dear Friends, Family and Partners in Ministry,

We send you warm greetings from Langley where we're enjoying Spring and warm, sunny weather. We were wondering if it would ever get warm outside again. I guess 17 years in Indonesia has made us dependent on hot weather☺

It's been a while since we have brought you up to date on our lives and ministry, so here's our latest.

In **January, Remi went to Banda Aceh** for two months to help **Heli Mission** starting up a flight operation to help the victims in Indonesia from the December 26 Tsunami. It was horrific to see the amount of damage done by the tsunami. Hopefully some of the following photos will give you an idea of what Remi witnessed and was able to help with and some of his other experiences:



One of many villages along the coast totally destroyed. Not one house was left standing.

One of many villages along the



One of many bridges destroyed and much of the road system along the coast

One of many bridges destroyed and much



desperately waiting for food and water from helicopters

People in a village along the coast



Aceh

What once was the capital city of Banda



tsunami

One of many, many cars destroyed in



tsunami

Two Police helicopters destroyed in the



Four other Heli Mission personnel

Having to share a hotel room with



The Heli Mission Helicopter

During his two months in Indonesia, Remi was also able to visit Palangkaraya for ministry and visiting with the many friends he made there over the past 9 years. The most exciting news was that the Bible School is still running very good, they have decided to start a church in the Bible school which is a Missionary Church reaching out to some of the 500 churches being planted in the province, some neighbours and workers have come to know Christ and Remi was able to attend the baptism of one such couple. The Bible school is currently trying to finish the chapel because of the help of some of our friends in Canada and the US. **THANK YOU.**



in the centre of the building

Bible school with the chapel being finished

During Remi's time in Indonesia, **Tjandra held the fort** at home having to do many chores she had never done in Canada on her own such as: getting her Canadian tourist visa extended, banking, shopping, driving, paying bills, etc. It was not an easy time and we were all happy to be united again after our two months apart. We all decided that we aren't looking forward to such a long separation again.

Shortly after our unification, we found out that we have been **accepted by the Wycliffe program in Papua New Guinea (PNG)**. We were on-loan from MAF-Canada to MAF-US for the past 16 years but because we need a school for our kids and MAF-US could not offer us a base with a school, we are now still with MAF-Canada going on-loan to Wycliffe in Ukarumpa in PNG. This will mean learning another language and flying different types of planes for Remi. Tjandra will be using her talents in possibly member care or other pastoral duties. We won't know until we actually get there. Talking about getting there, you'd probably like to know when that will happen? So do we. The hold-up at this time is that Remi has to be evaluated in Waxhaw, NC first. They are fully booked until September so tentatively, Remi will go there in September and hopefully we can depart to PNG shortly after.

What can we tell you about **Wycliffe and Ukarumpa**? It is the main base for Wycliffe in PNG. They have a very good school in town which our children will attend. There are many other missionaries living in town which will be a big change for us. They fly many different types of aircraft including C-206, King Air, Twin Islander. The town is located some 5,000 feet above sea level so it's much cooler than Palangkaraya. Some very good friends of ours live there making a move there much easier. The language is pigeon English with a very small vocabulary. All-in-all a very nice place to spend our next 4 years and possibly many more after that.

**What will we be doing until we depart?** Our kids are still in public school in Langley and love it there. They are doing exceptionally well at school but they're also looking forward to our move to PNG. After school is over, we hope to make our traditional cross-Canada trip to see all our supporters and friends across the country. One of the hardest things about being a missionary is being away from friends and family for very long periods. That's why we want to make every effort to see all of you at least once every 4 years. We are planning to visit friends, churches and supporters in at least 34 cities across the country and a visit with our head office in Ontario. I already get tiring just thinking about it 😊 We'll have our work cut out for us trying to arrange this trip and still needing to try and trade our little Hyundai car for something a little larger for our road trip as our car is just too small for 5 people and the luggage we need to bring along on this two month trip and our car has no air conditioning which will be brutal in the heat in the midst of summer on the prairies and in Ontario. If anyone has a larger vehicle that we could trade for a couple of months, we'd love to hear from you. If you're not in the Vancouver area, we should be contacting you shortly to find out when we can visit you.

We still have many other tasks to perform before departing such as many shots at the doctor, dental work, getting visas and extending Tjandra's US and Canadian tourist visas again, raising the

remainder of our financial support, finding more prayer partners, purchasing items needed for our new home in PNG, replacing Remi's tools that were burned in the fire in Palangkaraya, Remi getting current on flying wheel planes again, Remi's flight evaluation, Remi and Tjandra attending Wycliffe introduction seminars and Mission seminars from May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup> in Langley, MAF presentations in and around the Lower mainland in British Columbia, visiting friends and supporters around Langley, etc.

**What about you?** We'd love to hear from you or have you visit us. We've already seen many of you and hope to see all those that we haven't visited yet soon. We love hearing from all of you and if every one of you receiving this email would send us a short email on yourselves, we'd be up-to-date on all 210 of you 😊

We have so much to be thankful for and that's mostly because of all of you. We could not be in this ministry without all our prayer partners and supporters so we THANK YOU for that. After the update from our MAF-Canada office in January, several of you increased your monthly support and some started supporting us. THANK YOU!!! May our Lord Bless you in many ways as well.

With lots of Thanks and Love,

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