

LETTERS

# Created For God's Good Work (English)



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For we are God's handiwork,  
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10



It feels like the past seven months have flown by since the beginning of 2025. Looking back at the countless things we experienced while winding down our lives in Singapore and moving to Indonesia, we can only confess that our current standing is entirely by God's grace. The four years we were given when we first set foot in Singapore were an unimaginable gift of grace, but the subsequent calling to a new land was also a time that cannot be explained without God's complete plan for us. Now, each family member must take exciting yet daunting steps to walk solely with God in their own place. However, trusting in God's countless displays of faithfulness to us in the past, we will courageously go to the places He has called us. Please support us with your prayers so that we can fully accomplish the purpose of God's calling in each of our respective places.



Meeting NEW HORIZON CHURCH (NHC) during our time in Singapore was the greatest gift God gave our family. Through NHC, He allowed us to experience what the love of brothers and sisters in Christ truly means, and to realize that there is a genuine family in Christ who runs together for the Father's kingdom.

From the moment Minseo first moved from Singapore to Indonesia last January, and until Junseo and Missionary Aster departed in March, the love shown by the church became a great strength, enabling us to walk powerfully and courageously in a new land. We thank God for granting us a church where Junseo and Minseo could share their hearts so much that they could call them their second family, and for providing people who consistently partner with us in prayer.



WITH SALT & LIGHT, NHY



WITH THE ONES WHO HAVE SHOWN US THE LOVE OF GOD



WITH EZER, KOREAN PRAYER COMMUNITY IN SG

## IGI CENTER



After the dedication ceremony last December and while in the final stages of construction, we received an inappropriate financial demand from the construction company we had been working with. The company was

supposed to pay taxes on the amount we disbursed, but they refused to pay the taxes and demanded an additional sum. When we didn't agree, they even tried to persuade the local pastors collaborating with us to accept a bribe. When their plan didn't work out as intended, the construction company's representative filed a complaint against us under local customary law. The representative of this customary law then issued an order to prohibit entry to the center without proper procedure. During the enforcement of this entry ban, religious rituals of the local indigenous religion, Hindu Kaharingan, were performed. Even though we had no legal issues, the police were unable to help us, disregarding the practices of customary law.

All we could do was pray, so we asked God to resolve these matters in His own way. We specifically prayed that God's glory would not be obscured by this incident, but rather revealed even more brightly. Eventually, this incident became known to the local media, almost putting us in a difficult situation. However, we are so grateful that this matter also reached local religious leaders, and through them, God resolved problems that we, as foreigners, could not handle. As a result, the construction company officially apologized before the Dayak community, and we were able to conclude this matter. We earnestly hope that the IGI Center, built on this land with God's clear plan, will be used for what pleases Him and for building His kingdom. In this place, which faces many spiritual attacks, we ask for your prayers that the center will continue to be used effectively according to God's purpose.



IGI CENTER IN PALANGCARAYA WITH BEAUTIFUL SUNSET

## MINISTRY

As our children, Jun-seo and Min-seo, depart for their respective studies, we plan to live a life of obedience, listening more attentively to God's plans. Following God's guidance, which has trained and led us thus far, we are preparing to begin our new ministries.

First, David plans to focus on teaching at local bible school(s) and training the local pastors. Starting with teaching in bible schools in Palangkaraya and Salatiga, he will diligently prepare for an expanding teaching ministry. In addition, he will develop a ministry to train local pastors in Palangkaraya with the Word.

To this end, we plan to provide essential training for local ministers by inviting experts in Bible lectures, leadership training, or family ministry. Please pray that by holding these training sessions at the right time and in the right situations, we can raise up co-workers who will run alongside us for the God's Kingdom.

Furthermore, alongside the training ministry, he will partner as a consultant in Biblical studies and linguistics for the work of translating the Bible into tribal languages. Because Bible translation is a ministry that requires immense time and effort, about two-thirds of Indonesia's tribal ethnic groups still do not have the Bible in their own languages.

At a recent conference in Korea, we met a minister named Christov from West Papua. He is engaged in the precious work of training local ministers to translate the Bible into their own tribal languages. Through him, we were introduced to Elistarman, a minister who is currently overseeing the translation of the Bible into three tribal languages in Banjarbaru. We learned that in our region of Central Kalimantan, translation work for three other languages is also in progress.

This September, the New Testament in one of these languages is scheduled for completing the first draft. We plan to participate in this process, meet the local translators who are diligently working, and discuss ways to collaborate. Bible translation demands linguistic precision and desperately needs the help of scholars. However, progress is slow if we only wait for help from outside scholars or missionaries. Therefore, local ministers are taking the lead, and David intends to support them by providing professional consulting based on Biblical studies and linguistics. We hope to be used in the work of spreading the gospel to more people groups with the wisdom the Lord provides.

This ministry does not end with translation. By understanding the state of Bible distribution among tribal peoples, it will open up opportunities to more deeply approach unreached people groups. Through this, we earnestly pray for the day when we can meet those who do not know the gospel and share the love of Jesus.

Aster, who is still improving her language skills, will focus more on her language studies while carefully beginning a ministry centered on children's education, based on her past experiences. She hopes to teach English to the children at an orphanage run by a local pastor, offering a wider world of learning to those with few educational opportunities. Please pray with us that these children may grow into the beautiful individuals God created them to be. Additionally, she hopes that opportunities will open up to teach the Korean language through fellowship with local youth. Please pray that this may become a natural channel to introduce God and share Jesus with non-believing youth.

As we are taking the first steps in our ministry in Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan, not everything is clear yet, but we intend to walk the path the Lord opens for us, one step at a time. Please pray with us so that we can faithfully carry out our ministry in obedience to God's will and purpose.



WITH PASTOR ELISTARMAN & CRISTOV WORKING FOR BIBLE TRANSLATION INTO TRIBAL LANGUAGES



PREACHING IN BLESSING COMMUNITY IN JAKARTA & ADONAI SHAMMAH



WITH PRESIDENT OF BIBLE SCHOOL AT THE GRADUATION IN SALATIGA

# FAMILY

## JADEN

After the dedication ceremony for the Palangkaraya IGI Mission Center in last December, Minseo wrapped up his life in Singapore and began his new studies at a school in Salatiga, on the island of Java, Indonesia. It must not have been easy starting a new life with his dad in a place where both the language and environment were unfamiliar, but Minseo has done his best and adapted well to school life. Seeing him like that, we felt so proud and thankful for how much he has grown.

This coming August, he will start another form of communal living by moving into the dormitory. Since Minseo is someone who really needs his alone time, I pray that he will adapt well to the new environment and also learn to enjoy the joys of living in a community.

This past May, at the school's "Talent Night," he even got on stage, having formed a band with his friends and upperclassmen. Although he is still a novice, we felt a great sense of gratitude watching him freely pursue the dreams he loves.



Above all, we are thankful to God for letting him find a wonderful worship community, the "Dream Community." This is a community where missionary kids (MKs) from the same school worship together. Under the guidance of a good pastor, Minseo is being trained to draw closer to the Word by reading through the Bible, and he is learning how to come to a place of prayer on his own through evening prayer meetings. He has also been given the precious opportunity to serve as a keyboard accompanist

on the worship team, standing as a worshiper himself.

Moving forward, going beyond a faith simply inherited from his parents, we earnestly pray that Minseo will discover his life's purpose and direction through a deep, personal relationship with God.



WITH HUB COMMUNITY DURING YOUTH CAMP

## ETHAN



Junseo completed his studies last March, and now, as an adult, he's about to embark on a journey, walking alone with the Lord on the path God has given him. There were times he thought it was a path chosen out of unavoidable circumstances, but it has been a precious time of gradually discerning God's will, as He knows and plans for Junseo best.

Junseo will depart on July 14th to begin nursing studies in Newcastle, Australia, starting this coming July. Through people prepared in every situation and environment during the process of choosing this path, he was able to experience God once again, leading his life with anticipation and hope. Despite difficult financial circumstances, God opened an unexpected opportunity for him to study in Australia and even prepared a place for him to stay. All the preparation and the waiting time for his visa weren't easy, but the experience of God opening doors and providing at the most perfect timing was truly a time that can only be described as grace.

It's a new beginning in a place without his parents, but we pray that Junseo will overcome difficult and challenging times well and mature by walking daily with God, his true Father. We pray that Junseo will become a sturdy ship of life, navigating beautifully through the waves and weathering the storms—not a sea without waves, but one with crashing waves and raging storms—and that

he will be the Junseo who fulfills God's plans for him. Furthermore, we hope and pray that he will meet a good faith community there and grow, and also encounter people of faith at school to form broader and deeper relationships. Please pray that Junseo will love, understand, and help people just as God has made him, and that he will be able to move forward steadily, step by step, without getting tired on the path towards the future.

## **ASTER**

Aster successfully completed her first semester of the online language program at JIU (Jakarta International University) in Cikarang, near Jakarta, which she began last January.

Due to the move from Singapore to Indonesia, she wasn't able to fully immerse herself in the in-person language acquisition process as much as she would have liked. However, we ask for your prayers that she will have more opportunities to communicate with locals in Palangkaraya during the second half of this year, allowing her to make significant progress in her language studies.



ON THE LAST DAY OF LEARNING BAHASA INDONESIA ONLINE

## **VISA**

Even before entering Palangka Raya, we prayed for God to grant a visa suitable for our ministry. While there are various ways to conduct ministry, we specifically prayed for a religious leader visa (Rohani Visa) issued by the immigration office with a recommendation from the local denomination. This type of visa would grant greater autonomy and fewer restrictions for our work. However, obtaining such a visa as a foreign worker isn't easy, so we prayed with anticipation for God to open a way and for His perfect timing. Then, last May, through the help of Pastor Timothy from Adonai Shamma Church, our

partner church in Palangka Raya, we had the opportunity to meet with the General Superintendent of GSJA, the local AG denomination. We directly sought his help regarding the Rohani Visa, and we are incredibly grateful that we were able to proceed with the visa application.

Once the visa documents are submitted, we'll need to leave Indonesia temporarily for about 2 weeks and then re-enter after the visa is approved. We kindly ask for your prayers that our ministry schedule and this required travel time do not overlap.

We trust and praise God, who always opens paths and guides us in the most perfect way at the most perfect time. We extend our sincere gratitude to all our partners who have consistently joined us in prayer for this. We earnestly hope that God's grace, which has opened doors to seemingly impossible things and allowed us to walk through them, will also be equally upon all those who have prayed and united their hearts with us.

## **THE KANG'S**

Ethan, Jaden, along with missionaries David and Aster, are now about to embark on new life journeys, each holding onto God in our respective places. Junseo in Newcastle, Australia; Minseo in the school dormitory in Salatiga on Java Island; and David and Aster in Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan – each of us will now confirm our individual callings, give thanks, and step forward on our journey of faith.

This is a time of new experiences for the entire family, and we earnestly hope that all these moments will be filled with anticipation and hope, not fear or worry. Furthermore, in the challenging times that will surely come, we earnestly pray that the whole family will humble ourselves before God and earnestly seek Him, moving into a place of grace.

Please pray for the grace of unity: that even when far apart, they may remain a united and communicative family, encouraging and loving one another in faith.

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## PRAY FOR US

- Please pray that God's deep intervention and guidance will always be present in the lives of all our fellow workers, enabling them to live close to the Lord and for their lives to bring glory to Him. We specifically ask for prayers for our colleagues who are ill, that God the Creator will be with them and that they may experience His healing grace.
- The power pole installation at the IGI Center was supposed to be completed by March, but it has been continuously delayed. Please pray that the work will proceed quickly, be finished by August as the electric company stated, and allow the cafe to open swiftly.
- Aster will also fully relocate to Palangkaraya in August and settle there with David. Please pray that the home God has provided will be well-prepared to be a stable and good place of rest during her ministry, and that God will grant her wisdom in language acquisition.
- Please pray for Ethan, who is departing on July 14th. We pray that his time living alone away from his parents will be a time for him to grow closer to God. Also, since his lodging is in an outer area rather than downtown, public transportation isn't easy to use, but we pray that he will recognize this entire process and time as necessary for him, and that he can commute joyfully and thankfully.
- Jaden will also be moving into the dormitory before the new semester begins on 12th August. Please pray that he adapts well to communal living for the first time, learns the joy of deep fellowship with good friends, and continues to serve with joy and gratitude in the church worship team he's currently part of.