

# OUT REACH MISTRY

## DESA MARAWAN

Since last December, when we ministered to children and youth together with NHY, we are grateful that a youth worship service has been established here. This past March, while we were visiting and worshipping together, two girls wearing hijabs walked in. They listened intently with bright, eager eyes throughout the entire sermon, but slipped away quietly before the service ended — perhaps out of shyness. We later learned from the pastor that they had heard through school friends in Marawan that Koreans were coming, and they had gathered the courage to visit. Through those same friends, they asked that we please come back again next time. We do not know when these girls will find their way back to the church, but we earnestly pray that at the perfect time God has prepared, we will be able to introduce Jesus Christ to them.

From the very first service until now, many children from the surrounding area who follow Hindu Kaharingan have been coming to the church. Some have been attending consistently — too regularly to simply call it curiosity — and we pray that the day will come soon when these children will encounter Jesus through the gospel and their families will receive salvation.

Pahan, a 3-year-old boy we met here in December, was a remarkably lively child. He was more enthusiastic than anyone when it came to games, but he never followed us into the church — because he is Muslim, from the B people group. We heard that Pahan had been eagerly waiting for us to return. We visited Marawan half in disbelief, wondering if he could really remember us — and there he was, freshly bathed and waiting for us. He came running out barefoot and leaped into our arms, and in that moment we couldn't help but think of how much more God must be longing for this child.

Pahan's parents told us that their child falls ill frequently without any apparent reason, and asked us to pray for him. They could not bring themselves to enter the church, so they dropped him off at the entrance and turned to leave — and in the sight of their retreating figures, we could feel the desperate love of parents. On our next visit, Pahan once again came running out barefoot to welcome us, and that day, as if it were the most natural thing in the world, he walked right into the church and worshiped with us.

While playing with Pahan and other children from Muslim families near the church, we were naturally able to strike up conversations with their mothers as well. We think we should bring more toys and activities that the children will enjoy on our next visit.

Through play, we felt God placing it on our hearts to pursue more intentional educational activities, build a community, and work toward establishing a Sunday school worship service in this place. Please pray with us that we may build deeper and more meaningful relationships with the parents toward this goal.



WITH CHILDREN IN DEWA MARAWAN / WITH NHY / YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE



WORSHIP WITH PAHAN / SHARING GOSPEL / MINISTRY FOR POURING OUT HOLY SPRIT

## TEWAN KARANGAN

Pak Elis was once from a Muslim family, but after his wife was healed of her illness through prayer, he came to faith in Christ. Hoping and longing for a church to be established in his village, he began holding worship services in his own home.

Last December, during the Christmas season, we were able to share the Word and worship together with the congregation there. Just as the sermon was about to begin, Pak Elis quietly turned the speaker outward — away from the place of worship and toward the outside — out of a deep desire that anyone in the village might hear the gospel.

What no one knew at the time was later revealed when, a few days after the Christmas service, an elderly couple from the village came to find the church. They had not been present at the Christmas service that day, but they had heard the Word through the speaker. They shared that as they listened, their hearts burned within them, and they knew they had to come and find this place. Following this miraculous turn of events, the elderly couple were baptized and became believers in Christ. Since then, we have been going into this village once a month to preach the Word.

Please pray with us that they will grow strong and healthy in the Word, and that a church will be established in this place.



WITH PAK ELIS & COUPLE FROM HINDUKAHARINGAN/ BAPTISM FOR THE COUPLE/SMALL HOUSE CHURCH

## KALAMPANGAN

Ibu Wiwin, a staff member of Lev Adonai, was a Muslim before her marriage. Remarkably, it was her Muslim father who actively encouraged her to marry a Christian — and it was through that marriage that she came to know Jesus. Sadly, however, all of her family members back home are still Muslim.

Lev Adonai is praying together with Ibu Wiwin and seeking to sow the seeds of the gospel in this village. While it may not be possible to share the gospel directly from the very beginning, we hope that as relationships are gradually built, the fragrance of Christ will be carried to this family.

Before leaving the village, we visited another home where we met an Ibu who has been suffering from a stroke. Throughout our entire time of prayer, she prayed not so much for her own healing, but far more fervently for her children to return to the Lord. In the depth of her longing, we felt the very heart of God the Father for lost souls.

As we left, we once again prayed earnestly that through this family, a church would be established in this place. Please continue to stand with us in prayer until the day comes when worship is received by God in this village.



WITH THE FAMILY OF IBU WIWIN/ PRAY FOR AN IBU WHO HAS BEEN SUFFERING FROM A STROKE / 2ND VISITATION TO IBU WIWIN'S FAMILY

# CURUSADE



SET UP A CROSS AT THE CHURCH IN DESA DIRUNG BAKUNG / HINDU KAHARINGAN SHIRINE FOUND IN EVERY VILLAGE

From the 4th to the 14th of April, Lev Adonai began in the Buntok area and visited many churches under AG Districts 1 & 2 in Central Kalimantan, worshiping together in Easter services. From the Puruk Cahu area, we traveled by boat for over three hours to a place called Batu Makap, where we held a service at AG Batu Makap Church. True to its name — "Batu" meaning stone or rock — the village was filled with large, solid boulders, and the church built there was truly a church built upon the rock.

The following day, we traveled another hour and a half upstream by boat to minister at Eka Sinta Church in Tumbang Kunyi. There we heard the story of Samuel, a young minister who had only recently been appointed to the church — and that after first arriving, he had been physically attacked by villagers on multiple occasions. Our hearts broke for him, and we found ourselves praying all the more fervently that this pastor and his church would stand firm and strong in that place.

After spending a night in his partially open-roofed parsonage, we once again traveled upstream by boat for another hour and a half to reach Ekklesia Church in Telok Jolo. This church is led by a female pastor and her family who came from Kupang. As the area is deeply rooted in Hindu Kaharingan, they have been facing significant challenges in their ministry.

After concluding our ministry there, we boarded a boat before 3 a.m. and traveled downstream for a full six hours in order to return to Puruk Cahu for Sunday ministry.

After holding a service at My Home Church, where Pastor Ali ministers, we immediately set off on an unpaved road and drove for over four hours before arriving at Jangkang Filadelfia Church. Having been on the move since the early hours of the morning, we were so exhausted that we had no appetite — yet we could not bring ourselves to turn away the meal that the pastor, who lives alone, had been waiting to serve us.

The next day, we set out for AG Desa Nusa Church in Desa Nusa. We made our way by klotok for nearly two hours, pushing through branches deep into the jungle, until a village surprisingly appeared before us. This service was a particularly precious occasion, as it was the commissioning service for Joshua, a young evangelist in his early twenties. The area has no electricity — only a fortunate few homes occasionally use solar batteries or fuel-powered generators — and it is a place that no one willingly chooses to go. Please pray for this evangelist, who has no personal connections in this place and will begin his ministry without even a proper parsonage, staying in a neighbor's home as he starts his work.

The next day, we came back to Jangkang to lead a revival service at AG Filadelfia church. We praise God for His wonderful work for this church and its congregation.



ON THE WAY TO VILLEAGE NUSA / AG DESA NUSA CHURCH / WITH PASTOR MANIL WHO HAS CARED FOR AND TRAINED PASTOR YOSHUA SINCE HIS CHILDHOOD



IN THE SMALL BOAT CALLED KELOTOK / ROCK MOUNTAIN WITH MOSQUE/ AT THE DOCK IN BATU MAKAP

\* WE WILL SHARE MORE TESTIMONY THROUGH THE VIDEO \*

## DISCIPLESHIP & TRAINING

### LEV ENGLISH



LEV ENGLISH CLASS ON EVERY MONDAY EVENING

It has already been six months since we began the Lev English classes last November. This time has been especially precious as it has allowed me to look more deeply into the lives of several

young students.

Student A is a student majoring in Law; her father passed away years ago, and her mother serves as a pastor alone far away from here.

Student N has been growing up without the love and protection of a father, yet he has matured into a bright and grateful young man thanks to the devotion of his mother and brothers.

Student J and D live in a remarried family following the sudden passing of their father. Though they carry various emotional scars, their passion for learning is more fervent than anyone else's.

I pray that this time would not be merely about learning a language, but that through sharing and fellowship, these students will discover God's plan for their lives and offer themselves to Him as precious jewels.

## DECSIPLESHIP



DENDRA SHARES HIS TESTIMONY / STAFF PRAYER MEETING IN EVERYDAY / WITH STAFF OF LEV ADONAI

We once again confess that living as disciples of Christ and raising up other disciples is our calling. Through our daily staff devotions, we are learning what it means to make our lives an act of worship, and we are growing in our understanding of the purpose for which God has called us here — learning to faithfully carry out the responsibilities each of us has been given.

In particular, we have begun discipleship training, starting with our Indonesian young adult staff members. Centered around Dendra (currently a first-year student in Christian Education) and Yan (an administrative staff member of Lev Adonai), we have been meeting every morning throughout January and February to study English together alongside reading and sharing the Word — and we plan to continue with deeper and more intensive Word-based training going forward.

Dendra in particular is called to be a minister, and he is a young man who combines a deep hunger for learning with remarkable faithfulness. We are excited to see what God will do through him. We earnestly hope and pray that through the training and discipleship taking place at Lev Adonai, more and more young people will come to offer their lives to the Lord.

## TABELA ORPHANAGE

It has already been nearly eight months since Aster began teaching English here. The classes began with the help of David, who served as interpreter, as Aster could not speak a word of Indonesian at the time — but now, little by little, she is managing to explain things in Indonesian, however haltingly. We may not know exactly how much the children's English has improved, but we are deeply grateful for these times of laughing together, singing praises, and growing through learning side by side. Perhaps what these children needed more than lessons was simply someone who would come to them and be present with them.

We believe that for those whom the world calls the lowest, those of whom the world says there is no hope — if they have Jesus, who is the greatest hope of all, their lives are more precious and radiant than any other. Recently, there has been an unfortunate change in local leadership, as those who had been caring for the children have been replaced, and it is unclear what changes this transition may bring to the orphanage.

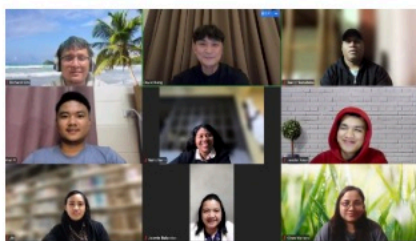
Within whatever time and circumstances God allows, we want to give our very best and, for as long as we are with these children, faithfully deliver all that God desires to give them. Please pray with us toward this end.



JOYFUL MOMENT WITH NHY / PRAISE IN ACTION SONG/ CELEBRATE JESUS

## TEACHING

This first half of the year, David took on the teaching of Hebrew III (Advanced Course), meeting with students at APTS (Asia Pacific



Theological Seminary) in the Philippines online from January through mid-March. Learning, studying, and sharing God's Word together is always a source of joy and a meaningful challenge. While there are many areas of ministry to attend to, we intend to continue teaching in this way — even if only online — going forward.

At a time when the number of young ministers is steadily declining, we believe that teaching and training committed ministers well is something we must not let go of. We earnestly hope and pray that more and more young ministers will rise up for the Kingdom of God.

## LEV ADONAI MISSION CENTER



Electricity has finally been installed at the center. After such a long time of waiting and praying, we cannot begin to express how grateful we are for the day it was finally connected. Preparations for the BAM (Business as Mission) café are also coming along well. Rather than hiring outside workers, we have been doing everything ourselves alongside our staff — electrical work, cement work, CCTV installation, landscaping, fencing, plumbing, and flooring — learning as we go and taking things slowly.

There have been many challenges along the way, but seeing the center gradually take shape fills us with immeasurable gratitude. Now that electricity has been installed, it seems that once the final paperwork is completed, we will be ready to open the café. We pray that God will open the way for all of these things in His perfect timing and in the best way possible.



WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE MISSION CENTER

## THE KANG'S

### VISA

Thanks to the prayers of everyone who stood with us, we received our religious visa this past March. It took approximately eight months from the time of application to finally receiving it, and while it will need to be renewed before the end of the year, we are endlessly grateful to have a visa that allows us to minister safely. Although the annual renewal comes with a considerable cost, we trust that God will continue to grant us the Religious Visa for the sake of our ministry here in Indonesia, and we once again extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who prayed alongside us.

## ETHAN & JADEN



SERVING IN THE YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP NIGHT

After obtaining his certified caregiver license last year, Ethan has been able to work as a part-time at the care center where he completed his practicum. Every morning

he changes the diapers of the elderly residents, assists with bathing, and at times must handle residents who scold, pinch, or strike out at him — it is physically demanding work that is far from easy.

And yet, Ethan tells us that he is learning so much through all of it, and for that we are deeply grateful. As parents, it is sometimes heartbreaking to watch someone not yet 19 years old navigate so many things on his own in order to stand as an independent adult. But we are thankful that God is allowing Ethan to go through these invaluable experiences early in life, enabling him to grow all the faster. We pray earnestly that through these trials, Ethan will learn to live each day leaning fully on God.

Jaden is also finishing his final dormitory semester well. He has been faithfully serving on the keyboard for both the school and church worship teams, and this month he participated in ISSAC in the cross-country event. Through his club activities, he has taken part in a fashion show as both a designer and a model, and has been active in the choir as well — it seems that quietly and steadily, he has been expanding his own world in one place after another. By the end of May, he will complete 10th grade and enter summer break. This is a season for thinking about and preparing for his future, and it seems he still has many things on his mind. Please pray that Jaden will be able to focus and prepare well. Above all, we pray that he will proclaim God's lordship over his life and hold onto a heart full of hope rather than worry.



SERVING AS A KEYBOARDIST IN THE SCHOOL WORSHIP TEAM / PARTICIPATE IN A CROSS-COUNTRY COMPETITION / PERFORM IN A CHIOR CONCERT

## PRAY FOR US

- That all of us at Lev Adonai would come to know God's plan and calling for this ministry more deeply, and walk in faithful obedience to it,
- That we would build fruitful partnerships with the AG Districts throughout Central Kalimantan,
- That God would grant us His wisdom as we minister, and open doors for meaningful relationships with Muslims in the various regions we serve – particularly among the B people group,
- That a Sunday school worship service would be established in Desa Marawan,
- That the house church in Tewan Karangan would grow and flourish,
- That Ethan would keep God – the Lord of his life – as his highest priority in all things, and that Jaden would trust in God her Creator and find clear direction for his future,

- That God would watch over the health of both of our families, and especially our parents, granting them strength to run the race of faith faithfully until they reach the Kingdom of God,
- That all the churches and individuals who support us would experience the heart of God in a fresh and personal way each day – and that the very things happening on the mission field would also come alive in their own lives,
- That the pastoral seminar and ten church gatherings taking place in Sumatra over ten days beginning June 4th would be filled with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and that all necessary finances would be provided.