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Training Missionaries to be sent into the Harvest Fields of Indonesia

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Dear Beloved Partners of the Gospel,

Greetings in the love of Christ!

Our Vision

Since its inception, the vision of YMTC and SOM has been to provide, with the Lord's help, a Biblical base for practical ministry training or a school of ministry "without walls." We have helped and trained believers, young and old, to serve as church planters, church workers or missionaries to fulfill the Great Commission. Our aim, by God's grace, is to serve the body of Christ in Indonesia in particular. And it is all because of God's grace and mercy and the



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faithful prayers of His people like you that we are still around and actively pursuing the vision.

We keep praising the Lord for His wonderful grace towards YMTC missionaries who have been faithful and who keep seeking His leading in their outreach to the people in areas still under the bondage of darkness. They continue to trust the Lord for the fruit of their labor. Recently, they baptized new converts and started a home Bible study for families who are seeking the Truth and want to learn more about Christ.

OBI Fruit

An OBI (Operation Barnabas International) team led by Brother Dan Reichard of Advancing Native Missions came to Indonesia last November and conducted a



Believers from Muslim background getting ready for water baptism

conference attended by YMTC workers and missionaries. The messages shared by two members of the OBI team, Brothers Mike Curry and Ross Collier, deeply stirred the hearts of those present. Fifteen church planters and evangelists, all YMTC graduates, who come from 15 different villages were strongly burdened by the Holy Spirit to make a decision to serve the Lord as full-time pastors of local village churches. They asked me to ordain them for this purpose. So on January 12, 2008, I ordained them as pastors. Please remember them in your prayers as all of them are

YMTC missionaries baptizing a young convert



Paulus and ANM's Bo Barredo handing to Brother Situmorang a gift for his church.

communities of Seropan village. In the past two years he has baptized 11 new believers from Muslim background. Seropan was one of the places rocked by the May 27, 2006 earthquake causing their church building to be flattened to the ground. They were able to rebuild the church little by little. Please pray for the believers of Seropan village, especially the 11 baptized believers.

Sujarwo and Santi, husband and wife and both YMTC/SOM graduates, live in the village of Lamongan, East Java, planting village churches among the Muslims. Two years ago, 10 new believers from the neighborhood village were baptized and last year 15 new believers from another village were baptized, and all of them were from Muslim background. Please pray for the Lord's protection over Sujarwo and Santi and these new believers.



Paulus (front row, fifth from right) and Sri with the ANM OBI team and YMTC participants, Yogyakarta, November 2007

At one time, a mob from several villages came to their house and tried to destroy and burn down the church building, but to no avail. This was truly a miracle and for a while there was no further intimidation. But this did not mean that the opposition stopped. A month later, a Muslim boarding school was started about 150 meters from the location of Sujarwo's house and the church building. Opposition to the gospel is present but the Holy Spirit is also moving and has opened the hearts of the people to respond to Sujarwo and Santi's personal evangelism.

Daniel Totok A. (DA), 27, repairs amplifiers, cell phones and

Praying for pastors and workers at the OBI meeting in Sumatra, November 2007





Believers studying God's Word at a new home Bible study

televisions, and uses this as a way of sharing his faith in people's homes. His wife, Zaniah (ZA), was a leader of the youth in the mosque before she became a Christian. DA was put on the death list, so the couple fled for their lives. This young couple and their baby have moved to an area militantly opposed to Christianity. Their community has suffered much through recent natural disasters, and DA and ZA have reached out to the hurting with compassion. DA continues his repair work while leading a secret church behind closed doors in their home. And people are coming to Christ! Though young and their lives endangered, they have purpose in their eyes and commitment on their faces. DA believes God will bless their work.

Fina, a young lady, graduated from SOM in 2002. After helping Sri with the women's ministry for three years, we sent her to Poso in Central Sulawesi in 2006. She planted a

village church in the village of Poso. Believers in Poso were facing a challenging situation due to the seemingly never-ending conflicts. The General Secretary of Central Sulawesi Christian Church was shot to death by an unidentified sniper early in September 2006. Fina needs the Lord's protection. Do pray for her and for the new believers she has led to Christ. Pray also for her ministry among the village children in the area.



People are coming to Christ in Indonesia despite overwhelming challenges!

By God's grace, under the direction of my co-worker Brother Eko and with the assistance of YMTC/SOM teachers and trainers, we now have seven centers of learning with the same vision and purpose in different parts of the country, including one in Bali Island. As the Lord leads and in His providence, we are also praying about possibly starting new centers in North Sumatra and West Irian.

Family Update

Our older son Daniel graduated with honors from the university last January. We are still seeking the Lord's leading and direction as to which seminary to send him. We thank you for your faithfulness in praying for us, and for Daniel especially. He sensed the Lord's call for full-time ministry when he was in a serious motorbike accident

back in 2003 and had to be hospitalized for nearly two weeks. It so happened that an OBI team was in the country at that time. The team visited him in the hospital and prayed for him. The Lord answered and honored the prayers of His servants. He healed Daniel completely and all his planned surgeries did not have to take place. Yonathan, our younger son, is graduating this month, also with honors. My wife Sri and I are praying that the Lord will guide and lead both Daniel and Yonathan to take up the future leadership of the ministry.

Please continue to pray for us here at YMTC that we will not be weary in facing the challenges, difficulties and hindrances from the enemy who wants to stop the expansion of God's Kingdom. Please pray also for the completion of the construction of a church in the midst of the Muslim community in Kauman village, Central Java. The project had to be stopped due to lack of funds. The total amount needed is \$10,000. Any amount towards this need could help in getting the building project going again. Thank you very much for all of your prayers and support. God bless you all richly and wonderfully.

Sincerely in Christ,

Paulus T. Wibowo



Paulus ordaining 15 YMTC church planters and evangelists as village pastors



At Daniel's graduation



Our grandsons Neo and Nino



At our daughter Tutik's wedding, August 2006

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