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INDONESIA
 Bible translation and church planting



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Dear co-laborers in Christ,

Penang, Malaysia, March 19, 2026. It is amazing to realize how God has been working behind the scenes to bless, protect, and lead. This will be our last report from Penang.

Our mission in Siantar

Bro. William, the young man we left in charge of our mission in Pematang Siantar, on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia has been doing exceptionally well leading the work there. He is developing into an excellent preacher. This is partly the result of our online class with him each Friday. But even more because of his diligent study of our translation of the New Testament, which has hundreds of footnotes which point out and explain the vital Bible doctrines which we Baptists hold dear.

Bro. William, with some help from our son, Bro. Isaiah Turk, has won a friend of his to the Lord. Jefferson was wavering between becoming a Buddhist or Protestant. But after being shown the truth from God's word trusted Christ as his eternal Savior, and is happily attending our Baptist mission services now. Please pray that his wife might also get saved.

Bro. William began this past week translating Bro. Robert Sargent's *Landmarks of Baptist Doctrine*, and taught the first lesson for Sunday School. Many thanks to Bro. Sargent for allowing translation and use of his material.

Translation progress

I spend most of my time on the translation project. Since our last report, we experienced another serious delay in preparing files to order the first printing of the new format of our New Testament translation. Bro. Herli proofread once again all the footnotes. I was ready to place an order, but then noticed some more problems that when corrected caused gaps at the ends or beginnings of some columns, and also caused some footnotes to appear on a different page than their number in the text. To fix this required going back to Matthew and checking every page of the New Testament manually. This is tedious work that can't be automated, and requires my full attention. I'm still working on it. This problem is caused by having many footnotes, but all my advisors think the footnotes too helpful and important to leave out. I cannot emphasize enough how greatly we need your continued prayers for the translation project.

Our mission in Pangkal Pinang

Bro. Herli, the man leading our mission in the city of Pangkal Pinang on the Indonesian island of Bangka, is our main proofreader. And he is an excellent proofreader. We are blessed to have him on our translation team. He has been faithful in that city. Please pray for his biological

mother. She was a Muslim. You may remember that she was saved about a year ago, and I baptized her in the ocean. Her other children (Bro. Herli's siblings) are Muslim, and live right next door to her. She fell several months ago, and is bedridden. So, each Sunday Bro. Herli's family goes to his mother house after the church service in their own house, and hold another service in her house. Please pray for Bro. Herli's Muslim siblings that they might be touched by the gospel and be saved.

We are moving to Johor Baru

April the 5th we have to exit Malaysia, and return with new visas. We've decided to move about 430 miles south to the much larger city of Johor Baru before making this visa run. From Johor Baru we can cross a bridge into Singapore, or take a 2 hour ferry to Batam, Indonesia to make visa runs. So, living there will make visa runs much easier and cheaper.

Our son, Bro. Isaiah Turk, met a family in Johor Baru last November, and has been holding Bible studies with them since then via the Internet. Three members of this family have trusted Christ as Savior as a result. So, we hope to have Bible studies with them in person once we get settled in there.

Indonesia visas

We need to make a trip back into Indonesia to visit our missions in Siantar and Pangkal Pinang as soon as possible. We have applied for visas to make this possible. Please pray that, if it be God's will, our visa applications will be approved soon.

Special thanks

We want to give special thanks to Pastor Ter Yin Ho, and Shalom Baptist Church, here in Penang, for their exceptional kindness to us these last 6 months. When we first arrived, they gave us a place to stay while we looked for an apartment. They provided us with cooking and eating utensils. They have taken us to and from church each service. Bro. Ter has an online teaching ministry to pastors and missionaries throughout S.E. Asia, and Bro. Herli and Bro. William benefit from his teaching.

Thanks also to everyone else praying for us and supporting us. Your faithfulness is a great encouragement to us. We look forward with great excitement to being able to get back into Indonesia. We love you in Christ Jesus.

Serving the prayer answering God,

Louis & Cheryle Turk