



# Dr. Louis A. and Cheryle Turk to INDONESIA Bible translation and church planting



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Dear co-laborers in Christ,

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Things are happening very fast here in South-east Asia.

## Visa run

Cheryle and I were unable to make a visa run to Indonesia as planned. Instead we took a bus from Penang, Malaysia to Thailand. Returning to Malaysia we were given another 3 month visa.

## Successful move

As predicted in our last report, we have moved to Johor Bahru, Malaysia. God has blessed us with a nice apartment which has more stable infrastructure than we had in Penang. Our new landlord is also very nice. He was educated in the USA, and says he was very kindly treated by Christian people he met there. In return, he has been being very kind to us. Pray for God's blessings to be upon Mr. Peh.

Our apartment is only 2 miles (5 to 10 minutes) from the ferry to Batam, Indonesia. The ferry ride from Johor Bahru to Batam is approximately 2 hours. So, we are very close to Indonesia, and can be there quickly. Because of Indonesia being so close, there are many Indonesians here in Johor Bahru, and we are gearing up to minister to them. We've already printed some name cards and tracts, and started distributing them.

## Soul winning and church planting

While our primary focus is providing a complete translation of the whole Bible to Indonesia, and plant churches all over Indonesia, we want to win souls and plant churches wherever we happen to be. Our fourth son, Isaiah Turk, is taking the lead to start a church here in Johor Bahru. We will be advising and assisting him. Isaiah is an excellent soul winner. He is very diligent to witness to the Divine encounters that God sets before him.

## One soul saved

There is a young couple of India decent living in the apartment right next to ours. Isaiah befriended them, and led the husband, Marco (see photo below), to Christ. Please pray for his wife, Sheba, that she also will trust Christ as her personal Lord and Savior.



## Health checkup

Yesterday, Cheryle and I went to a health clinic to receive the results of blood tests taken last week. I am in excellent health for a man of my age. Thanks be to God, all my blood tests were in the normal range. My blood pressure was 109 over 58. My only health issues are swollen feet (probably caused by sitting too long in front of a computer every day working on the translation project), and hearing loss. Last week I went to a hearing clinic, had my hearing reevaluated, and had my hearing aids adjusted to my current profound hearing loss. Adjustment of my hearing aids helped a lot. Hearing loss complicates my life, but I thank God for hearing aids.

Cheryle has more serious health issues, specifically congestive heart failure and diabetes. Her tests have reclassified her from diabetic to pre-diabetic. That is certainly good. Early tomorrow morning, she has an appointment with a heart specialist, who also specializes in diabetes. We are hoping that her heart has improved also. Prayers for Cheryle will be greatly appreciated.

## Sharpening my tools

"If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct" (Eccl. 10:10 KJV). My responsibilities increase each year, and my work gets more complex, but my energy decreases. The only way I can possibly keep up is to work smarter. I have to stop more often, and sharpen my tools. For me that means automating every computer task that can possibly be automated, and deleting programs and files that are no longer needed. My windows manager is programmable, so that also opens up many possibilities, which I'm trying to exploit.

## Caleb raising support

Our sixth son, Caleb Turk, has got off to a great start in raising support to return to Indonesia. If you want your church to receive a tremendous blessing, contact him now before he is booked up. His phone number is: 1-913-274-0908.

Being obedient to God's command to "be fruitful, and multiply" has great benefits. In addition to many children and grandchildren who are faithfully serving God as faithful tithing members of Baptist churches, Cheryle and I have 4 sons and 1 grandson who are Baptist ministers. Many of our older grandchildren are soul winners, having won at least one soul to Christ. And we are confident that this is just the beginning. Our offspring will win far more people to Christ than we ever could win by ourselves. And they will be winning souls long after we are gone.

Many thanks to all of our faithful supporters. May God's blessings pour out of Heaven upon you.

Serving the prayer answering God,

Louis & Cheryle Turk