

THE MIDKIFF FAMILY

TO INDONESIA

"DECLARE HIS PRAISE IN THE ISLANDS" - ISAIAH 42:12

March/April 2024 Prayer Letter

Easter and Ramadan

We hope you all had a great Easter this year! This year Easter fell during the month of Ramadan. We were able to have some good discussions with our friends about the meaning of Easter. I had the opportunity on Easter morning to preach at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Surakarta. We were very excited to have one of our Muslim friends and her family attend church with us on Easter Sunday evening. She has spent time in America and has become disillusioned with the performative religion of her family and is seeking true meaning. Her husband is a non-religious American, and we are praying that they both will trust Christ. Ramadan is a very social event in Indonesia. We were able to attend several social events with our friends related to Ramadan. Here in Indonesia, the celebration of Ramadan and the Idul Fitri holiday afterward have a similar holiday feel to Christmas and New Year's for us. It is very special for us as foreigners and Christians to demonstrate our love and care for them at this time. Pray that God will open up their hearts to hear His Word.

Blessings and Busyness

We had the great blessing of attending the BIM! Southeast Asia field conference in Thailand in April. It was so great to take a short break and enjoy the time with fellow laborers from all over this region. We got to experience a bit of the unique culture of Thailand. Jaina and Alexis were so happy to run and play with kids who really understand their struggles. The sessions were refreshing for our souls.

In May we will be moving across town to a new house. We want to be moved into the house before I have to begin work on my final papers for college classes and the busy activities of the summer. One big event for the summer that we get to help with is the yearly teen retreat that is hosted by churches from different areas. This year it will be in Yogyakarta in July. We are excited that our pastor, Skip Woodfin, and his wife will be here with us to speak for the young people. Pray that God will work in the hearts of these young people and use the retreat to draw them close to Christ and a commitment to serve Him. We will also get to help with Vacation Bible School at a nearby church this summer.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for my (Jonathan) health at this time. I have a mild case of Typhoid Fever. Hopefully, the medicine will work quickly and I will be feeling better soon. Praise the Lord that our friend, Dinno, was able to find a good job. Pray that we can make progress with our prospects. Pray for our upcoming move.



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