

January/February 2024 Prayer Letter

Memandang Ke Depan (Looking Ahead)

We started the new year going full speed. While I had a two-month-long break from college classes, I had many other responsibilities. As soon as classes were finished, I had to begin the process of preparing paperwork for extending our visas. There were a couple of different documents required for the extension that were not needed for the initial visa. This extra time took us pretty close to the deadline, but praise the Lord it was finished right on time. Thank you very much for continuing to pray for this constant prayer concern.

I had the blessing of attending an annual pastors' fellowship meeting of independent Baptist churches from all over Indonesia in the city of Medan. It was interesting to visit a new part of Indonesia, and it was encouraging to see many familiar faces and meet new pastors as well. In the last week of January, I taught a week-long intensive class on Church Music at a Bible college located two hours away. I made the trip there and back every day (through the rain most days) to teach four hours each day. It was a good opportunity for me to build relationships with the Bible college students.

At the beginning of February, I began my master's college classes again. I have a full load this semester. After this, I will only have a few courses and the writing of my thesis left. Please pray for me that I can stay focused and finish strong.

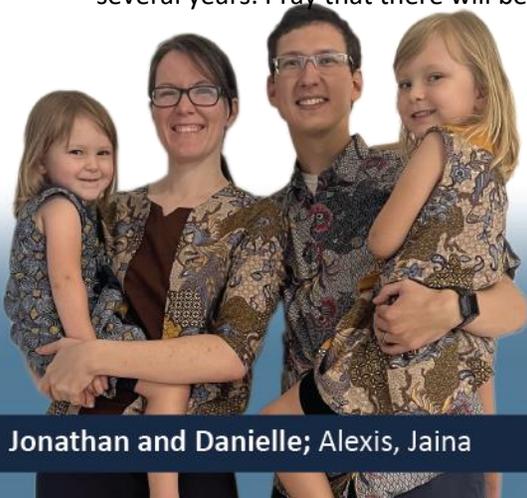
Ministry Goals for 2024

During these past two years we have been able to grow and adapt to the language and culture. We are now looking to move forward in establishing our own ministry here in Yogyakarta. We have several good contacts and friends who we plan to invite for Bible study and discipleship. Our goal is to have someone over to the house or out at a café at least once a week. Our plan is to have a weekly Bible study with these students and young people starting in the next couple of months.

We are also assisting a church out in the country that has been having a weekly meeting with a family about two hours away. We are hoping that we can come alongside to motivate some active outreach there. It is challenging for us to be there and interact with the residents of that village as foreigners. We have begun traveling out there two weeks every month. There is a need to be there and spend time meeting and interacting with the local people and opening up opportunities to invest and share Christ.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for me as my classes begin getting busy again. Pray that God will help us as we pursue these new goals and challenges for the new year. Pray that we will be able to find a new house to rent for the next several years. Pray that there will be new ministry opportunities for us during the month of Ramadan.



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