

# MISSION TO DURI, SUMATRA

## SUMMARY OF MISSION WORK IN 2007

We thank God for opening the door to plant the church in Duri, Sumatra in 2003. Through the struggles of the local mission team and financial support of American brethren, we have planted the church in the city of Duri. In 2004 we baptized 22 persons and in 2006 we baptized 6 more and this year 7 more were baptized. The total membership at this time is 36 with an average Sunday attendance of 30-40 persons, with forty-five children from ages 3-12 attending Sunday school.



In July 2007 we installed five men plus the mission team as leaders of the church and they are working as a strong team to organize the church activities and evangelism. Four of these men have already graduated from Batam Bible College and one more man is still studying in Batam and the oldest two men are still in training under the leading of the team. The mission team has set forth a good working system to edify and add to the quantity and quality of the church membership. To boost the activity of evangelism and to promote the church to others we do a VBS once a year. Usually we do this event for two days and during this time approach the parent to speak about the Gospel and introducing the church to them.



This church planting has been funded by freewill offerings of the Mike Walker, Bobby Hulett, Bubba Warren, and Charles Dubois Families. The church has been able to accomplish so much only because these brethren have given so much! This has also resulted in having a beautiful permanent church building in Duri, Sumatra.



One area that the church has difficulty in is the financial ability to pay the preachers. The reason for this is many brethren lost their job because the Caltex Oil Company stopped contracting with the big sub contractors and many members lost their jobs. The only funding they have now \$200.00 a month as the other funding ended in December 2007. We have enough reserves to continue paying three men their salaries which total of \$380.00 per month for the next six months. We need an additional \$300.00 a month for two more years to support that church before it can support itself. If you can help please contact Winston Bolt at [wlbolt@gmail.com](mailto:wlbolt@gmail.com) Duri has a population of 640,000 souls and is rich in natural resources, which means the area will continue to grow. We have great hopes that the church will continue to grow and spread the gospel of Christ.

Another blessing was that Brother Jannes the mission team leader in Duri found a wife and was married in December 2007.



Brother Herbin, from Batam Bible College, is a mentor to the mission team in Duri and one of the reasons for the continued success in establishing the church in Duri, Sumatra. He is part of the national mission program that is responsible for planting the church through out all of Indonesia.

