



MISSION INDONESIA

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BATAM BIBLE COLLEGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last year we struggled with a number of issues but the year of 2010 looks to very promising indeed. We have thirty students attending Batam Bible College this year and this will be our largest class since the inception of the college in 1998. The students are from across the entire country starting from Batam Island (2), Nias Island (12), Province of Kalimantan (Borneo Island) (11), Sulawesi Island (1), Java Island (2), Province of Riau (Sumatra Island) (1), and Papua (New Guinea Island) (1). This is a result of church planting that has been taking place across the entire country of Indonesia.



The students range from 20 years old to the oldest who is 63 years old with the average age of the students being 24 years old. All the students are high school graduates or better. Brother Saat the oldest student is a retired government official from the city of Palopo in South Sulawesi. He is a recent convert with many questions but thankfully we have the answers that he is seeking as we speak from God's word.

This year three of the students have different religious backgrounds. Two are from an Islamic background and one from a Buddhist background. Two of the students have also come to us from other schools of religion. as they were not satisfied with the biblical teachings of those schools.

We had another student coming from Papua but after arriving by ship in Jakarta he refused to leave the ship and returned home. We have no idea why he was afraid to continue his journey to Batam as people with tribal backgrounds can imagine many things. This is why Batam Bible College is so important to the church in Indonesia as knowledge of God's word goes a long ways in protecting the church from the imagination and desires of man.

This January we have been blessed by the addition of Brother Suci to our staff at Batam Bible College. Brother Suci is our full-time custodian. He is from the church of Christ in Solo, Central Java where he worked as a maintenance man in a local hotel. He is fifty-eight years old and single. He seems to be an all around handy man who is able to fix most anything that needs fixing. With a building that is close to 10,000 square feet and thirty students running around there are a lot of things that need fixing. We are thankful that the Lord has sent Brother Suci our way, as the difference that he has already made is amazing.



Brother Suci

Your servant in Christ

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