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Back to Indonesia... as a tourist?!?

What an incredible opportunity last month to visit Indonesia once again, although this time having to go through Immigration on a tourist visa instead of as a resident. Our partner church the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (GKLI) asked us to present a workshop on worship, liturgy, and hymnody, and we were happy to do so. This was a direct tie-in to the ongoing work to develop (*for* them and *with* them) the first truly Lutheran hymnal in all of Indonesia.

We spent four days talking about why Lutherans worship like we do: that all the liturgy comes directly from the Scriptures; that “our” worship starts with Christ, and we respond to Him; how He comes to meet us in His Means of Grace, the Word and the Sacraments; and how our time in worship is reverent because we believe that our Lord is actually among us in real presence.



What a joy to be together with our brothers from GKLI again. The teaching was very well-received, with thoughtful questions being asked and answered, and with concrete next steps being planned and embraced for pastors and congregations.

The four-day workshop gave way directly into a two-day hymnal committee meeting, led by LCMS Deaconess Sandra Rhein. Dcs. Rhein was able to help address some of the challenges faced so far in this hymnal development process, and to guide us into the next things to be planned, solved, and set. Our partners made some important decisions, such as how many hymns we

were planning to include, which orders of service will be in the book, and what other resources we should prepare.

The participants spent significant time using right away what they received in the preceding workshop. They sang through scores of hymns, examining the texts to see which hymns were appropriate for a Lutheran hymnal, and making improvements to hymns newly-translated into *Bahasa Indonesia* specifically for this book.

Our Indonesian friends are making great progress thanks to your support and partnership. They have already set another meeting update for November 2018, and are anticipating their new hymnal being published in 2020!



Ferry Family Update



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Cheryl and the Ferry kids as they make the adjustment to a new country, language, culture, and home
- Our partner Lutheran churches in Asia, especially the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) in Taiwan and the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (GKLI) in Indonesia

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- A new pastor just called to serve in Indonesia through the LCMS Board for International Mission
- A wonderful place to live in relative safety
- Great friends provided by our Lord for us in Taiwan and all over Asia

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The Ferry Family endured another time of separation as Daddy traveled to Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Korea while Cheryl and the kids continued settling in. Everyone managed to survive during the time apart, and lots of progress was made on the new “flat” or apartment.

They’ve also been spending more time out and about in the surrounding neighborhood: walking around the blocks, exploring the park across the street, and even getting more comfortable taking the bus... all things that we could never do in Indonesia the same way.



They’ve been taking full-time language instruction, with several hours each day being devoted to classroom training and practice with our native Chinese-speaking teachers. It’s difficult, but paying off.

And Carissa had a special day during the month of June: she turned **six years old** on the 13th! She celebrated by getting to pick out her own birthday cake at a

neighborhood shop, and had the special song sung to her in three different languages.



Thank you for your continued prayers on our behalf. The Lord has been gracious to us during our first full month in our new location, and we are grateful.

God bless all of you for your continued friendship, support, and love.

*- Your Servants and partners in Asia, **the Ferry Family**
Charles, Cheryl, Caleb, Caitlin, Carissa, Cassandra, Chloe, and Charlotte*



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