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Getting Settled in Medan!

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Did You Know?

- *E-currency is a major form of exchange in Indonesia*
- *The current exchange rate is roughly 14,000 Indonesian Rupia (IDR) to 1 US Dollar (USD)*

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↑ A hike with friends from our language school



↑ Good friend Betty helping us find our house



↑ Easter service at church with friends



↑ Our friend Hotlin takes us on a 'Angkot' (a common open aired bus.)



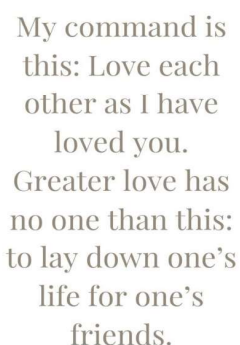
↑ Farewell party for classmate Sebastian



↑ Birthday for Caedmon! Throwing eggs and flour is a common way to celebrate

Prayer Requests, Praises and Thanks

- Praise God that our colleagues, the Wood family, arrived safely last month!
- Pray for an end to the Covid pandemic and a continued re-opening of borders
- Pray for continued strength to learn the Indonesian language
- Give thanks to God for our many faithful partners!



My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:12-13

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First Neighbors...

The woman who lives across the street from us is out multiple times a day. We greet her with the appropriate acknowledgement of her status as a woman older than us—Ibu. Gena has already had several brief conversations with her in the few days we've been living in our new home.

Her name is Ibu *Ellie* and she proudly tells Gena each time she talks with her that she is 67 years old. She has lived in the home across the street, shadowed by a huge mango tree and attended by a near-innumerable number of cats, for 55 years. That's all we know about her for now, though we look forward to further conversation opportunities. She's clearly happy to talk, and inquisitive about the foreign family moved in across from her. She marvels at the size of our teenaged kids.

She doesn't wear the traditional Muslim head scarf. Since religion is a common conversation starter, I have no doubt we'll soon know more about her background, and have the chance to share about our hope in the resurrected Son of God. Thank you for your support to make such conversations possible!



Looking down the street past our house on the first day we saw it, just over a month ago!

Right now we are focusing on language study, adjusting to the culture and getting settled. Thank you for your continued prayers as we make this transition!

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