



MIKE'S MUSINGS



Return to Indonesia

June 2010

Being back in the USA has been a blessing. Since 2006, the last Musings, I have had the opportunity to finish a Masters degree; help people in Mississippi still recovering from Hurricane Katrina; explore worship in Montana, Spain, and Hungary; and get some rest. For some time though I have felt the Spirit nudging me back to Indonesia – in many ways my home away from home.

On July 14th I will journey back to South East Asia and start part two of this Indonesian adventure. My goal is to see people in crisis in Indonesia served through loving action and respond to the good news. Building on a foundation of eleven years of experience, I hope to be able to make a positive difference.

It is an honor to be rejoining the team I worked with previously. We work amongst a people group who were one of the first in Southeast Asia to convert to Islam. They are generous and welcoming of western foreigners; I have many friends among them. Our heart is to give the people a chance to hear and respond to the Gospel in a culturally appropriate manner. There are not a great number who have become disciples; but many seeds of the gospel continue to be sown.

What I will do

The team on the ground has experience in disaster relief and reconstruction. In the 2004 tsunami whole villages were destroyed with more than 160,000 deaths in Indonesia. As a member of the team I will be available to respond to crisis situations. Fortunately, there is not always a disaster happening; so I will also serve the locals by teaching English. This is an important opportunity to serve people, make friends, and in the context of relationships share good news. That is our part; the rest is up to God. Jesus said, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15)

What you can do

It is a privilege to go to "the ends of the earth" and share the love of Christ. It is a rich experience and I am truly blessed. What an honor to be sent by both the Lord and the Church. St. Mark's has again graciously taken up the role of being my *sending community*. They will provide logistical support, prayer, encouragement, and a portion of the funding. As a life-long member of the church I am so thankful for their involvement.

This ministry is not a lucrative endeavor, so financial support is needed. In addition, going far away to another culture, with a foreign language, and a different religion is challenging so prayer support is also important. We are called to reach out in our local communities, but we are also called to reach out to the world. This is an opportunity for you to be part of a network of faithful people sharing love with Indonesians.

The nitty-gritty details

If you feel led to give financially, or to pray, or are just interested in hearing what is happening, I would like to keep you informed.

To continue receiving my updates the easiest thing to do is send me an email at mike@mrwilson.net. Just indicate that you would like to be on the Mike's Musings mailing list. If you find email annoying or difficult, you can call St. Marks at 307-234-0831 and request to be put on the Mike's Musings mailing list.

Thank you for considering walking along side me in this adventurous ministry. I look forward to hearing from many who wish to be a part of a team of supporters and senders helping to reach Indonesians for the Glory of God. May you find many blessings in your life, ministry, and sharing with others.

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My fundraising target is \$15,000 per year (\$1,250 /mo). This will cover living and traveling expenses as well as providing some money to help others in need. While teaching English might provide a small amount (\$1,000 – \$1,500 per year) I will be serving mostly on a volunteer basis. I cannot do this work alone; it is not just my ministry but also the ministry of the Body of Christ. Please consider making either a one-time gift or a monthly pledge to this Indonesian ministry.

Financial gifts can be sent to **St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 701 S. Wolcott, Casper WY 82601**; make checks payable to **St. Mark's** and indicate that it is for **Indonesian Ministry**. This money will go into a restricted account and be distributed to me as needed.

If you would like to make other payment arrangements, have questions, comments or correspondence: contact me directly at mike@mrwilson.net or 307-234-5869. I would love to hear from you.



Mike on a ministry trip in Palamós, Spain – January 2010