

# Revival

We can't possibly measure and grasp the magnitude God's works in this country. God is working mysteriously through some born again people to save, and many are coming to Jesus. Most of them are coming from Muslim and others. We have been experiencing problems with economic and political disintegration, even national crisis, but the move of God is still going on all over the country of Indonesia, even greater than before.

As you know, Indonesia is made up of big and small islands with its various kinds of cultures, races, languages and religious. Most of biggest Christian population live in Northern Sumatra, central Kalimantan, Northern Sulawesi, Eastern Nusatenggara Islands including Western Timor Island and West Papua. There is no heavy persecution among Christian people in these regions except for some places such as in Java, Central and South Sulawesi and Malucues. Many Christian people have been killed, and the churches have been destroyed by Muslim Jihad group there in recent years.

But the more problems, crisis and persecution come, the more the great awakening of Holy Spirit takes place in those areas. As in fact we can see, the Church of God grows rapidly everywhere especially in Java. Many, many Muslim people have received Jesus as their personal savior, and given themselves to be part of this Gospel ministry, becoming involved in the great harvest of the Lord. So, God has His own strategy for Indonesia, but He works in specific ways in every part of the country.

Each region has its own unique history of church and growth problems. That's the reason why you have received a very different report from us. You can see what God has done in West Papua. If you come here you will see how different His ways are to Java. As you know, West Papua, formerly Irian Jaya, is the one of the biggest Islands in the world, known for its rich areas of mineral resources: oil, gold, copper and gas; rainforest, rivers and sacred mountains.

Eighty percent of its three million population are Pacific-Melanesian peoples, and most of our people there are Christian. I am the one of them. God first reached our Land with the Gospel in Feb, 5, 1955 through our first two missionaries from Germany. Since then, many missionaries have come from all over the world with the Gospel of Salvation... they just keep coming until now. They have come from Europe, America, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Australia and of course from Indonesia as well.

The Pentecostal movement took place in the 1950's, and this brought many native people to repentance and an experience with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Since then, Pentecostal Churches have been growing strong in this region but they are no longer affected by the power of the Holly Spirit. Many Pentecostal leaders get involved in political activities. But by the Great Revival of Charismatic Movement that took place on 1974 He brought forth significant change in the

Christian life of many Papuans, and made us realize how important the work of the Holy Spirit is in our Church today.

In 1975, when I was 18 years of age, I received Jesus and became born again when I was in a Christian Religious High School. By 1979, Brother Bill Britton came with a new message of the Body of Christ in Indonesia. He blessed us with this wonderful end time message and make us realize how important it is to build up His eternal dwelling place, which is His Body in this territorial, and bring this into reality.

I believe that Indonesia will be fully saved to Jesus some time in the future. I never heard anything about the trials for women you asked me about in your previous e-mail. Honestly I tell you that the same cases usually happen in Indonesia, but we couldn't possibly follow up on that news because the whole mass media here are under the control of the government. Hot news concerning persecution among Christian people in some places as mention above should be not written down in public newspaper or any magazine.

The government clamps down every Christian activity, as well as cutting out Christian sensitive news from public mass media for the Muslim's sake. The easy way to get such hot news is from the Internet. But we \*do\* know that God allows all these things to work together for good to those who love Him, to those who are called according to His purpose. And where there is much sin, strife, savagery action upon the church, killing ... then there is also much more grace.

The move of the Holy Spirit is still going on in this Country. Please keep on sending me news concerning Christian people in Indonesia if you get any.

***GBU.. Jason***