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We hope that all of you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas season and took time to meditate on Jesus, perfect God and perfect man, whose birth we celebrate at this time of year. We took the opportunity to reflect on Jesus' gift of forgiveness and eternal life and to worship and adore him with our brothers and sisters in Christ in many different venues throughout the month. We held our office Christmas party at an orphanage, attended 3 Christmas

Merry Christmas from the West Family



services at 3 different churches, and spent a day in Jakarta doing our Christmas shopping. It was all fun but tiring. To "rest" we headed up into the mountains for a 3 day outing in Puncak, a resort area in the mountains popular with the Jakarta crowd. We went to

the drive through safari park and a national park to walk among wonderful trees and plants. Arriving back in Lippo, we had one day to rest up from vacation before our New Years Eve prayer and praise meeting.

Our Filipino Outdoor Decoration



### Christmas in Indonesia

Christmas in our part of Indonesia is a family event with many of our church mates traveling to their hometowns to spend the holiday with family. This makes for empty churches here in Jakarta on Christmas day so we held our church Christmas party on December 12. I preached the following Sunday and chose to speak about the significance of Jesus coming into our world as a true man using Hebrews 2:5-18 as the core to organize my remarks. It set a nice tone for my own Christmas as I meditated on and then shared from these scriptures. Jesus walked among us and demonstrated the perfect manhood that we all are called to try to emulate. His life as a man showed us that we can aspire to be authentic human beings in his model. His suffering and death as true God and true man is what allows us to have forgiveness of our sins and a relationship with God. Each Christmas we are challenged anew to love Jesus more and to live lives ever more true to his example.

One fun thing about Christmas in Asia is the chance to mix up the different cultural elements of the celebration. Everyone here knows that Christmas should include Christmas trees and Santa - I will always remember the little Islamic girls in their hijabs and long dresses, getting their picture taken on the lap of a very Asian Santa. Christmas ornaments, lights and various paraphernalia of Western Christmas are for

### Antlers and Hijab - a Lippo Christmas



sale. We made a day long road trip into Jakarta to do our Christmas shopping and walked through a typical Asian indoor/outdoor market area where the usual Asian items were interspersed with stands selling Christmas decor. We added even more to the mix of cultures by building a traditional Filipino Christmas lantern, called a parol, to hang in front of our house. Many from our neighborhood enjoyed seeing the beautiful star and Chris was even able to share with a Hindu neighbor the role of the star in Christmas!

On Christmas Eve we joined with good friends from FEBC Indonesia for a nice dinner at a restaurant in the Chinatown area of Jakarta followed by a wonderful Christmas Eve service with candles, special music and much joy and singing. The service was a traditional liturgical service and reminded me of my childhood in State Center and the many Christmas services there in our little

Presbyterian church. Of course there were some differences: This service started with the ringing of a gong and the reading of the traditional Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke is quite a bit longer in the Indonesian language! Many of the traditional carols have been translated into

### Christmas Eve - Children's Choir



Indonesian, so we enjoyed the familiar tunes as we carefully followed the lyrics on the overhead screen. We finished up with a Christmas morning worship service, our third Christmas party, at a local expatriate

### Santa Comes to Our Mall Too



church in our town of Lippo Karawaci. This is our second Christmas in Indonesia and we are growing accustomed to seeing the extra security around the churches for major Christian celebrations. We know

that many of our fellow Christians around the world did not enjoy the opportunity to worship in peace and we praise the Lord that we didn't hear about or experience any violent attacks or disruption of our worship in Jakarta this Christmas.

### Christmas Day - Lunch with Friends



### Guy's Ministry Update

The new year is beginning and with the new year Guy will be transitioning to a new major project. Over the last several years he has mostly worked on studio renovations and has helped to set up small local FM stations. During the next 18 months we will all be spending a lot of time in the Philippines assisting in upgrading FEBC's international short wave ministry there. Guy has been assigned as the project manager for the Iba Renovation Project in Iba, Philippines. It will mean taking up temporary residence in the Philippines and "commuting" from there to support projects for other FEBC fields. We will be keeping our Indonesian visas and our house in Lippo Karawaci since this is a temporary assignment.

In the next few weeks Guy has a trip to make to Singapore for short wave planning meetings and has a lot of loose ends to tie up in Indonesia before we will be ready for our upcoming two month trip to the Philippines.

### Iba Renovation Project

The Iba Renovation project will stretch over at least 18 months. This year we will be working to retire FEBC's last antique transmitter. In the process we will also renovate the Iba Transmitter building. There is a lot to do: a new roof, a new power substation, and a much newer transmitter which is to be relocated from our Saipan facility. The project engineering design work and planning is well under way. Guy hopes to get the project office set up and the bidding activity started for outdoor work right away in February. The outside construction work needs to be under way by March at the latest so that it can be finished before the rains come in June .

### FEBC's Last Antique Transmitter



Guy is looking forward to getting a project team organized and especially to working in the same place for a few months. The travel last year was very challenging to him and to the family. Iba is about four hours north of Manila. It is also very rural, so everyone will get the chance to experience "living in the province."

This project will require a lot of prayer. Funding will be difficult for FEBC in these financial times. Relationships will be difficult. There will also be all the usual project challenges, so please pray.

## Family Update

It has been a good 3 months for the family: Matthew made it safely to his one year deployment, Lauren is doing well at Iowa State University and James's back continues to heal. You can write or send packages to Matt at the following address:

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After Christmas Trip to Puncak



Matt is enjoying the work that he is doing which is a good thing because he is working 7 days a week. Lauren will be getting into some of her major business courses next semester as well as figuring out her international course plan - to study abroad or not? I have tried to keep James busy with homeschooling as his activities have been limited as he recovers from back surgery. He has made good progress in his schooling and is hoping to go to Faith Academy in Manila for his senior year. James is getting back x-rays this week and we hope to hear soon from our stateside doctor about the status of James's healing. If the back has healed well, James can return to his usual activities. James is even looking forward to doing chores again!

### West's Mailing Address:

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Villa Permata, Lippo Karawaci  
Tangerang 15810 Indonesia

## Prayer Points

- for **James's recovery from back surgery** - x-rays and recommendations are in the works this month - praying for a good report
- for **Matthew's safety** as he serves his one year Army National Guard deployment
- for **Lauren** as she attends Iowa State University and makes decisions about course work
- for **wisdom for our travel schedule** - that we would balance ministry and family needs
- for **God's provision** for our finances - increased support for travel expenses
- for **the Project**- The Iba renovation Project in the Philippines
- for **stamina as we start a much heavier travel schedule**
- for **wisdom and guidance** as we make school plans for James's senior year

## Listener Rally Report

Set-up was completed and ready for an 18.00 start of the program. It then began to rain and the rain stopped as the program ended and food was being served. The enemy tried his hardest! However, he's not the winner - and even in the rain, 200+ people attended and 56 gave their hearts to the Lord. The staff faces shone with the Lord's glory as they sang and played musical instruments; and no electrical shorts happened. And the rain came down! It was amazing. We gave out one of our booklets to a security guard at a place we visited as we began the return journey. He exclaimed "Oh, the radio program team!" He's a listener.

### Sending Donations:

Mark Donations for Guy & Chris West #184  
Make checks out to FEBC and mail to:  
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La Mirada, CA 90637

## **FEBC Missionaries Guy and Chris West need extra help in 2011**

Dear Friends

Guy is excited to be able to lead the renovation of FEBC's short wave facilities in Iba, but the Lord will have to supply some extra financial resources to make it possible. Iba is a vital ministry resource with a big reach for Jesus as it broadcasts the Gospel to listeners in SE Asia and China. As a family we face paying for visas in two countries, extra travel costs and the setup costs for housing in the Philippines. We have not sent out a special appeal in several years, but with extra expenses of up to \$10,000 or more coming this year, we need some help from our friends. Please prayerfully consider a special donation to help with these extra expenses. It would be a great blessing to us and would make a big impact for ministry in 2011. If you can help, just send along this card with your donation as indicated below. Thank you for considering a bigger partnership with us this year.

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