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We arrived safely back home in Lippo Karawaci, Indonesia on Friday morning, October 1st after our 101day adventure of travel around the USA. This furlough was probably our most intense in terms of seeing the Lord work in our lives. We experienced many answers to pray and day after day the Lord set up surprise meetings for us with new churches, new friends and with folks we had simply lost contact with over the years. We

Comissioned and Sent Out Again

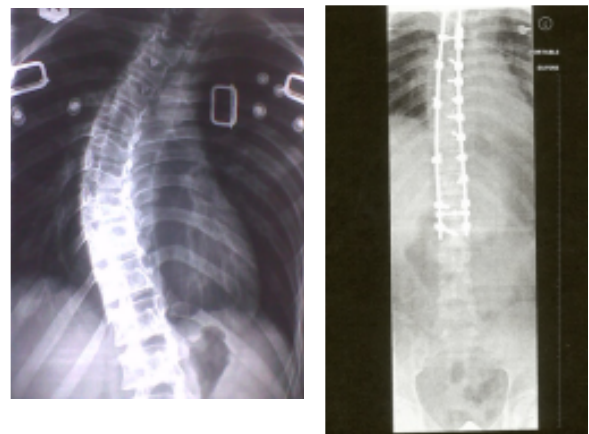


thank our prayer warriors for their efforts to bring us before Lord. Your ministry of prayer for us is powerful and effective.

The primary reason for our furlough was to get James's spine repaired. In a major answer to prayer, James's surgery went great and his recovery was fast. James was able to get well

and had little difficulty with the car rides as we started into the meat of our trip. This might not have been the case, but the Lord arranged to have the surgery moved up a week after we got back to the US, giving James some extra time to recover. James is struggling under the restrictive rules the doctor has given him until his spinal bones really are fused solid. Basically, the rule is: if it's fun you can't do it. He would appreciate your prayers for patience, as he cannot do much until after Christmas.

James's Spine - Before and After



In another answer to prayer, we are praising the Lord that the financial needs for the surgery have been completely covered through our insurance company. We are on a new policy this year, but this particular plan has a solid surgery benefit and covered almost all the bills. Many thanks to those who offered to help with medical costs if we needed it. We were encouraged by your care and willingness to help.

We have been needing to increase our support base in these times due to rising costs (they never go down) and due to job losses among our supporters as well as some folks going home to be with the Lord over the last two years. It's too soon to say exactly how the Lord will work, but we were encouraged that we were able to

present the radio ministry to so many new people. We don't know who the Lord will choose to come on board as new ministry partners, but we have been able, with the help of many friends who arranged the meetings, to do our part by presenting the ministry. A special thanks to all who brought us to the attention of their pastors and friends. Thank you, too, for your continued prayer for the financial provision for the ministry.

Meeting the Chick-Filet Cow



I mentioned that this furlough was marked by many instances of the Lord arranging meetings with people and a full accounting would run into several pages. Here are a couple of the high points as a testimony to the Lord's blessings. It began when our inbound flights were messed up we ended up over night in Denver and were able to meet Guy's mom and his sister and her family. The next day his cousin Cindy and family arrived at Denver for their vacation and we had a great time at the airport catching up. The other bookend of the blessings was the chance to meet with Chris's brother-in-law in the Chicago Airport just as we were waiting for our return flight to Asia. Since he lives in Alaska we were not expecting to meet him this trip, but we met by "accident" as we were both transiting through Chicago at the same time and in the same terminal. In the middle of our furlough we shared an unexpected car ride from Denver to Omaha with a 79yr old missionary "kid" when our

plane broke down in Denver. He regaled us with stories of life and ministry as we made the long overnight drive to be at a church service the next morning in Western Iowa. It was so encouraging as he gave witness to the faithfulness of God over the years of his life. We give our praise to the Lord as well. These are just a small sample of the blessings we have experienced over the last three months.

The new term of service begins! We praise the Lord that he has chosen us to serve and we thank him for the many ministry partners he has given us to keep us on the field working for his glory.

Guy's Ministry Update

Even though deputation and travel took up most of our time during furlough, Guy still did a quite a bit of work supporting ongoing projects in Asia. He had three projects that he worked on along with the usual engineering support requests and questions that come in each week. Guy supported the continuing project work in West Sumatra and in Makassar during our furlough and he helped to kick off the engineering for the next big project. This new project is a renovation of FEBC's international short wave transmitter site in Iba, Philippines. In the months ahead Guy will be traveling to the Philippines a lot as this project ramps up. As you read about the projects that are under way, be encouraged that your prayers and your gifts are bearing fruit, winning the lost to Jesus all around the world.

Harmoni Radio - Makassar

In the last week of September over 50 local church leaders and ministry partners attended a low-key celebration to officially launch Harmoni FM. This is the latest FEBC Indonesia local radio station. Harmoni FM serves the city of Makassar at

the south end of the island of Sulawesi and is about 900 miles east of Jakarta. Although we were on furlough, the event was attended by several FEBC USA representatives. Local and international speakers offered their thoughts on the occasion. The attendees were reminded that the word of the Lord will not return to Him empty, but will accomplish what He desires. The station name, 'Harmoni', means the station is to bring harmony to the people of South Sulawesi and also to unite all Christians and churches in the region.

Harmoni Radio - Makassar - Studio Room



One of the speakers shared that, "By the grace of our Lord, today we will inaugurate our new radio station in Makassar. So far, all our stations are located in western Indonesia. Now, with the love and care from our brothers and sisters in the US through FEBC La Mirada and our brothers and sisters in FEBC Australia and FEBCanada, the new radio station in Makassar will serve as our pathway to serve our Lord in the middle and eastern Indonesia. In Genesis 1:28, God said unto men that they now have responsibilities upon the earth, which are to manage and to care. And just like that, we now have the same responsibilities upon our new station, not just about the quantity of the listeners but also the quality of our programs. Praise the Lord for this brand new station. The road ahead is still full of challenge to serve in this

part of Indonesia. Please keep praying for our team here in Makassar."

We join with everyone who attended in praising the Lord for what has been accomplished. This station has seen quite a bit of opposition and will be needing your prayers for wisdom, protection and provision for the facility and the staff. Although the station is on the air now, local opposition forced the project to relocate well outside the urban area of Makassar. Guy is still working to upgrade the transmitter and antenna to increase the station's coverage from the new station site.

West Sumatra Station Project

When you have a good team things get done even when some of the team members are gone. In our station in Sumatra, construction was under way for a good part of the time we were on furlough. The temporary transmitter and antenna were replaced by bigger and higher power equipment. The power infrastructure was completed and the station grounding and

New Studio in Sumatra - Looking Good



lightning protection were installed. Guy was very pleased to hear that the station had a much stronger signal and had good coverage of the desired listeners. Everyone agreed that the station sounded great. In the months ahead, Guy will continue working to help complete this project,

Family Update

We were so blessed with wonderful family time this furlough. We were able not just to spend time with Matt and Lauren individually, but God opened up a day for us to spend together as a family in the Amana Colonies in Iowa. It was so special to get to be together again. We really appreciate being able to do things that other

All Together Again After 3 Years



parents get to do routinely. Chris attended a National Guard orientation for families of soldiers in this big deployment. What a blessing to get to meet the people that Matt is serving with and to put faces with email addresses. Guy, Chris and James went to Iowa State and saw Lauren's dorm room and met her friends. They are such nice girls. Again, it was so nice to be able to put names and faces together. We also had great times with extended family - we treasure the times that we are able to spend together. We also treasure the time spent with friends from our original sending church. What joy it was to have over 60 of our friends gather together again to pray and encourage one another.

Family, Friendship, Fellowship - all in all, an amazing furlough. We have really been refreshed and refocused to follow God wherever He may lead us!

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Prayer Points

- for **James's recovery from back surgery** - that James will follow the Doctor's rules
- For Matthew as he prepares for his one year Army National Guard deployment
- for **Lauren** as she attends Iowa State University
- for **wisdom for our travel schedule** - that we would balance ministry and family needs
- for **God's provision** for our finances - increased support and travel expenses
- for **the Projects**- the new Sumatara Station and the new Makassar station in Indonesia and the Iba renovation in the Philippines
- for **better language skills and for opportunities to share God's love**
- for **wisdom and guidance** as we make school plans for James's senior year

Listener Letter

I am in the jail because of my life when I didn't know God. I used my life just like any worldly people. Now, I praise the Lord that my life is better and improved. I have received the scripts of the Genesis Bible study programs. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! It is a great blessing not only to me but also to my friends. Next time I will request another script. Please pray for me and the other people who have believed in Jesus in here too. May God bless more and more this work that you do to be the Light of the Lord!

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