



THE WINTER FAMILY

SERVING INDONESIA

WE ARE NOW SCHEDULING OUR 2022 ITINERATION TRAVEL PLANS.

If you are interested in having us share at your church, to help you facilitate a disciple-maker workshop, or even to just get together for a meal or coffee, we'd love to hear from you!

Family health

If you follow us on Facebook or Instagram you know that the holiday season was anything but restful for us. It began with an emergency trip to Jakarta and a few nights in the hospital, then 3 more trips all before Christmas (it's a 7hr drive one-way). The final diagnosis was that Mary had numerous lesions throughout her digestive tract probably due to Sjogren's syndrome which she's fought with for years. Then, unexpectedly, Isabelle was diagnosed with Epilepsy, which due to continued COVID-19 travel lockdowns we are needing to follow-up with a specialist in the States this next month.

We couldn't do it without you!

If you would like to partner with us and financially invest to reach Indonesia, please follow the link to our giving page at:

<http://sl.ag.org/reachindonesia>

On the move again...

One of the most challenging aspects of our job is that it often feels like we live our lives in cycles of ongoing transition—living abroad, yet maintaining life and relationships back in the U.S.—shifting our hearts, and even physically, from one continent to the other and back again.

Here we are again in the throgs of planning another itineration season in the U.S., and like every other time, we are wrestling with many emotions of the upcoming and now accelerated transition timeline. But, this one is different. When we say goodbye this time we have teenagers who won't be coming back with us. They will during this next season be “leaving the nest” and saying their goodbyes to the nation that they have grown up in. On one hand, totally excited about the new challenges that await, on the other, leaving behind an entire way of life, relationships, and experiences. Yet, there is reassurance in the fact that our Heavenly Father has us all in His hand. What is funny to me now, is that as we prepare to transition our kids to adulthood and move them from their ‘home’ back to their “home country”, I find us holding onto the same promise that we did when we first moved to the unknowns of Indonesia.

*“If I ride the wings of the morning,
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,
even there your hand will guide me,
and your strength will support me.”*

Psalms 139:9-10 (NLT)

We are all excited about God's next step—we are anticipating the special times with family and friends, celebrating what God has done in peoples' lives through our partnerships together, and ready for the new challenges ahead.

God continues to move!

While in no way do we take credit for what God is doing or what He has done through others, it is encouraging to hear the testimonies of former students and those we have trained and coached in the past. Like one former student now church planter that caught a heart for the Never-Reached during his time at Bible college. Last July, he contacted us to excitedly tell us how his team had been accepted in a village in the jungle and how they were sharing the gospel and discipling these people who have been neglected because of their remote geography. In December, we contacted them again to ask how things were going...once again, with excitement, the former student said, "Oh ya! They have their own church now, and are doing great! So now we are also tutoring elementary kids from another village a few hours walking distance away to use computers—we hope to be invited to share Jesus with them soon too!"

Continuing Education



If you want to help with Mary & Jonathan's continuing education fund (class 40), you can give online at: <http://si.ag.org/continueed> or by scanning this QR code.



But don't be surprised if sometimes we get that distant look of sadness while, even if it is just for a season, we say goodbye in our hearts one more time to our other life when we *"dwell[ed] by the farthest oceans."*

Oh yeah, and if you see our third culture kids with that look, take a moment to ask and listen to them share about the amazingly different life they have been privileged to live—it will make their day that you care!

10 year anniversary at STT Berea...

While teaching has been a part of our ministry since our second year in Indonesia, when we moved from Surabaya to our new home in Central Java it became not only part of our ministry but one of our primary roles. The relationship between Bible college and recruiting, training, and coaching new UPG workers has always been hand in glove for us. But this January 17th marked something special—the 10 year anniversary of Jonathan's first class at STT Berea. During the last 10 years it has been our privilege to not only partner with this amazing school, but to count the staff and students as our friends. Their dedication to quality education and practical ministry training has not only led to them receiving the highest accreditation rating of all of our fellowship's Bible colleges in Indonesia, but they continue to send quality graduates throughout the nation planting churches and sharing the Gospel among the Never-Reached with the leading and power of the Holy Spirit!

Thank you for your investment in raising up the next generation of church leaders! For about \$350 per semester you can help provide a scholarship for an Indonesian ministry student by giving to our dedicated class 60 Scholarship account at <http://si.ag.org/upgscholarships> or by scanning this QR code.

