

Jan. 27, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Harvest,

Bella and I are down to our last few days on home assignment. We are trying to wrap up last minute things and get all packed up. I suppose we should be fairly used to this by now. This is our 11th time heading back to Indonesia. But each time it is kind of a pain. During our home assignment we purchase things that we want to bring back. And now we have to figure out how to get it all in our luggage. We are very much looking forward to being back in the tribe. But the process of getting back is something we don't enjoy.

We have no idea how things have gone among the believers in our village back in Indonesia. There is no easy way for them to contact us once we leave. There is no cell signal in our village. So, when we plan to return, we will leave a text message with a friend. When he goes somewhere where he has a cell signal, he should get the message. We hope so anyway, since we will need to be met by guys from the village so they can ferry our things up to our house. The last 15 miles or so is only accessible by foot and by motorcycle.

When we return, we will need to clean up our house and yard and assess what condition our house is in. It is possible some things that were working when we left are no longer in working condition. We will also be visiting with folks and hearing how things went during the time we were gone. After about a month in the village, we plan to go back out to town to get whatever we need to fix things at our house. We are also planning to go up to Kuching, Malaysia at that time to have some medical work done.

We leave on Tuesday night. The trip should be around 33 hours. We have a connection we need to make in Jakarta. If we arrive on time, we should get to Pontianak at 9 PM on Thursday. If our flight is late getting to Jakarta, then we will need to overnight there, buy new tickets to Pontianak and leave (hopefully) the next day. So, we are praying that our flight to Jakarta will arrive on time.

Please do be praying for us as we get adjusted to living again in the tropics. Pray too that we will be able to plug back in and get to work in a reasonable amount of time. And of course, please continue to pray for the Sekadau believers, that they will grow strong in the Lord and walk in unity and love with one another. As we leave, things with our daughter, Liana's, family are still unresolved. Please pray that they will be finding their strength in the Lord, and that He will resolve things in His time.

Thank you so much for the \$200 that you sent in December.

In Christ,

Paul and Bella

Things we will miss most:

Our family
Our church family
Our home fellowship group
(and okay, sports on television)



