

Here Comes the Groom

On November 24, Andy and Lora were invited to a wedding in a city called Maros, north of Makassar. This wedding was for a family member of our helper, and as the only Light influence in this family, we agreed to go. After a two hour drive both ways, through very rough roads, 12 people in our 7 passenger car (Andy, 10 females and one male boy), and two incidences of vomitting, we can now say that this was probably the most culturally immersed we have been thus far in Indonesia. In the Makassar culture, the groom goes to the bride's home. We were part of a caravan of about 6 cars. We sat in a crowded house (the floor broke at one point on the second floor), observed the ceremony – which was only between the groom and the Islamic Imam – and ate a nice Makassar dinner. All of this on our Thanksgiving day. But this cultural practice reminded me of the Bible. We are the bride on the earth, and Jesus is the groom. We await His arrival, and when He comes there will be the consummation of all things, and the wedding banquet. And that is why we are here in Indonesia. We are here because Jesus is coming back, and there is still so much work to be done. Thank YOU for your support and prayers and your valuable part in bringing back our King, the Groom of the church.



Where's Lora? (kind of like Where's Waldo). Can you find Lora in this see of faces at the wedding?



The groom's part of the wedding ceremony.

Christmas in Makassar

Last week and this week are filled with Christmas celebrations. We celebrated Christmas as a campus on the 2nd of December, and on the 5th is a celebration of area youth. On the 8th we celebrate with dorm students (Lora will be sharing), and on the 9th we celebrate with the Sophomore class (we both will be sharing). Pray for the many students who do not get to go home for Christmas, that we may have an opportunity to minister to them. Pray that even the Christmas decorations that are suprisingly up in the malls and stores will draw others to know the true Light of the world.



A dance with lights at our Christmas celebration.

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The chapel filled with many singing "Silent Night."

News about the kids and Family

Kids are home in less that two weeks. We can't until they come! We are grateful to the Lord for how each of them have worked hard in their school work, and for the growth they have experienced in the Lord over this past year. We hope to have more kid photos to include in our newsletter some time in January.

Great Commission Fund

Thank you for your generous support of us and of so many other international workers around the world. In the midst of financial strain, please remain faithful to support our work and others through your gifts to the Great Commission Fund. For those not yet giving to the Great Commission Fund, we would like to encourage you to join with us financially in the call of God to penetrate the darkness with the Light of lights! Thank you for your obedience to God's call.

Support:

1. Thank you for your investment in us and our ministry. The primary investment vehicle to support our work is the **Great**

Commission Fund made through a local Alliance church, on line at <http://www.cmalliance.org/give/> or by sending a check to the C&MA, PO Box 35000, Colorado Springs, CO 80935-3500. You may designate your gift to support us by writing "for the support of Andy and Lora Brake" on the memo line. This personalizes your gift and helps us be here and carry out our ministry.

2. You may also give to our work expenses. This would be designated "For the work of Andy and Lora Brake."

Specifics:

1. Praise for God's continued care for us and the kids both spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally.
2. Praise God for the continued development of relationships with professors and students.
3. Pray for STT Jaffray – for God's provision and blessing, and for a spiritual revival that will ignite all of Indonesia. We see sparks beginning to kindle!!
4. Pray for the spiritual lives and godly motivation for all our children. And for protection against evil.
5. Pray for wisdom for the president of STT Jaffray, Dr. Daniel Ronda.
6. Pray for God's wisdom concerning a church plant.
7. Praise for continued mentoring contacts and please pray for more to develop over next semester.

We Love and miss you all. Love the Brake family!

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Merry Christmas from
the two of us to all of
you. May you true
experience the
wonders of the Light
of lights this season!!

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