

“Brakeing” News January 4, 2012

“I will build my church”

April 1, 2012 is the target start date for a new church in Makassar. This will be a church in our area with two primary purposes: 1) To mentor and prepare students for ministry, giving them a fresh model for preaching, administration, and shepherding in an Indonesian context. 2) To reach those outside of the Light with the truth of the Light. Please begin to pray with us as we step out on this part of the task of completing the Great Commission. Pray for the selection process of a leadership team, for a good site for the church, for soil ready for the seed, and for God’s grace to cover every step of the process. We intend to begin with a Sunday gathering time and a weekly Bible study. April 1 is Palm Sunday followed by Easter. Jesus said, “I will build my church.” That is what we want. We don’t want to just start another congregation, but we want to be used by God to expand His kingdom for His glory, planting a church that will have a burden for the neighborhood, and will reach even unto the ends of the earth.



Our family (with Julie, Hannie’s college friend) at Akkarena Beach in Makassar. This is close to the area of our church plant.

Family, Intern, vision team and new students

We are excited for several reasons as we begin this new semester. First, Andy’s brother Kelly and his wife, Lenora, will be

visiting Makassar in the beginning of February. We are looking forward to how God will use them while they are here. Also, we have the privilege of mentoring an intern, Kara Gruber, in Makassar, who will be arriving in early February. Kara will begin language and culture study in Makassar, and we are looking forward to this new relationship. Kara will be serving 2 years in Indonesia. In the middle of February, we will welcome seven members of the Getting it Done in Indonesia team. We look forward to seeing what God will do in the hearts of these team members as we show them the work in Makassar and what we are praying God will do in the future. Lastly, this is a new semester with new classes and some new and some familiar students for us. Lora will be teaching Issues in Ethics and English 2 and Andy will be teaching Ecclesiology/Eschatology and New Testament Theology. Andy will also be teaching Strategy of Missions in the M.A. program in Makassar and New Testament Theology in the M.A. program in Toraja. Please pray for us during this very busy semester that the Lord would grant us strength, and His blessing.

News about the kids and Family

We enjoyed an amazing Christmas with our kids as well as Hannie’s friend, Julie, and Andy’s mother. It was good to be together and to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We are sad that Hannie had to say goodbye yesterday (Jan.3), but are excited that she is coming back in just 5 months (for Abbie’s graduation). Abbie, Rick, and Josiah will be with us for another three weeks until they return for their spring semester at Dalat International School, Penang, Malaysia. Abbie is still waiting on news from various colleges to which she has applied.

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Rick, Julie, and Hannie in front of the waterfall in Malino, east of Makassar.

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 a good Christmas open house with staff from STT Jaffray and several neighbors.
3. Praise God for a wonderful Christmas break with all of our children and for God's financial provision that allowed us to fly Hannie to Indonesia.
4. 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!!
5. Pray for the spiritual lives and godly motivation for all our children. And for protection against evil.
6. Pray for wisdom for the president of STT Jaffray, Dr. Daniel Ronda.
7. Pray for the process of starting a church plant in Makassar
8. Praise for continued mentoring contacts and please pray for more to develop over next semester.
9. Pray for us as we get ready for another semester of teaching and mentoring.

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