

W5 on Missions

Who... Darrell and Laura Lee Bustin were appointed as CBM Global Field Staff to teach at the Kalimantan Theological Seminary (STK) in Pontianak, Indonesia.



Darrell is from Moncton, NB, and is a graduate of Atlantic Baptist College, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and Auckland Consortium for Theological Education, New Zealand. Laura Lee is from Pugwash, NS, and holds a BA in Music from Atlantic Baptist College. Darrell has served as Associate Pastor of Hillside Baptist Church in Moncton. The Bustins have two children, Bronwyn and Caleb.

Where... Republic of Indonesia is a country in Southeast Asia and Oceania. Indonesia is comprised of 17,508 islands. With an estimated population of around 237 million people, it is the world's fourth most populous country, with the world's largest population of Muslims. Across its many islands, Indonesia consists of distinct ethnic, linguistic, and religious groups. Indonesia's national motto, "Unity in Diversity" *literally*, "many, yet one", articulates the diversity that shapes the country. However, sectarian tensions and separatism have led to violent confrontations that have undermined political and economic stability. Despite its large population and densely populated regions, Indonesia has vast areas of wilderness. The country is richly endowed with natural resources, yet poverty is a defining feature of contemporary Indonesia.

When... After attending CBM's Conference on Overseas Ministries in 2002, Darrell and Laura Lee felt that God was saying "now is the time" to move toward fulfilling the call to overseas ministry that they had both felt since childhood.

Why... To educate and raise up future leaders for the church in Indonesia.

What... Classes began at the Seminary on August 3rd. In some ways, Darrell's semester is simply more of the same. However, his course load has increased significantly. Whereas the last couple of semesters he taught 4 courses, this semester he is teaching 6 (3 regular morning + 1 regular evening + 1 one-week intensive + 1 two-week intensive). In addition he is an advisor for one student who is writing his thesis in order to graduate in January. He continues to serve on the pastoral staff at Gereja Baptis Anugerah (Grace Baptist Church), which includes helping with preaching and providing leadership with the youth ministry.

In addition to continuing to teach music at the children's school, Laura Lee has been trying her hand at some new endeavours. In mid-September she began teaching English several times a week to the young children of the STK staff. This is very much appreciated by the parents who would otherwise have to pay to have tutors. She also continues to be actively involved in the Women's Ministry, with activities both in the city as well as in the interior.

Another interesting activity for her took place on Sunday, September 3. She skipped church - but with good reason. She was invited to speak at a non-Christian English club, to a group of Indonesian students who meet regularly to learn/practice English. Laura Lee did a Powerpoint presentation on Canada and then opened it up to questions. She was quite a hit. Since then we have had a couple more contacts with them and are planning on having them over for a Thanksgiving get-together. Our prayer is that this leads to opportunities to be "salt" and "light".

Bronwyn and Caleb both started back to school at the end of July. This school year is a different one for Bronwyn. Since she is now in grade 9 and no longer eligible to participate in the mini school with the younger children, she is doing independent studies at home through the internet. With her organization and discipline, it is proving to be a very good fit.

The Bustins praise God for how he continues to work in and through their lives. They ask for prayer for the following:

Bill and Janice Dyck have now returned from their home assignment/study leave in Canada. Now all of CBM's Indonesian Team (Dycks, Bustins and Byrne-Mamahits) are together in Pontianak for the first time. Pray for team unity as the three families work together.

There was an incoming class of about 35 new students. This means that the seminary has around 200 campus students and the 160 students who attend STK's satellite theological schools in 16 locations throughout Indonesia.

Pray for these students who face the challenge of studies in the classroom and experiences in ministry in order to become future pastors, church leaders and school teachers who will make a lasting difference in the lives of many of their fellow Indonesians.

Pray for the accreditation process for the Kalimantan Theological Seminary - wisdom for what needs to be done, and trust in God for what is beyond their control.

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