



## Daniel Eng and Agnes Ng Lead Team to Jakarta, Indonesia



*"After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia concluding that God has called us to preach the gospel to them."* Acts 16: 10

Underestimated by most of the world, Indonesia, with 180 million residents, is the fifth largest country on the planet and the world's most populated Muslim country. Made up of more than 13,000 islands that stretch from the mainland of Asia to Australia, it is the world's largest archipelago. Superimposed on the United States, Indonesia would stretch from Oregon almost to Bermuda in the Atlantic! The inhabitants belong to 300 ethnic groups and speak 250 languages and dialects.

The capital of Jakarta is located on the island of Java where almost two-thirds of the country's people live in an area smaller than Louisiana. (Try to imagine all the residents of California, Texas, Illinois, Florida, Pennsylvania and Ohio all within the borders of that one state!) Jakarta is a bustling mixture of ethnic "kampung" or villages, black-water canals, thriving shopping areas and old world mansions.

But problems in Indonesia abound. With a contaminated water supply, 50% of those on Java are infested with parasitic worms. Jakarta boasts a Disneyland-like theme park, but one-fourth of its people are without housing. Average earnings for a university-educated government employee are about \$62 a month.

Obstacles to evangelism are also formidable. The population is 90% Muslim and early last year foreign missionaries were banned from the country. However, God is at work to get the message of Jesus to every nation. In the church in Singapore,

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17 Indonesians have become Christians and are "raring to go" to plant a church in their mother country. Additionally, citizens of Singapore and Malaysia are allowed to go into the country for up to two months on tourist visas and then renew them for up to six months. The government recently announced its commitment to keep the country open

to different religious viewpoints, and not allow Muslim fundamentalists to take control of the state, symbolizing this by approving the building of a cathedral beside a giant mosque.

Believing that God's timing is now, a group of eight disciples, led by Daniel Eng and Agnes Ng, from the Singapore church will begin the internship along with two other sisters already in Indonesia. Daniel is a powerful man of God who has led dynamically in Singapore. Agnes is a medical doctor who was converted in London in 1985. After practicing medicine for a year in Singapore, she left her practice to be in the full-time ministry. These two will lead an awesome group that will be joined by nine other Indonesians in the next few months.

The first official service will be some time in mid-1990. Because of visa restrictions, it is most likely that we will be rotating leadership between Singapore and Jakarta for some time, but praise God the cities are only an hour apart by air.

Jakarta is the home of the world's largest Muslim mosque, but through the power of God it will soon be home to the first New Testament church in this huge republic. As the church grows you will soon be hearing of plantings to Surabaya, Bandung and Medan—other cities crucial to the evangelization of Indonesia.

John Louis, Singapore

<b>February 12-February 18</b>	
Sunday Attendance .....	4,293
Wednesday Attendance .....	3,438
Budget .....	\$85,000
Contribution .....	\$81,145
Contribution for the Poor .....	\$4,000
Baptisms Year to Date .....	136
Restorations Year to Date .....	14