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Dear Praying Friends,

We have news!

In our last letter, we asked for your prayer as we sought to find the best entry point onto the field. We are thrilled to be able to share that The Lord has opened a door and is allowing everything to fall into place for us to go to the field.

In April I was offered a position to teach English in Jakarta, Indonesia. I had been applying for jobs in our target country, but the teaching requirements have changed and teaching experience in a Muslim country is now required. Not having prior English teaching experience (and not in a Muslim country at that) we began to look at neighboring Muslim countries where we could gain the requisite experience in. There are a number of Muslim countries in that part of the world that hire Canadian English teachers, but like our target country, many require prior teaching experience. Indonesia, the largest Muslim country in the world by population (242 million, which is 87% of their population), is one of just a handful of Muslim countries that do not require prior teaching experience. After seeking counsel from my pastor as well as some others whom I trust and whose counsel I value, we began applying for positions in Indonesia. I had a number of interviews, but no job offers came from them. Continuing to trust the Lord we began to prepare to cast our net into Muslim countries in East Africa and further into the Middle East. As we started searching for the door the Lord would open, I sent a follow up email to several Indonesian schools with whom I had had interviews. One responded and offered me a position to begin teaching in July 2025. This was further out time-wise than we had hoped to leave, but as we again sought counsel and seriously prayed about it, the Lord made it clear that this is the route He would have us take.

Lord willing, we will be moving to Jakarta in late June and I will begin teaching in early July. We praise the Lord that we have been able to find and connect with several families currently serving in the Jakarta area. Our plan is to assist one of these families as we learn the language, gain teaching experience and seek to reach Indonesians with the Gospel. Janelle and I have already begun learning Indonesian (thankfully a fairly straightforward language to learn) and we are looking forward to moving there and seeing how the Lord can use us there.

As time progresses and the necessary teaching experience is gained, I will continue to apply for positions in our target country, knowing that The Lord has everything under control and knowing that He will open that door in the right time.

With moving to Indonesia we have sought to develop a contact network of likeminded people. I would humbly ask that if you know of anyone serving in Indonesia (and are able to share their information with us, or ours with them) we would love to connect.

Over the next couple months before our departure we are organizing and packing (which seems to be a common theme over the past year). In June, prior to leaving Canada, we will make one final trip out west to Saskatchewan to be a part of Janelle's sister's wedding. We are thankful they were able to accommodate our departure date in this, enabling us to attend before we leave.

In family news, we are doing well. Cameron is walking, climbing, and beginning to talk. Currently, his vocabulary is limited to mama, dada, cracker, cheese, dog and geese. His favorite activity is to go for walks in the local nature preserve and watch the Canada geese. He has several teeth now and is sleeping more or less through the night, which is blessing! Janelle and I are healthy for which we are also grateful. We are thankful to be able to spend a couple more months with our church family in Winkler, soaking up the fellowship and trying to get involved in ministry where we can.

Prayer Requests:

- Continued wisdom as we pack and prepare
- Safety in travelling
- Witnessing opportunities

Praise:

- An open door to enter Indonesia
- Good health
- Opportunities to serve

In Christ,

Conor, Janelle and Cameron
Colbourne

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A quote to ponder:

"Asked one time why don't you leave the happy heathen alone?" Abe Gunther responded "I have never met a happy heathen."

Abe Gunther, Canadian missionary aviator in Liberia, West Africa



When you find a giant Canada goose, you must stop and take a picture