



Graduation

Last semester, we graduated four students with the Master of Arts in Christian Studies in a ceremony held in Surabaya, the capital city of East Java. The guest speaker was Dr. Yudi Santoso. Besides being of our doctoral students and a pastor in a local church, he also teaches at a theological school.

In the MA thesis program, students must find the most significant need in their ministry, create and plan a program to address that need, run the program, and then evaluate it.

Dwi Djanarko wrote a plan to train church elders to preach in his network of churches.

Pastor Darius also trained elders how to preach in churches in Sumatra, where he faced transport difficulties, with massive floods in the region. His wife, Sri Kristiana, created a program to train Sunday School teachers in small churches, where Sunday Schools are too small to split into age groups.

Another student had been unwell and wrote a research thesis. His topic was the history

of an indigenous mission in East Java, the goal of which is to reach people in villages of the south coast where lifestyles are often more traditional. Unlike histories of western missions, the history of indigenous Indonesian missions is quite new and led to insights about its strengths and weaknesses.

Congratulations to Bp. Dwi, Bp. Darius, Ibu Sri, and Bp. Markus.

Meet a Board Member

David Hendropurnomo is the Secretary of the WU Board. David and his family live in the city of Malang in East Java, where he teaches at Wesley International School. He first graduated as a mechanical engineer and then gained a Master's degree in education from Messiah College in the US. His father is Indonesian and his mother was Australian. David grew up in East Java, but studied in Australia, and his wife, Helen is Australian. David and Helen have three children of high school age.

This semester

Dr. Respati is teaching the unit on the different streams of Christianity. (Christianity comes in many different flavours.)

Meanwhile, Ross is teaching the second unit of biblical exegesis. It is mainly a writing unit, where students tackle some of the most difficult passages in Scripture and write notes that would be helpful for others.

Ross has four other students doing graduate education projects. Two are now writing them up and could graduate at the end of this semester if all goes well.

Last semester, Ross led two research groups, and the doctoral students, and has one this semester. Some topics so far:

- Ministry to seniors
- Reaching a digital young generation
- Relationship between tutoring services and schools
- How the church can reach the poor
- Discipleship and leadership development
- Ministry to fatherless children
- Reading skills of theological students.