



Visit to West Java



I visited Bp. Ishak and his wife in Tangerang, West Java, near Jakarta. He is one of our research students, and

chairperson of a missionary Bible college. They showed me around their campus, and introduced me to many of their students.

In Tangerang, I also stayed with Bp. Michael, an MA student, and his wife and small son. Michael has been appointed pastor of a small church plant in a large new housing estate on the edge of the city. It is a remarkable opportunity, as more houses will eventually be built and lots of young families will move in.

While there, Michael and I also met with another student, Bp. Anggiat, who was in Jakarta for a conference. He is a Presbyterian pastor pioneering a small church in Pekanbaru, Sumatra.



Ministry projects

The Masters students have been learning to plan projects in different kinds of ministry. Students must identify a need or opportunity that has maximum benefit in their own ministry context.

Project topics this semester have been quite varied. For example, one is proposing a training program for newly elected church elders. Several others have proposed starting tutoring or childcare programs to build links in their local communities.

A visit in East Java



Bp Respati, a WU assistant professor in East Java, took me to visit a new student, Ibu Anita, who is pastoring a small church.

Welcome

Welcome to two new lecturers. *Ibu Aprilia* has finished her Master of Education and Grad.Dip.-Man. with a thesis on training early childhood teachers. *Dr. Harman* specializes in biblical studies.

Conference

We are holding a conference later this year so that our students can present their work. It's the first that we have ever done, although most of us have spoken in similar events. It will be online because we have speakers and attenders from across Indonesia. We expect that most attenders will register at last minute.

Some of the topics coming up:

- Evaluation of seniors ministry on the physical and spiritual health of older people.
- Considering the quality of teaching in elementary schools, why do children depend on tutoring centers to succeed?
- Indonesia has low literacy by international standards. What is the standard of literacy among theological students and how does it affect the standard of education?
- How effective are local community Bible studies in developing local church leaders?

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