



Updates from Indonesia & Iraq

Reaching out to Indonesian Listener Communities

Last month two training events were held for gospel radio listener follow-up in Indonesia. Coming mostly from remote areas, two groups of trainees were gathered for a few days of fellowship and instruction. The three-day event was held for eleven trainees [photo above] in Samarinda, the capital of East Kalimantan province on the island of



“Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.”
—Psalm 37:1-2

Borneo. The other event was held for ten trainees on Batam Island, a major harbor with ferry links to many other communities. A wide range of topics were covered, including: Basics of the Christian Faith, Evangelism, Gospel and Culture, Conflict and Reconciliation, and Character Building. Devotional literature and

a Bible Correspondence Course were also provided for follow-up.

Pray for these workers as they reach out to those who respond to gospel broadcasts and also invite people in remote areas of Indonesia to hear the good news of Jesus Christ over the radio.

Baghdad Church’s New Orphanage

“Thank you for your interest in our church project, the children’s center, which will take care mainly of Christian orphans and children in general. We would like to inform you that all construction and services works have been completed. It now contains

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two buildings on land about 1,200 sq. meters in area. One building is completely new and designed to be a teaching building; the other building has been rehabilitated for residential and administrative purposes.

A committee of engineers has been formed to receive the works from the contractor who carried out the job and to check conformity with the engineering specifications. The church now will do its best to furnish the buildings and provide all the requirements to start the project...To operate this project we need support from our

faith brothers. We need three minibuses, special furniture, an electrical generator, and funds for salaries of teachers, laborers, and for purchasing food, materials, stationary etc. Thank you for your kind assistance and may God bless your work."

Please keep the Baghdad Church in prayer as plans and preparations are made and staff chosen for this important ministry to covenant children.

Prayer Items:

Give thanks for the growing response to the Arabic broadcasts from Saudi



Arabia listeners. Please pray for SA and his wife from Ta'ef who are now studying the Bible together every day.

Please pray for the Lord's provision of suitable pastoral and outreach staff for the congregations in both Limassol and Larnaca, Cyprus.

The Lord has provided promising Gospel opportunities to two Muslim tribal groups in northwestern Tanzania; pray for the preparation of local workers to take on this ministry under the supervision of churches in the area.

Please pray for the small underground believing church in Somalia.

Clockwise: Baghdad church children singing a Christmas hymn; Newly completed Baghdad Children's Center; Training in Batam Island, Indonesia.

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Thank you so much for your financial contributions which continue to come in faithfully. Please also continue to remember the work of MERF in your prayers. We thank the Lord for the many opportunities he continues to give to broadcast the true gospel and to train church leaders. In your prayers also remember the Christians who live under constant threat of persecution. At this time we think especially of the churches in South Sudan where there is much ethnic and tribal violence. The reported death toll last year was around 2,500 - much higher than in the Darfur region.

Yours in Christ's service,
Rev. J. DeGelder, chairman; Mrs. J. VanDam, secretary
Reminder: Please make cheques payable to MERF-Canada and send them to the address below.

"Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

—Psalm 37:3-4