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Dear Co-laborers,

Training nationals is a vital part of the ministry in order to reach the 250 million people living in Indonesia. Consequently, our Bible college plays a major role in preparing preachers and Sunday School teachers. This semester I have 49 students attending my "Teaching Techniques" and "Practice Teaching" classes. Teaching students from different islands and ethnic groups sometimes can be quite challenging, especially if Indonesian is their second language. However, it has been encouraging to see their improvement as they practice teach in class.

Not only is training nationals vital, but also very rewarding. Alumni from our Bible college are now serving as pastors, preachers' wives, and Sunday School teachers on at least eight major islands throughout Indonesia. This past year Shalom Independent Baptist Church started three new Sunday Schools. In August 2011, one of our graduates was ordained and his church in northern Jakarta organized. Last month, one of our alumni went to Central Kalimantan to open that area and to begin a church.

Training nationals also requires finances. At this time the main building on our campus is old and desperately in need of repair. The plan is to renovate the building and add a second story for additional classrooms and a men's dormitory. The cost of the first phase is estimated at \$22,000. Our national pastors have agreed to provide \$7,000 and the missionaries in Jakarta are trying to raise the remaining \$15,000. If your church would like to have a part in this project, we would be most grateful. Any amount can be sent to my account marked "Jakarta Bible School project." Thank you so very much.

Your faithful prayers and support enable the ministry here to continue. May God richly bless each of you.

His for Indonesia,

Karen L. Werth