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Issue 45: Papua and beyond

## The Gospel planted; the Gospel spread



I was born in West Papua, Indonesia.

*My* parents were the first generation in our family who respond to the Gospel. They were introduced to the gospel of Jesus Christ through Dutch Mennonite missionaries. This question I had: "Why this missionary came to live here, eat our kind of food, help us and teach us the Bible?"



When I was nine, my mother died. My father had to care for nine children alone. I never really grieved properly for my mother. Many questions lingered in my mind. "If God exists, why did He take my mother?"

When I was 14, on the day before Good Friday, our church was acting out the Gethsemane story. The truth of Jesus' suffering for individuals really impacted me. I thought, "None of my questions matter anymore because Jesus is the Answer for everything!"

After graduating from High School I moved to Surabaya, Indonesia, to study Microbiology and Laboratory Technician at a university.

During my second year at college, at Easter mission camp for university students, the Lord challenged me to consider missionary service. Although my father was a Bible teacher, he was not happy with my decision. He felt a missionary's life would be too hard for his daughter.

For seven years I honored my father's wishes. I went up to the highlands of Papua to learn from different missionaries by being trained to help the local people's village health workers to diagnose medical problems with the equipment available to them.

Finally, my father gave his approval for me to attend Bible College. I studied at

Baptist College in Papua and at Tyranus Bible College in Bandung. Then a missionary who worked in West Papua helped me to study Missions at Bible College of Victoria in Melbourne, Australia.

Even though I was given scholarships to go to USA and Canada prior to that in Melbourne, I chose Melbourne. There my desire to move to the mission field grew stronger as we lived in a community setting. A majority of the lecturers were returning missionaries so I learnt a lot from classroom setting as well as through living together.

In 1996 I was accepted as a member of RBMU (World Team) Australia then in January 1997 I left Australia to go to the Philippines.

Last 20 years I have been working and living among Southern Sama, an unreached People Group. (Unreached means they had never heard the Gospel.) Because I was adopted into a prominent family in the area, God opened ways to ministry through the family web tied to islands in the Philippines, east Malaysia, and Kalimantan, Indonesia.

In the year 2000, Campus



**Miss Beatrix** said, "We need to raise teams who may be able to do an outreach in Malaysia and Indonesia. **We need more workers** to come and help us!"

Write a prayer about that.





# The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 and more

**ing** to the LORD a new song,

**HIS PRAISE FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, YOU ISLANDS, AND ALL WHO LIVE IN THEM.**

Isaiah 42:10, N IV

Miss Beatrix, the woman in our story, is going to island people in south-east Asia to tell them about Jesus.

Most of those people do not follow Jesus yet because they haven't been taught about him.

If they do not know Jesus, can they sing praise to him?  
\_\_yes \_\_no

If no one goes to tell them about Jesus, can they learn about Him? \_\_yes \_\_no

Crusades for Christ gave me Jesus Film. I showed that to the mosque leaders to get their go-ahead signal.



Through the help of Campus Crusade for Christ, another mission agency and a national church, 21 local people were exposed to the gospel by being part of recording the Jesus film into their language. They and their family members distributed 6000 copies of Jesus film throughout the islands.

Since then, two other films have been translated and distributed to south-east Asia. In 2007, on the island of Sebatik (north of Malaysia and south of Indonesia) I helped set up an FM radio station. The equipment was donated by GlobalChristians.Org. It has a computer-based radio transmitter and broadcaster with two channels. One channel transmits the New Testament in the Malay

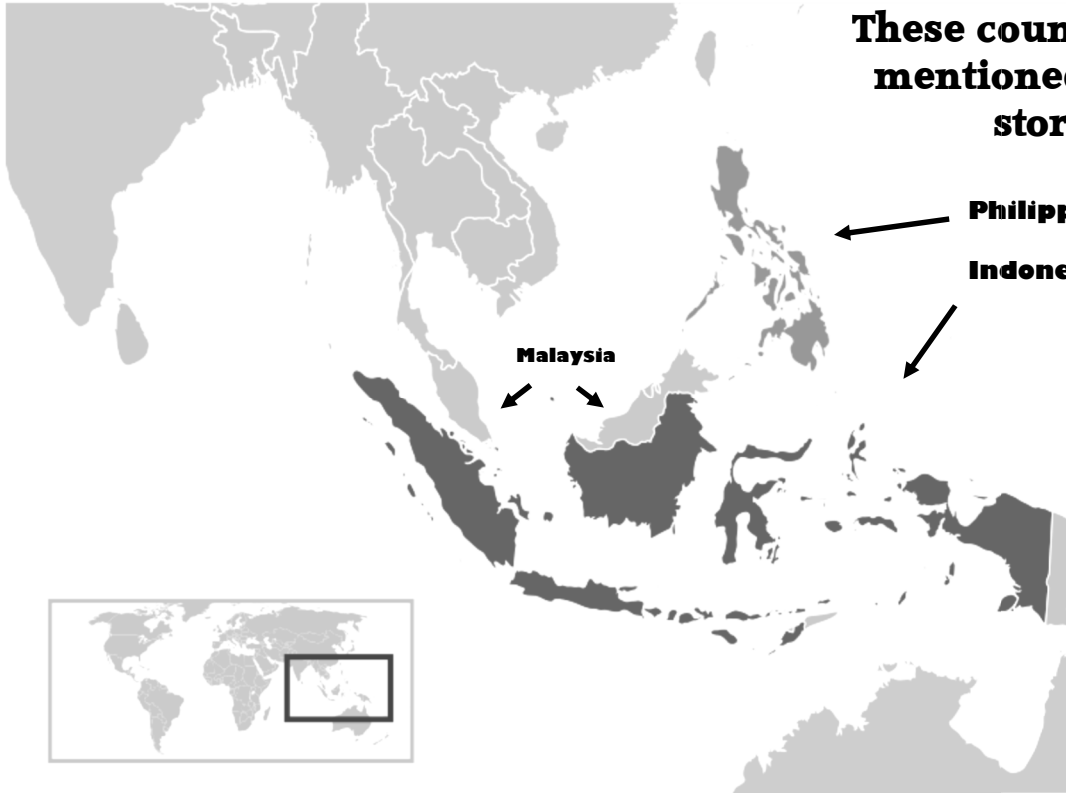
language as well as music and voice dramas. The other concentrates on Bible materials.

I now work with the organization Pioneers. I move around the coastline of the Celebes Sea, staying about three months in each area. I put together material to help different groups, and to answer questions from the Jesus film. I also help Overseas Filipino workers from the islands who work in Saudi Arabia through Facebook and Skype.

Since God has raised four Filipino Teams to work in the Philippines, the big need now is to raise teams who may be able to do an outreach in Malaysia and Indonesia. **We need more workers to come and help us!**



Thanks to Beatrix Watofa for her life story.



**These countries are mentioned in the story.**

**Philippines**

**Indonesia**

**Malaysia**



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# Philippines

Capital city: Manila  
Main languages: Filipino, English  
Main religion: Roman Catholic

## Did you know?

The Philippines is a nation of more than 7,000 islands, located 500 miles from mainland Asia.

The flag of the Philippines was first designed in 1897. The sun stands for liberty.



One type of orchid in the Philippines, the waling-waling of Davao, blooms only one time a year.



Philippine wildlife includes: water buffalo, wild pig, leopard cat, monkey, mouse deer, squirrel, porcupine and skunk.

Farmers in the Philippines grow corn, bananas, coconuts and rice. Abaca is a banana-like plant whose trunks are ripped lengthwise to make rope.

**Indonesia** is the world's largest **ISLAND NATION**, with about 18,000 islands. Only about 9,000 islands have been named. 6000 have people on them, but only 1000 have people year-round.

At 260 million people, Indonesia is the world's **FOURTH MOST POPULOUS COUNTRY**, and has the most Muslims of any nation.

There are many hundreds of different native tribes with their own **LANGUAGES**. Papua has 264 languages.

## TO DO:

People live on about 2,000 of the country's islands.

The three major island groups are Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

More than 5,000 islands of the Philippines are not named yet.

Island hop - put the island words in the correct order to read this verse from Psalms 97:1.

earth, be, reigns, let the, Lord, glad, shores, distant, rejoice, let the, The

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Answer: (hold up to a mirror.)