

GABBIE

Update

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Tauranga, the home of rain, wind, and yes, some snowflakes! I much prefer the warmer temperatures of Singapore and Indonesia! Yes, I arrived in Singapore at the beginning of June. David, a colleague of mine, and I attended Broadcast Asia over 4 days, (a radio & TV trade show) held in one of Singapore's many convention centers. We met up with people who supply our broadcasting needs, looked at new technologies, received advice for some problem areas we have, and got plenty of exercise! Some of these people are fellow believers, and were previously only names to me. Another task we undertook was to ride the MRT - Singapore's rail system, and monitor 2 radio stations from the many railway stations. At each station, we had to find an open space, then listen to the stations, record the data, then return to the station and start over again!

Next stop was Jakarta. On our job list was the transmitter upgrade, mentioned in my last newsletter. Other tasks involved travelling to 2 of our stations that I had not yet visited. This involved quite a lot of air travel as these stations are in East Kalimantan, and then 4 hours in a car! It is always great to meet the staff of our Heartline network, even if some of them have very little English! David and I undertook station inspections, pointing out things that needed attention. We did an equipment inventory at each place, encouraged the staff in their work, saw some of the sights, including going on a canoe trip on one of the big waterways, and a visit to a crocodile farm. On our return to Karawaci, we took measurements of the studios so I could prepare a drawing to begin the upgrade process, and we went back to the transmitter to prepare for its upgrade. We are happy to report that the transmitter is now upgraded to the latest specifications! For those who want to know, we did a major operating system upgrade.

I was finally able to catch up with a cousin and her husband that I hadn't seen for over 30 years! We had a meal together and talked and talked! They have been working in Jakarta for a number of years, but will soon be returning home to NZ.

Now that I'm home, I have been busy with CAD, putting together a studio design that will be practical and create discussion. The Cambodian project is still running, and I still have work to do on that, too.

As a member of the International Support Team, I am happy to have fellow FEBCers, Bob & Barbara Bartz, join the team. They have recently moved to

Karawaci, and are in the process of setting up home there, and I will be working closely with Bob. Irene and I know them from our time in Manila.

Listener's corner

From Cambodia

I call and share all my trouble to them. God heal me through all of these. I love Family FM so much that always encourage me and comfort me. Family FM also the one who show me to found the right God that I can escape from the evil. I have a new life with Christ Love and Hope".

Russia

"I began listening to your station not long ago and discovered so many new things! These few months changed my life in so many ways. I became a Christian, and not in name only. I became His follower. I started to attend a church where the Bible is actually taught. I had never visited an evangelical church before in my life. I still cannot believe that all of this happened to me, and it all began by listening to FEBC. I don't know how to express my feelings of joy and gratitude to you, friends. You are like family to me. In fact, we are one family in Christ." - Kirill, 29, from Krasnogorsk

Thailand

Greetings to the Fill Up Our Hearts programmer. I am so delighted that I have received your letter and the booklet. I have read them now. The book is very good. Our new term has started at school. I have just finished high school and am preparing to continue with my trade studies. Are you well? I would like to ask the history of God. The rains have come to the south now. I listen to your program every evening. Please give me the telephone number again. Finally I will make this do for now. May God bless all the Radio team with happiness. Mr. M. Surathani Province (restive south)

These letters show that the Gospel is being made known to "the nations" and that people are responding to it, and allowing it to change their lives!

Irene and I have been spending time with our granddaughters. It is interesting watching their personalities develop! Kaitlyn will be starting school soon. Aaron has recently accepted a job in Wellington, so we are coming to terms with this. I guess the road south will become quite familiar! Coastguard has been keeping me busy, with filling in for Radio Operators who can't do their shifts, and Irene continues with her busy schedule, having added ICONZ for Girls to her workload! Caleb & Hannah continue with their work in Hamilton

We have just heard from friends in Saipan of the major damage to the island from Typhoon Soudelor. The island is without power, water, and sewerage facilities, and it will be months before life returns to normal. I ask you all to pray for these people, some who have lost everything. Damage is much much more than we have ever seen during our 18 years there.

May God richly bless each one of you.

Owen Irene

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