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Off to America for Luke, Nick & Laura

Ready or not here we come....When I turned the calendar to the month of May, my heart skipped a beat as I realized that we would be seeing Anna soon. We are definitely counting the days until we see her That is very exciting but then the reality set in that there is much to do before we head out on a jet plane toward the U.S.

We arrive on May 29th at 1:08 on United into Boise, Idaho. We will leave here on the 28th travel through Jakarta, Singapore, Shanghai, San Francisco and then finally Boise. As usual I can't say that any of us are looking forward to the long plane ride, but it will be well worth it to see Anna and everyone else so soon.

We will be sharing about our ministry at a luncheon on June 8 at Cole Community Church, 12:00-2:00. Lunch will be served and donations accepted to help with the cost of the lunch. We hope that you will be able to join us and

hear about what the Lord has been doing over the past 2 years. It seems these two years have been very full and busy but we continue to learn new things and be in awe of God's provision for us.

Prayer Needs-

- Reliable car during our time in the U.S. We really only need a car for about 7 weeks while we are in Boise and to be able to travel to Hailey. We will be in Arizona for the last 2 weeks of July.
- Support Raising—As usual over the past two years our monthly support has declined and so we are in need of raising more. Please pray that God will raise up the right people to be a part of our ministry here.
- We also are so thankful for the many supporters that have continued to support. Some of you have been with us since we first embarked on this overseas journey 17 years ago. Again...we are amazed at God's provision!

Nick Update

With all the meetings and traveling that pervade my schedule, the heavy breathing of the beast of burnout sometimes lurks near. Then the word comes alive for me in the life of a friend and I become refreshed. Here small piece of my friend, Pastor Melky's story that, among many other stories that I hope to share with you this summer during our homeleave, has helped to restore my soul...

Melky is a pastor of a small congregation on the island of Sumba. He is also the a board member of P3H, the local Indonesian organization that I partner with to equip the church for holistic ministry, and he has a heart for helping the poorest farmers in his community. Most of the farmers of Pastor Melky's village of Wanokaka earn less than a dollar a day and Pastor Melky has been trying to help them increase their income

through a small irrigation project. With a little financial help Pastor Melky started the project with five pumps. These five pumps combined with resources from the community, has helped 25 families go from one annual harvest of rice to 2 harvests a year which made it possible for them to the rice production by 330% last year! The same 5 families plan on 3 harvests this next year and if their hopes are realized this will help them increase their rice production by 550%. Without any additional funds from P3H, the farmer groups used their initial increased income to buy an additional 27 pumps for a total of 32 pumps which now serves 100 families. With the increase of the number of harvest combined with the recent increase in the price of rice, has helped the farmers of Wanokaka to believe that their poverty does not have to be perpetual. It warms the heart to hear them praise God and give thanks to Him for His faithfulness.

You are invited to join us for a luncheon On Sunday, June 8 12:00-2:00 Cole Community Fireside Room Come hear what God has been doing in Indonesia



