

# Borneo Bulletin



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Dear friends,

Five busy, happy months of furlough are already behind us. We arrived in April in time for Loren's graduation from P.B.I., and then settled down here in the Fraser Valley, near our church. After James' graduation from Prairie High School in June, all five children came home, and we spent 2 active unforgettable months with them. They found jobs, tho some not right away, giving their dad a full-time one chauffeuring to and from work at all shifts of the day. Mom never knew if the meals she cooked would be attended by all or few. At last we know what it feels like to be an ordinary Canadian family--or do we?

Now only precious memories are left, and the house echoes with just two of us bustling about. Loren left For Winnipeg Bible College for a final year of study before he prepares to return to Kalimantan where he feels God has called him too. He was accepted by the R.B.M.U. as a candidate in June. Janet, Ellen and James are all in Bible School, and Doug is in High School, at Prairie.

We are plunging into a busy fall; Elmer will be travelling east in October to represent our Mission at several Bible Colleges; then back for our Missionary Conference at Central Heights, our home church. November too is quite booked up locally.

Looking ahead we pray and plan concerning Christmas, which we do want to spend with our family if at all possible. In spring we plan to return to Borneo (Kalimantan Barat), where the Nationals and Missionaries labour on in our absence this year.

God is preparing several dedicated young couples and single folk to join us in the work in Borneo. Pray for these new candidates who will soon be ready to leave. Pray that their 'infit' and 'outfit' will be provided as they seek to know and obey Christ the Lord of the Harvest. Many ministries await these new recruits during and after they have passed the language hurdle. Our hearts rejoice at the prospect of their arrival.

Beside Evangelism, Bible School, Church Planting and Children's Work, now opening before us are ministries among teachers and students in our Mission Schools, in the dormitory for the boys in Pontianak, in the guest house in this city, and in the book-room also to be opened there. T.E.E. programs geared both to illiterate church elders, and to discouraged evangelists is a must for the future of the Dyak Church. A new possibility is a radio station for West Kalimantan, sponsored by F.E.B.C.--at present permission is being sought.

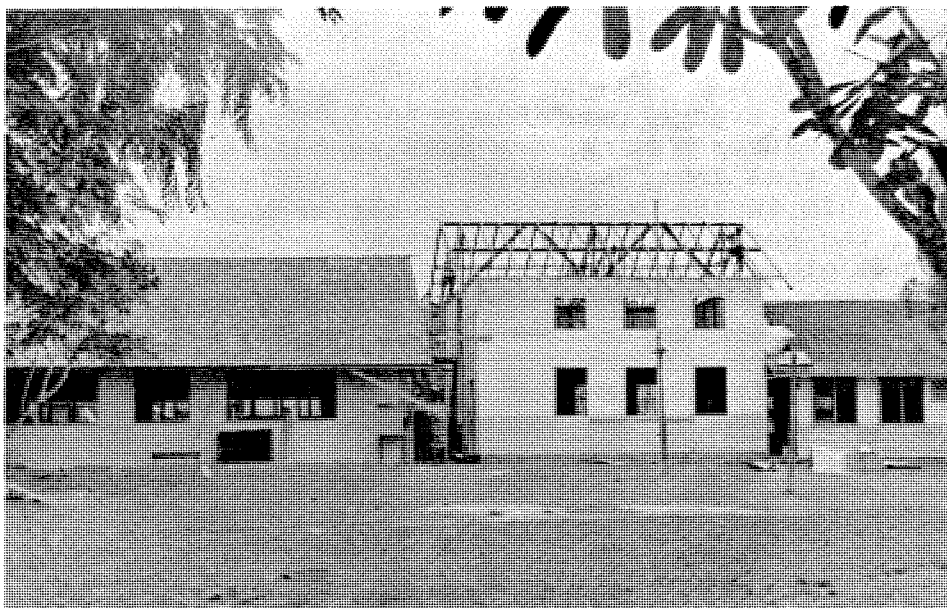
Twenty four years ago, when we arrived in K.B., talk of a mountainous area where cannibalism was still practised, aroused our attention. We prayed much about this but as the work grew were unable to reach out. Two years ago our two oldest boys made a trek thru this area, and since then a Bible School graduate, working with those tribes, has completed an airstrip there. Quoting from Henry Thiesen's recent letter: "It certainly was a highlight for me--when the plane actually touched down on the mountain of Sempatung. I trekked in...am still itching from the leech bites." Praise God, now these can hear of Christ.

The rapid evangelization of Kalimantan Barat has overloaded our national church. They are incapable of financing the establishing of these many new churches. We present this as a project in which many of you can be involved. Another avenue is the maintenance cost of our Bible School, which at present is being borne by our missionaries on the field. Several hundred dollars monthly covers this.

We thank you for 'fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now'. Our hearts are warmed by the kindness of so many of you during this our fifth furlough. May the Lord bless you richly for the same. We would appreciate very much hearing from you.

Your missionaries,

Elmer and Ruth Warkentin



Above... replacing old Bible School buildings

Below... New buildings..library, chapel and  
classroom

