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Dear friends,

KALIMANTAN, as you know, means 'ditches of diamonds'. During the Japanese occupation of Indonesia, many diamonds were exported from this former Dutch colony. The man who appears on the cover, a former wild man from Borneo, found many of these precious stones on his property. He was quite famous as a partner in a very weird cult. He was known for his daring since he had stolen a bride from the most feared head-hunting tribe. However, here you see him with a Bible School diploma in his hand. Now he has returned to that bastion of satan and has helped five villages complete the highest airstrip in West Kalimantan. His fine wife is now able to return to her people and help evangelize these who have been feared by so many for centuries.

Keha, and other evangelists in new areas, need our prayers and support since they have no churches in their areas to stand behind them.

What a privilege has been ours this furlough to attend the graduation exercises from Bible School of our two oldest. Loren's was last spring and Janet's this spring.

An unscheduled furlough event for us is the planned wedding of our oldest son, Loren, to Becky Mader of San Diego, California, on May 15th in Becky's church. This will delay our departure for the field until after the wedding. Loren and Becky would like to get out to the field before the end of summer, and they would value your prayers for them as they plan and prepare to set up home in the jungles where Loren was born.

This is the first time we return to the field without our children. Pray for them as they look for work for the summer and then return to Prairie Bible Institute in the fall.

We would also direct your prayer attention to important events and needs on the field:

A Conference of all national workers from the many Mission Societies in Kalimantan is planned for May 24th to 28th on our station. World Vision is sponsoring the same and at present permission is being requested of local officials. Pray that nothing will hinder this very important conference. Another meeting of importance is the Elder's Conference of all the elders of our many churches which is held once every two years and is to be held in April of this year. For this we would also request your prayers.

A post graduate course is being planned this year for our BEREBA Bible School, and Ruth and I request prayer as we make up the courses for the same. It is to be set up in two-month blocks to enable busy pastors to attend without completely leaving their ministries in their churches. Pray that we will have direction from the Lord in translating this curriculum.

Praise the Lord for the provision of money for the long-awaited opening of a bookroom in the capital city of Kalimantan, and also provision for the purchase of land on which to build a church in this city. The Walter Stobbes have already moved to the city to help manage this store.

We ask you to pray for the necessary permissions for the opening of a Christian radio station in Borneo under the sponsorship of F.E.B.C.

However, as important as all the afore-mentioned needs is the need for workers. The Lord has asked that we PRAY THE LORD OF THE HARVEST for workers, but we also want to list what we need:

- Agricultural experts to train our people
- Mechanics and maintenance men for stations
- Hosts for our guest house in Pontianak
- Radio programming personnel
- Cassette programming and production personnel
- Teachers for English classes among nationals
- Teachers for crafts and other classes
- Teachers for Bible School and T.E.E.
- Missionaries for every type of work.

Thank you for your faithful standing with us for 25 years. Can we count on the same faithfulness for our 6th term?

Your Missionaries,
Elmer and Ruth Warkentin

