



Traces of Light

The Journey of Matthew and Chelsea Connor
Summer 2011



Recording Studio

Matt got to build a recording studio! This has been an exciting event for many from all over the Maluku... people now have a quality place to record Bible stories and songs in their own language! It has been fun for us to see how God has used Matt's talents and hobby for His glory.



The first studio recording for a Bible Storying Project!

Current Plans

June 15- August 2: Discovery Team visiting. We will be hosting one of the 7 during their stay here.

July 15-20: Kisar Scripture Use survey.

July 28: Josiah turns 1! A big deal here in Ambon with a huge party expected for the whole neighborhood.

August 12-20: Recording for Alune Jesus Film.

Survey

We have completed two surveys since last newsletter and they have both gone very well. In the Wemale language area in West Seram (the island just north of Ambon) we were able to help the community make a plan to create Sunday school materials in the local language as well as make a plan to find two facilitators for a Bible storying program that will start in January. In the Nuaulu area in South Seram we were able to help the community discuss how they were going to use translated materials as well as choose storycrafters for their Bible storying project.



Matt training a local facilitator in participatory methods.



A Wemale man captivated by hearing a sermon in his own language for the first time.

Library

With the exciting visit of Chelsea's parents, we were also able to glean from Kris' library knowledge and Chelsea is now in charge of fixing up the office library. So far, she has been entering the books in a database and has gathered resources for the Discovery Team to use. The Discovery Team is group of college students who are here for about two months learning more out Wycliffe and Bible translation. It has been wonderful for to get to work in the same office and we have been blessed with an amazing helper, Elke, to watch the kids for the 3 hours a day while Chelsea goes to the office.



Discovery Library

Gratitude to God

- ◇ We love our jobs!
- ◇ We get to be part of an amazing team here.
- ◇ Our new niece, Yaquina Marie Connor, born to Joshua and Sharina.
- ◇ Our new Indonesian nephew, Alsalido Connor Ngarbingan, born to our good friends.
- ◇ After much frustration, Matt was able to fix our pump!
- ◇ Chelsea and Josiah are on the mend from pneumonia.
- ◇ For a wonderful visit with Chelsea's parents.



Good times with grandma!

Requests to God

- ◇ We would be good parents.
- ◇ That our friend Eka would know God's love.
- ◇ The Kisar Survey would help scriptures to be increasingly used in the lives of Kisar speakers.
- ◇ For good health and help while Matt is on survey!
- ◇ That we would always listen to God.

Connor Kids



Indeah with one of the chickens we were given from the Wemale survey ☺

Indeah is our social organizer. She wants to make sure everyone is happy and involved in whatever is going on in her life. Most of the time this applies to Josiah, but if that isn't working out for her, than baby Nomi suffices. :) Indeah has been blessing us with her love for her Bible (which has seen better days), her caring heart, her fun sayings now that her vocabulary is expanding, her 'Indo-gibberish' (it sounds Indonesian and has some real words thrown in, but is rather incomprehensible!). She loves bugs (big animals are scary, but bugs and geckos are a thrill!), playing with her little brother, going on walks, and all her friends here.

Indeah's conversation about a fly landing on her snack:

To Chelsea- "Fly is freaking out"

To fly- "I have a really good idea... how about you go home!"

Indeah to her daddy who had been working on the pump for days:

"I'm trying to fik (fix) the pump. I wanna take a shower."

Josiah is our little puppy- always happy to see and be held by anyone, quick to give smiles, and is happiest eating off the floor (the other day we saw him with a cockroach leg sticking out of his mouth... don't know what happened to the rest of it)! He is the proud owner of 8 teeth, took his first steps at 9 months old, and can fend for himself against any perceived or real attacks from his sister- he just goes after her with mouth open (a real threat as he's got sharp teeth)! He loves animals especially cows and dogs, loves 'helping' daddy especially if it involves tools, loves to be outside with his big sister crawling around or throwing rocks or playing kick the ball, and loves snuggles with mommy.



Yay, tools!

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