



**The Lo family  
Indonesia**



# From Indonesia

March 2009

Foot prints on the sand at the beach, Banda Aceh

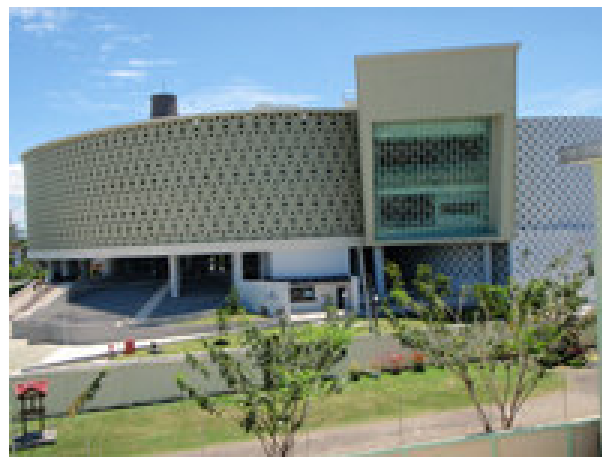


## Trip to Bandung, Indonesia:

On March 2, our family went to Bandung to visit the Bandung Alliance International School for Gaozong for her next school year. We also visited the IMLAC language school for Fungchatou and Kalia. If everything works out, Kalia and Gaozong will be moving to Bandung in August so Gaozong can start school. Fungchatou will follow them in September.

## Tsunami Musuem:

The photo on the right is the new building for the Tsunami Musuem. The building itself has just recently been finished, but nothing has been put inside yet. Therefore the building is not yet open to the public. It is a very impressive looking building.



## Getting for Election:

With the upcoming election on April 14, the police and military forces are taking extra measures to make sure that if something happens they are ready for it. Therefore, there were a few days that police cars and military trucks were doing exercises around town in Banda Aceh. Our local staff recommended that we should stay at home on April 14, and not go to the schools or the community centers where we are providing services.

## Theological Training Program:

Fungchatou met with the HKBP pastors to finalize the upcoming theological program on Lutheran confessions. The meeting was at the HKBP Teacher Pastor Seminary in Sipoholon, which is eight hours drive from Medan. The meeting was successful, and we are planning to start the first training session in August, 2009. The program will end in November of 2010.



## Professional English Teacher Workshop:

On March 22, we had the first English teacher training workshop that used the local English teachers as the trainers. Last June and July, we had three volunteers from the US train ten specially selected English teachers from the Junior High Schools in Banda Aceh. The volunteers worked with the teachers for over two months, training them to write lesson plans using creative teaching and classroom management methods. Now, these ten teachers are training sixty-two English teachers to gain the same skills. It was wonderful to see the ten teachers become trainers and share their knowledge with other English teachers in the district.

The statement made by Mr. Sofyan, the School

Superintendent, at the opening ceremony for the workshop clearly expressed the success of our effort. Mr. Sofyan stated, "It is wonderful to that now we have our own people to be trainers."



## We made the local newspaper:

Our English Teacher Training workshop on March 22, even made the news in the Banda Aceh's local newspaper. Here is the translation of the article:

### ***CWEF trains 60 English Teachers***

*Banda Aceh, Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation Indonesia (CWEF), an NGO from America, in cooperation with Dinas Pendidikan, Pemuda dan Olahraga, Kota Banda Aceh train 60 English Teachers of SMP and M.Ts. The training Program took place at SMP*

*1 Banda Aceh on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2009 and was opened by Mr. Sofyan Sulaiman as the Head of Dinas Pendidikan, Pemuda dan Olahraga, Kota Banda Aceh. Sofyan Sulaiman and Lo Funghatou as a Director of CWEF gave motivation speeches to all teachers so after this training, all English Teachers will be able to use English Language in their teaching sessions in the classrooms. On improving the quality of English teachers, CWEF involved three English Trainers from America. The three English trainers were: Barry Bergamo, Marry Goettsch and Lisa Schneider. Lo Funghatou also reminded all the English teachers to use and practice what they have learned from the training in their respective schools. While M. Yusuf, Volunteer School Liaison for Banda Aceh, said that the information given at the training are: Classroom management, teaching strategies, children songs, lesson plans and worksheets.*

*Local Newspaper of Banda Aceh "Serambi Indonesia", Monday 23 March 2009*

### **Things to pray for and upcoming events**

- March 26, Funghatou will meet with the GKLI church group in Medan
- March 29, Kalia and Gaozong will be on their way back to the US for three months
- March 29-April 13, Funghatou will be in Thailand
- April 14-19, Funghatou will be in Vietnam
- April 19, CWEF will host the second Professional Teachers Training
- April 30-May 4, Dr. Jeanette Groth will be coming from Cambodia to do a training workshop
- Pray for Ray, Dorothea and Jaimie Huebschman's visa situation
- Pray for safe traveling for the Lo family

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