

Borneo News

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Shouts of joy to you all around the world from all of us here in the wild jungles of Borneo. The first quarter of this year is already gone. A quarter filled with ever increasing horrendous world events, from wars, earthquakes, major floods, bushfires, droughts and these are only the ones that we can see. There are also numerous other terrible horrendous events which are hidden from sight to many of us yet equally very destructive or even worse such as,



child slave trafficking, tsunamis of drugs and pornography pouring into communities, aborting masses of babies every day even right up to when they are born, divorces at an all-time record even amongst all faiths and the most conservative communities. All these events, and many more, are speedily reshaping society and pushing it to a cliff with the intention to push it over the cliff into oblivion. The world is now so connected and intertwined that no country or community is an island on its own anymore and not affected by these destructive events and elements. Here on the island of Borneo it is no different. Many of these destructive practices have already plagued the tribal communities for decades, even in remote regions because people are sinful human beings. We all are. But scripture tells us that everyone who believes in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16b). And that each of us must repent of our sins and turn to God and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Hence the urgency for us all is to share this wonderful salvation message of God with as many people as

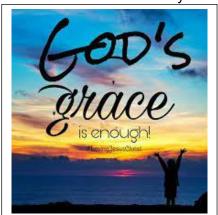
possible before it is too late for them. Thank you to all of you who are doing just that where you are. And thank you to everyone who is helping us here on the island of Borneo to get this incredible message to as many tribes as possible. Your input is rescuing many tribal children & youth and helping them to embrace Jesus so that they too can make something beautiful of their lives and pass on the salvation message to their own people everywhere and beyond.



God's promises will be fulfilled according to His timetable, not ours, but we know that His Word is sure. The more we learn of those promises God has fulfilled and continues to fulfill, the easier it is to hope for those yet to come. Sometimes we become impatient, wanting God to act in a certain way now. Instead, we should faithfully do what we know He wants us to do and trust Him for the future.

Christmas & New Year.

Our Christmas celebrations were a great success again and everyone enjoyed all the festivities. Christmas at our village is always all about Jesus and nothing else. We celebrate His birth and celebrate who He is. We all have meals together, church service celebrations with incredible drama's our children and youth have orchestrated followed by a great



sermon. We had quite a few guests from around the region for Christmas-dinner which was fantastic. More than 1100 meals were served for this dinner. For me (Ronny) it was a very unusual Christmas and New Year celebrations because a few days before Christmas I got rather ill, so much so that at 2 o'clock in the morning they rushed me to the local hospital 20 km down the road. However, there were no doctors available, which is nothing unusual,



Our Dimas so excited to receive a Christmas gift.

so we decided to make the long journey to Kuching which seemed to take forever. We all thought I had kidney stones but after receiving a CT scan it turned out not to be kidney stones at all, in fact they couldn't find anything. The pain was excruciating. I cannot recall ever being so sick before. I was doped up with pain



Our Rocky overwhelmed with his first Christmas.



killers and after staying at the house for two weeks in Kuching, weaned off the painkillers, it all went away. We still don't know what it was but a lot of people were praying. I thank the Lord for His healing touch and everyone who were praying. Hence I missed Christmas and New Year celebrations at our village for the first time in a very long time and hopefully for the last time.



Our Kelly and Amel, best of friends, and both full of life and a handful. But wonderful to see them so happy always.



Our Miracle also very excited with his gift.

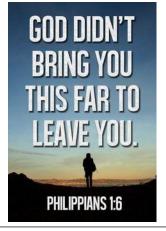


Our Tian full of smiles receiving his bag of gifts.

Anyone who decides to live for God must be willing to stand for right even if almost everyone else turns away. It is in the climate of darkness and sin that genuine faith shines most brightly.

Today many justify their wrong actions by outward signs of success. They think that wealth, popularity, or lack of suffering is an indication of God's blessing. But many stories in the Bible indicate that evil and earthly success can go hand in hand. Success doesn't indicate God's approval. Don't allow personal success to become a measuring rod of whether or not you are pleasing God.







Our Edward & Shine.

LWV 20th Anniversary Celebrations.

Not long anymore and we will be celebrating our 20th anniversary on the 27th till 31st July. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship honoring God for who He is, what He has done here in the jungles of Borneo and what He will still do. We so look forward meeting many of our former children who are adults now serving the Lord in various regions or working in various government or company positions. Over the 20 years we have had many hundreds if not thousands of children and youth come through our ministry. They have been raised up here in our village, have learnt to embrace Jesus and have made something beautiful of their lives and are now shining for Him wherever they are now. We also so look forward to all those people from around the world who at some stage during the past 20 years have served the Lord here short term or long term. There have been thousands of wonderful people over the years who have used their holidays, or years of their lives, to come and help us here with whatever needed to be done. Each person, with their own unique skills, has complimented the team here with skills we don't poses and therefor have made the workload for us so much more bearable and easier. If any of you are still interested to join us for this spectacular celebration, please contact us on visit@livingwatersvillage.com so that arrangements can be made. We would love to see you here.



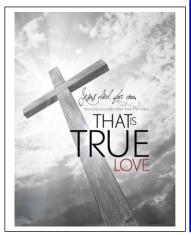


Child Update Cards:

Everybody who has sponsored one or more of our children / youth for longer than one year should by now have received an update of their child/youth either via email or snail mail. There is an enormous amount of work that goes into getting these updates readied and sent. Thanks to a wonderful team of missionaries and other volunteers, all of the updates were done. If for whatever reason you didn't receive an update of your sponsor child/youth please do contact us on sponsor@livingwatersvillage.com and we will organize an update.

This April newsletter you are reading now is the first one after the covid years, sent by snail mail. Those people who have previously indicated to us via email or sms that they want to receive a digital copy of our newsletter have hopefully received that. All others have received a hard copy via snail mail. If you would like to receive a digital copy instead of a hard copy to help us lower our costs, please do contact us on news@livingwatersvillage.com and let us know.

Hiding your needs from God is ignoring the only one who can really help. God welcomes your honest prayers and wants to express your true feelings to Him. Any believer can become more honest in prayer by remembering that God is all-knowing and all-powerful and that His love is everlasting.



Often, we delay doing jobs for God that seem large, difficult, boring, or disagreeable. But to continue putting them off shows lack of discipline, poor stewardship of time, and, in some cases, disobedience to God. Jobs we don't enjoy require concentration, teamwork, twice as much time, lots of encouragement, and accountability. Remember this when you are tempted to procrastinate.



Our Jhos always ready to help.



Above: Foundations laid for 2 children's homes named Ruben & Zebulon. Below: Walls are built and the trusses are going up as I am writing this. 5 other homes are being built at the same time.



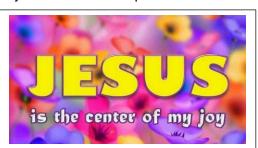
Building Progress:

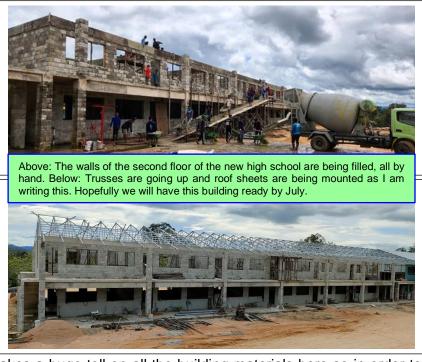
It has been a very productive 3 months to say the least. I don't think that we have ever had such busy months like this before. We started up so many new projects, that at one stage I thought I had over-done it a little this time. But we really didn't have much choice because we were running out of space fast. More and more children and youth have been arriving filling up all our available accommodation hence we started to build seven more children's homes. All our hundreds of youth and fulltimers have been helping our workers every Saturday with digging out trenches for foundations, making steel casings, helping with pouring concrete, making concrete blocks and so much more. All of them, male and female have been learning lots of building skills and are becoming very skillful in it. On top of that they are actually quite enjoying doing it all even though it is hard work. It's great to see our youth wanting to help out, and doing it with a great attitude and thanking God for the opportunities. We are very proud of them all.

The 12 class room double-story high school block was already started a while ago but a lot of progress has been made in the last few months. As you can see the trusses and roof are going up and it won't be too long before we can start using this building. One of the main features of this building will be that it will have our very first science class in

it, fitted with all the required tools and gadgets for an A1 science class.

The massive renovation project for our primary school is on track and should be finished for the start of the new school year this July. Extra class rooms have been built to accommodate for students. We contemplating what play equipment to buy or build. The tropical weather here





takes a huge toll on all the building materials here so in order to have something lasting it will require a bit more research than usual. Any help from anyone is much appreciated. In the back of our primary school we have incorporated a children's-home which we have named "Maria house". This house will be home to 8 children with as house parents our Busno and Mona who are doing a great job. Maria house functions also as caretakers for the primary school, making sure it is safe and well looked after.

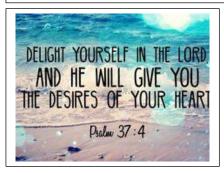
If you are letting a desire for recognition, craving for power, or love of money rule your life, you may find yourself besieged by enemies – stress, anxiety, illness, fatigue. Keep God at the center of your life, and you will have the power you need to fight these destroyers.

We have started with the double-story storage building opposite the training center which will also have 4 staff houses built under it. However, in order for us to start the actual foundations we had to work on the massive slope adjacent to it first. Lots of galvanized mesh cages had to be built from the bottom in the valley step wise to the top of the sloop, all pinned in the ground with huge iron wood poles which were rammed in the ground with the excavator or even by hand in certain places. This building is definitely going to take a few years to build but praise God the beginning has been made.





(Yuru Jonah (Yunus) house is finally finished and what a blessing this home has turned out to be. Our Charles & Ketura with their 2 children have agreed to move from their location behind the training center to this new location. All the children they already had in their previous house moved with them and we gave them a few extra



children on top of that. They now have 24 children and youth in their home. The house is located close to the workshop which is a wonderful blessing for those living in Mark's house and Mikha's house located around the workshop. These 3 homes are located on one side of our huge property while most of the others are all located on the opposite

side of the property, quite a distance away.

Six more diesel

fuel tanks have arrived and an undercover storage area has been made for this adjacent to the other six fuel tanks. All in all we now have twelve diesel storage tanks holding 10.000 liters each which means in total of 120.000 liters. It will take a while to get these all filled because it is rather difficult to purchase diesel and it costs a lot of extra money to do so. This gives us six months of supply of diesel storage which is vital in these parts of the world where fuel availability is so unpredictable.



An undercover area has also been built and finished for all our gas bottles, some 500 plus, for the same reason that it is difficult and unpredictable to buy at times. The undercover area also houses our petrol supply in drums of 220 liters (50 drums) which we require for all sorts of machines on the property.



Whenever we get away from God and His Word, all sorts of evil can follow. Our drifting away from God may be slow and almost imperceptible, with the ultimate results affecting a future generation. We must continually call our nation back to God and work toward the establishment of God's moral and spiritual reign in the heart of every person.



We often wish we could escape troubles – the pain, of grief, loss, sorrow, and failure, or even the small daily frustrations that constantly wear us down. God promises to be close to the brokenhearted and to be our source of power, courage, and wisdom, helping us through our problems. Sometimes He chooses to deliver us from those problems. When trouble strikes, don't get frustrated with God. Instead, admit that you need God's help and thank Him for being by your side.





Our Difta on her way to school in the canoe during flood season. Mum and dad are church-planters.

Church planting endeavors:

Just recently we had all our own church-planters come for a few days of fellowship to our village. It was a great time together where we were able to encourage each other, hear from each other, and bless each other. Our board revealed a number of new challenges for them all to help everyone to

understand where our vision for church planting is heading. In September 2017 God gave me a dream in which I believe He clearly said to me that Living Waters Village would be a "Gateway for 1000 churches" in the interior of Borneo. I am not much of a numbers person at all but I understand this number to mean



Our Mikha baptizing one of the new converts from the Uud Danum tribe.

that it's "a lot of churches" to be planted and not just a few. To me it meant that we need to think big, dream big as our God is an Almighty God able to do anything. He has certainly proved himself here with Living Waters Village that He is very able. Since there are

still many tribes and villages here in Borneo not reached yet with the Gospel, we need to speedily get the job done. Hence, we started our own Bible College so that more and more people can be trained up to be church-planters. Our church-planters are positioned in various regions now, living there with the tribal people where they are confronted every day with real tribal people's issues. The local witch-doctors are



Our church-planter Tijar teaching worship in a new church amongst the Matee tribe.

usually the ones who deal with those issues by using their magic and superstitions. Now however, because our guys are living amongst them, people are drawn to them and are shown scripture which shows how to deal with those issues, followed by praying for them and with them. As a result, many tribal people from many different tribes are coming to Christ this way and many are being water baptized.



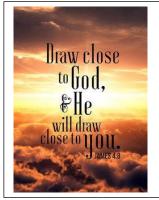
Our church-planter Tobik together with the older generation in the church in Entawak.



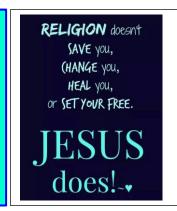
Our church-planter Elvi teaching the local children to trust in the Lord.

In our fast-paced world, friends come and go, and circumstances change. It's difficult to find a solid foundation that will not change. Those who devote their lives to achievements, causes or possessions have as their security that which is finite and changeable. The possessions we work so hard to obtain will all pass away. But God is always present. Hope in Him. He will never fail.





Our culture often glorifies the young and strong and sets aside those who are older. Yet older people are filled with the wisdom that comes with experience. They are very capable of serving if given the chance and should be encouraged to do so. Believers are never allowed to retire from God's service. Those past retirement age should not assume that age disqualifies or excuses them from serving God.





Going to church service. No canoes available that day yet determined to get to church to share God's Word.

Our aim is to train up hundreds more churchplanters, young and old, and send them to other remote regions where the Gospel has not been preached yet so that those tribes will also be able to hear the Gospel message and decide for themselves if they want to receive Christ or not. Please pray with us that the Lord will give us much wisdom how to keep unfolding this vision of training up multitudes of church-planters who will plant multitudes of churches in numerous regions here. Our focus must remain sharp and our faith activated even more so than ever before, so that we will achieve those goals set before us by the Lord.



Our church-planter Yakob with some of the congregation in Koli, tribe Mate.



Our Abraham & Lydia (above) together with their two children, Ara & Asa, are now also our church-planters. They left our village a few months ago and are living now in a village called Kubang which is in Central Kalimantan amongst the Uud Danum tribe. They are doing a fantastic job there. They lived here a long time in our village where they learnt a lot of leadership skills which is helping them greatly now. We miss them enormously but we are very proud of them and know that the Lord will use them in a wonderful way there to bring many souls into His Kingdom.



Our church-planters Sabli & Jamal with some of their congregation in Sabang.



Taking time for reflection allows us to focus our attention upon God's goodness and strengthens our faith. Sometimes we are so progress- and future-oriented that we fail to take time to recall all that God has already done. REMEMBER what God has done for you so that you may move ahead with gratitude.

To be truly heroic, we must go into battle each day in our home, job, church, and society to make God's Kingdom a reality. Our weapons are the standards, morals, truths and convictions we receive from God's Word. We will lose the battle if we gather the spoils of earthly treasures rather than seeking the treasures of heaven.

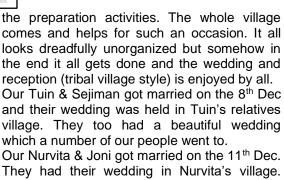


Our BIG family keeps on growing.

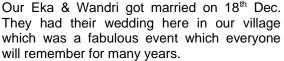
There has been a lot of activity in our large family in the last few months.

Our Wiwit & Otorio got married on 4th Dec in their village quite a long way from our village. Some of us went to the wedding which took us a whole day riding through the jungle on our motorbikes. The weather was atrocious and we were all drenched and cold when we arrived in their village but once we had a shower and a strong cup of coffee and a plate of rice, vegetables and what I think was meat we quickly recovered and started to enjoy all





They had their wedding in Nurvita's village. This wedding also was wonderful and no doubt will be remembered for a very long time.



Our Tini & Elto got married on the 28th Dec. They got married in Tini's village and enjoyed a fabulous celebration. A number of our people went to their village to celebrate with them.

Our Joyce & Benni got married on the 12th Feb here in our village. This wedding too was wonderful and everyone enjoyed all the festivities. It's fantastic how everyone helps out from little children to adults. All have a part to play in organizing a wedding here which makes it so much more memorable.

Our Miana & Jamal got married on the 3rd March. They too got married in Miana's village which was also far away. Some of our leaders went there for the wedding. They all had a fantastic time.

Our Elvi & Ansel got engaged on the 10th Dec here in our village. They have decided to get married a bit later on this

All these couples live here in our village







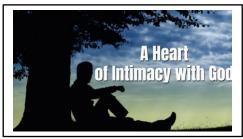






and all have responsibilities and are doing

a fantastic job. Our Jamal & Miana are church-planters and will leave soon to go back into the remote jungle to the area where they have planted a church. We are greatly blessed that all these couples have chosen to continue to serve God here. They are all a great blessing to our ministry. It's wonderful to see so many of our young people growing up and making a positive difference in this world, being a light in a world that desperately needs Jesus.



Anyone can trust God when the going is easy. It is when everything looks impossible that our faith and courage are put to the test. Have faith that God is great enough to tackle your most difficult situations.

This beautiful creek and waterfall is our northern border. A great place to cool off in the tropical heat.





We have been greatly blessed with quite a few new babies born in our village.

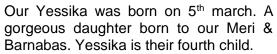
Our Hanna was born on 7th Dec. She is the beautiful daughter of our Heri & Adelin. Hanna is their second child.

Our Elvan was born on 8th Feb. Also a handsome son of our Budi & Belin. Elvan is their second child.

Our Yonah was born on 10th Feb. He is a

handsome son of our Daniel & Uci. Yonah is their 3rd child.

Our Ozzie was born on 16 Feb. A beautiful son born to our Eka & Wandri. Ozzie is their first child.



Our Nicholas was born on 15th March. Also a handsome son born to our Illintria and Prengky. Nicholas is their first child.

All babies and mums are doing wonderful. I can't thank the Lord enough for blessing us with all these beautiful additions to our family here. They quickly get use to lots of cuddles from so many family members here.



Our Nicholas.













Left: Some of our young boys loving to help with unloading the trucks with lots of goods and materials such as, milo, milk, buckets, sewing machines, trusses, plastic containers, bedding, towels, beds, mesh, mosquito screens, tools, and lots more building materials. Thank you everyone who made this possible. You are a blessing.

Conceit or pride in our own accomplishments should be a danger signal to us. God is not against our taking pleasure or finding satisfaction in what we do; He is against arrogance and inflated self-esteem that looks down on others. We must acknowledge God as the basis and source of our life.





Our youth and children love to rejoice and worship the Lord with everything they have. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live. I will praise my God to my last breath! May all my thoughts be pleasing to Him. Psalm 104:33-34a



Some of our children praying for a baby in hospital and providing money to pay the medical bill.



Our Diaconia ministry (reaching out to the poor, old, sick and vulnerable) keeps a number of our people very busy. Each Friday we fast the evening meal and with that money we go out and help the poor with food parcels, medicines, money for medical treatments etc. Each week different children and youth from our village go with several of our leaders to hospitals, clinics and various villages to visit the poor, elderly and the sick and pray for them as well as hand out various goods. It is important to teach our children from an early age how to love others and to share what we have been blessed with every day, even if it means to give up a meal so that others too can eat and/or receive medical treatment.



Our Pastor Toher together with some of our children doing hospital visits to pray for the sick and to contribute to the patient's medical bill. Often people have to sell the possessions or take up a loan to pay for their hospital bills.

If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. 1Cor 13:3-7.

Frequently asked question:

How do I leave something to LWV in my Will? It is best to contact your legal advisor, solicitor or the Public Trust Office or its equivalent in your own country, on how to do this.

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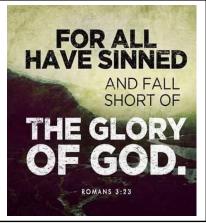
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Our book "Miracle Zone in the jungles of Borneo" is available now in many countries. Please visit our website to find out how you can order and purchase via the internet. Makes a great oift for anyone





In order for our faith to survive, it must be practiced day by day. It must penetrate every aspect of our lives. Beware of starting out strong and then getting sidetracked from your real purpose which is, loving God and living for Him.





Graduations:

In the last few months, we have seen a number of our students graduate with top marks. Our Susi, Sabli, Weni and Yupi all graduated with a Bachelor of Theology. Our Alny and Sudiyana both graduated in nursing and our Bella graduated in midwifery. We are very proud of their achievements. Susi is helping us now with her administration skills in various area's as well

as other responsibilities. Our Sabli and Weni are in the interior helping with planting

Our Sabli.

churches. Our Yupi is helping out teaching at our school and Sudiyana, Alny and Bella are helping out with our medical needs and helping at our school. All of these fantastic young people love the Lord, have a great attitude and have embraced the vision for the ministry here in Borneo and as a result are eager to help in whatever way is needed. A huge thank you to all those people who have been sponsoring these youngsters throughout their lives. Your wonderful input is helping them to reach their full potential in God.







Financial support:

A huge thank you to everyone who sends us child/youth or personal sponsorships or financial gifts for specific things or for where most needed. Every gift, regardless of the amount is a tremendous blessing to us. We can't thank you enough for your incredible faithful support for the Lord's work here. You are all such a blessing. If you require an acknowledgement of your gift, please let us know as often we do not receive the full name and address details of who has given the gift, due to bank rules and confidentiality & privacy laws.

Is God your last resort? So much unnecessary suffering takes place because we don't call on God until we have used up all other resources. Rather than waiting until the situation becomes desperate, turn to God first. He has the necessary resources to meet every kind of problem.



Have you recently moved and NOT let us know your new address and/or email address yet? Please email us on ronnyheyboer@gmail.com to let us know your new address.
Thank you in advance.

Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

Luke 1:46b-47

Let's give Jesus thanks together

- All the babies that have been born during the past few months. Each delivery went well without any complications which we have been praying for. Thank you Lord.
- For all the couples that tied the knot in the past few months. A great blessing and for the growth of our ministry too.
- For all the gifts that came in to help us buy all the towels we needed, bowls, plates, cups, matrasses, pillows and bunk beds. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these needs. You are a blessing.



Our Dika harvesting some peanuts.

- For a fruitful ministry trip to Singapore and the USA.
- For all the visitors that have come in the past few months to bless us with their help in various aspects of our ministry here. All have been a tremendous help.
- For the safe arrival of more truckloads of urgent building materials and food supplies.
- We thank the Lord for 4 more industrial sewing machines which were desperately needed as the old ones were becoming beyond repair. This will help our sewing room immensely getting all the school uniforms and other clothing ready for all the new children that keep coming in. These machines were a gift from a number of people who sent in donations. A huge thank you to you all. What a blessing.

We wish you all a blessed Easter. May we always remember the enormous. sacrifice Jesus made for us because of His incredible love for us. May we continue to celebrate his presence and influence in this world and help spread his mandate to reach this generation of souls with the Gospel message of love and salvation.

Please pray with us:

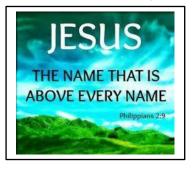
- > Please pray with us for all the preparations for LWV 20th anniversary. A huge amount of extra work goes into such a celebration. All of our people are already always busy with the day to day running of this place hence a lot of wisdom and extra energy is required for all the preparations of this feast.
- > For our pregnant mums, Rosie, Mona, Joyce, & Tini for an enjoyable pregnancy and uncomplicated birth.
- For the safety for all our children, workers, full-timers, missionaries and families.
- > For all the new children & youth that have arrived in the past few months, that they will settle in well and quickly get used to how things run here. They all need to make a lot of adjustments coming from their villages or the jungle to our village.
- For our year 12 students who have finished high school by the time you receive this newsletter. Some will be leaving us but most will stay on and attend our Bible College or will attend tertiary education somewhere in the country to become teachers, nurses, mechanics, administrators, legal professionals etc.
- For all the exams that will take place shortly at our schools and Bible College.
- For an anointed and blessed ministry trip to Australia from 27th May till 27th June.
- Time has come to replace 4 of our 8 generators. These generators are such a blessing by giving us electricity 24 hours a day. Four generators are running on the property all the time due to the enormous size of our terrain. As more and more buildings are added to our power grid more electricity is required. Once our generators reach a certain age, usually about 8-10 years, it costs more to do major repairs on them then to buy new ones. Hence, we need to replace 4 urgently. If we order them today it will still take 4-6 months before they reach our place. Each 100KVA generator costs us app US\$33,605. - hence for 4 generators it will cost US\$134,420. -



Our Yanto doing a wonderful job refuelling our generators every day. He also looks after our springs and dams.

Please pray with us that the Lord will organize this amount quickly so that we can order these vital machines.

- For all the plots of land that we believe the Lord still wants us to have in order to safeguard the future of our borders.
- Funds to arrive for a large pick-up truck to carry goods. Urgently needed. US\$31,791. -
- Funds to arrive for a small truck to carry goods. Costs approx.: US\$23,524. -
- For continued favor with the many government departments, we have to deal with including police, army, immigration, customs, education department, healthcare department, and many more.





Our Tian, Leo & Calvin just finished prayer meeting.

The Spirit of **God who** raised Jesus from the dead lives in you.

Rom 8:11.