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Dear Co-laborers,

Anyone who has been involved in Vacation Bible School knows it requires much preparation and work. However, the overwhelming joy we experienced from our recent Vacation Bible Schools made all the hard work worthwhile. This year we probably held the most Vacation Bible Schools we have ever held—with eight different locations including Jakarta, Central Java, and Bali. It required much coordination since the children are only on break from school for two to three weeks.

Four of our churches in Solo, Central Java brought their children together for a combined VBS, and three of our churches in Semarang had their children gather at the church with the largest building for their VBS. The children from the mountain church outside the city of Semarang traveled two hours every morning to attend and another two hours back home every afternoon. However, their enthusiasm kept them coming every day! The theme for our VBS's in Central Java was *Camp Moose* and the Bible lessons were based on the life of Peter.

Several of our churches in Jakarta invited smaller churches and missions near them to attend their VBS's. The theme for our Vacation Bible Schools in Jakarta and Bali was *Big Fish Bay*. These lessons were on the life of Jonah and emphasized God's mercy.

It brought great joy to my heart to see the teachers in each area add their own creativity to make their VBS come alive for the children. The children enjoyed singing the songs, listening to the lessons, playing the games, making crafts, participating in the Bible quiz, and watching the daily puppet play. The children didn't want VBS to end.



VBS Semarang, Central Java



Four professions of faith

The VBS's had a combined total of over 400 with 24 professions of faith, including one father. Please pray that our Sunday School attendance will increase and those who made professions of faith will grow in the Lord. Thank you so very much for your prayers and continued support that made it possible for us to hold all these Vacation Bible Schools this year!

His for Indonesia,

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