

# Feunekes Flightpath



## The Journey continues...

We would like to wish you all a blessed Christmas and God's continued blessings in the New Year!

In this Muslim country that we live in, Christmas doesn't mean anything to the majority. It makes us feel sad when we think of so many people thinking that they have to earn their way to heaven and always feeling like they are coming up short. Please pray for the people here that they may also be able to share in the joy of Christ's birth. That it may actually mean something to them. That it may change their lives.

We live in and amongst (literally) people of the muslim faith and so

when they have a special holiday or celebration we are privileged to witness it first hand. The first one we witnessed was the month of Ramadan. During this month the people fasted from sun up until



Our family at Snow World!

sun down. That meant no drinking, eating or smoking during this time. Out of respect we refrained from eating or drinking in public. Every morning at about 2:30 the mosques would call out to wake everyone up to eat their last meal of the day.

Some would go back to sleep after eating, others, like one of our helpers, would just stay up. This was a month of fatigue for many people. The whole point is to deny yourself to

strengthen your faith and hopefully atone for your sins of the previous year. The month ended with Idul Fitri. On this the last day of fast, at 6:00, there was much celebration and beating of drums and calling out. This continued along with fireworks for many hours. At about 4:00 am it was finally over. That first day and the next week or so was a time of relaxation and visiting with family and friends and eating lots and lots of cake.

## Special points of interest:

Christiaan is finally getting a new tooth in the front! The baby tooth was pulled out almost 3 years ago!

Aidan is still eagerly awaiting his first loose tooth.

Originally the Dutch wanted the city of Bandung to be the centre of the country. The Parijs Van Java...

Bandung is best known for the good food and cheap clothing outlets...

In October we went to Snow World, an ice sculpture exhibit, at the big mall here. Many people wanted their photo taken with our kids—real people from the land of the snow!

The Indonesian government officially recognizes 6 different religions.

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## The Kidz...

Mikah still loves grade 3 and reading. She is now the proud owner of 2 cute little turtles from Thailand. As of printing, they are still unnamed. Christiaan is picking up reading although a little slower than his classmates. But he is making progress. He also plays soccer after school twice a week. Aidan has discovered the joy of col-

ouring and drawing pictures. This has helped improve his writing skills. He really loves to go to school everyday and playing with his buddy Jalen. Marc continues to keep the pembantus hopping by, for example, locking himself in mom and dad's bedroom. He absolutely loves mangoes and eats one a day. He also loves

to play with his good friends Kaya and Cayden. Brynnie can now walk! And she definitely knows where she wants to go. She loves to walk up to the top of our gong and visit with the people up there. There is a little girl whose parents have a warung (tiny shop) up there and she and Brynnie have made friends.

# What are the big kids up to?



Hugo and Erica are well into the swing of school. We are now in Unit 3! Yippee! Only six more to go after this one! We are in school every morning from 8:00-12:00. We also have questions that we have to ask people and report on their answers the next day. These questions often stimulate conversation and we are learning a lot about the Indonesian culture through this. It's amazing how many things are dif-

ferent right down to the tiniest details. It is very interesting to be learning this culture and language while immersed in it. Our neighbours speak no English so each day we are forced to use the language we have acquired so far. We are very thankful to have good neighbours who love to ngobrol-ngobrol (chit-chat) with us. They are always very interested in the way we do things too.

We are still enjoying attending the GKIm church and are now able to understand more and more of the sermons each week. Hugo also regularly attends the bi-monthly prayer evenings.

We are still enjoying our helpers. They are two really fun ladies who take great care of us. We've been able to have some really good conversations with them about culture and faith.



Mikah trying to eat kroepoek without using her hands Brynnie at a birthday party with our neighbour.

## Praise and Prayer:

Praise for the continued support, letters, and emails from back home.

Praise for being able to acquire language and new friends.

Praise for the kids adjusting well and Christiaan's equipment functioning well.

Pray for continued safety and good health.

Pray for us that we may witness to those around us who are lost.

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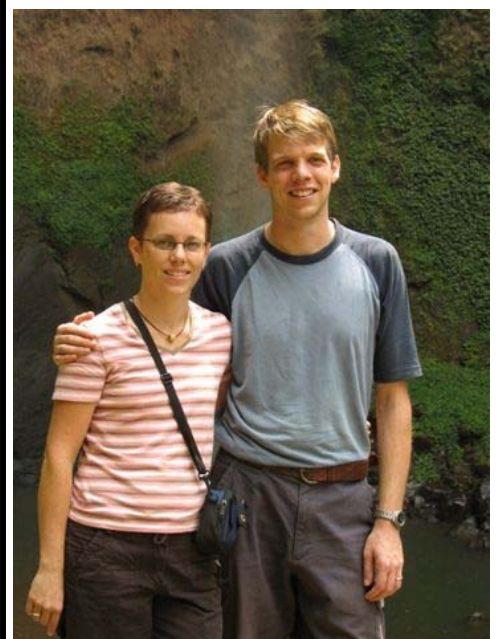
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Hugo and Erica at a waterfall.