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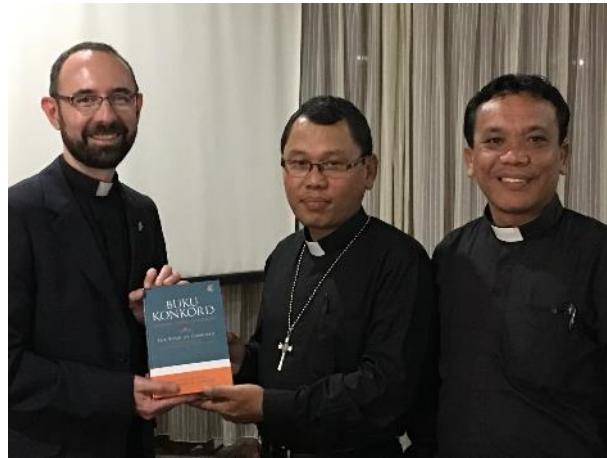
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I sat across the table from the Chief Editor and the head of Theological Books, wondering what I'd gotten myself into. The city was Jakarta, Indonesia, and the calendar read October 2014. I'd only been in-country for a year and a half, but I was joined by Pastor Eben Ezer Aruan of the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (GKLI), who served as my translator. We had come to the offices of BPK, a Christian publishing house (yes, there is such a thing even here) to negotiate with them to fulfill a need in this country.

Since we first started interacting in earnest with the GKLI, they've been telling us that they needed the Lutheran Confessions in a language their pastors could understand. The LCMS had worked with others some years ago to make it happen, but all those copies had run out many years before. In fact, most of the current GKLI pastors had never read the Confessions before, and certainly didn't have their own copy. So we set out to do what we could to assist.

Because there isn't a great deal of interest in the Lutheran Confessions among the general population of Indonesia, the publishing house needed us to fund and buy out the entire print run if they were going to produce this book. But once again, our Lord and His Church shocked me with what they could accomplish using His gifts. The congregations and members of the LCMS gave generously, and we were able to fund the whole run of 3,000 copies of the Book of Concord in the Indonesian Language. What an incredible gift for us to give to the Christians in this country.



The first copies of *Buku Konkord* are presented to the GKLI Bishop and General Secretary in Medan

receive these books, and as they're asking how they can learn more and get a copy for their friends. Please pray that the faithful, Scriptural teachings of the Book of Concord will reach many in this country, pointing them to the gifts that our Lord gives in His Word: forgiveness, life, and salvation.



The Ferry kids take delivery of a roomful of copies of the Book of Concord, the Lutheran Confessions

It took many months of back-and-forth with the publishing house, but the project finally came to fruition this month when the truck pulled up in my driveway, and we took delivery of all 3,000 copies of *Buku Konkord*, the Book of Concord in Indonesian. They look great, and they include introductions by both the GKLI bishop, and our own President Matthew Harrison. We're already making plans to host a workshop in May where we'll teach for several days about the book itself and the Confessions it contains, and each participant will have their own copy to take home. And we're making them available, giving copies to people of several different Protestant church bodies here who are interested and want to learn more.

I cannot say "Thank you" enough to all of you who helped make that happen, nor to all of you who are allowing us to live and work here so we can take part in things like this. You should see the way so many faces light up when they





# Ferry Family Update

One of the Ferry kids got a little older and bigger this month. Cassandra celebrated her third birthday in the early part of the month, and got to visit an Indonesian bakery to pick out her cake. It wasn't what we would know as cake, but was more of a caramelized texture, almost like a hard gelatin. Cassie loved it; she's celebrated all of her birthdays in Indonesia!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Another worker to be raised up to help with the efforts here.*
- *Smooth renewal of our residence permits, already in progress.*
- *The Asia Region as we await our new Regional Director to be appointed.*

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *The ability to communicate with colleagues and loved ones via technology.*
- *Safety and assistance provided by our security officers.*
- *So many friends and partners joining us in this work from afar.*

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Left: Daddy and Carissa sing with the family, wishing Cassandra a happy third birthday.



Above: Caleb helps to manage the household by burning trash, under the watchful eye of one of our security officers.

Left: Chloe smiles proudly showing you how big she's getting!

God bless all of you for your continued friendship, support, and love..

- Your Servants and partners in Indonesia, the Ferry Family  
Charles, Cheryl, Caleb, Caitlin, Carissa, Cassandra, and Chloe