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News Brief

- We are settling into our new home in Salatiga, Indonesia, on the island of Java, for a year of language school.
- Our first unit of Bahasa Indonesia language studies is already complete! Only 8 to go...
- Every 2-3 weeks, we send a brief email update to our prayer team. **Email us at jtoews@maf.org to be added to the list!**
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“...If I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast.” - Psalm 139:9-10 (NIV)

“**W**hat are we doing?” The question has crossed our minds countless times over the past few months as we packed up our earthly belongings, said good-bye to our life in the States, boarded the plane, and transplanted our little family to the tropical island of Java. Our former life in America seems like a very distant memory amidst the constant deluge of unfamiliarity that daily inundates our senses. Even the simplest tasks must be re-learned, from driving on the left side of the road, to preparing meals with different ingredients, to basic communications in a new language.



Preparing to serve in
Kalimantan, Indonesia with



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Continually confronted by our own limitations, we've begun to recognize with new perspective both the urgency and beauty of complete dependence on our strong and loving heavenly Father. As Psalm 139 reminds us, the same God who brought us to “the far side of the sea” is with us still, guiding our every step and holding us securely. He loves every one of us so much that He gave His son Jesus to reconcile people to Himself from every tribe and nation to enjoy the abundant life only He can offer. Our desire is to demonstrate that love using aviation to meet physical and spiritual needs of people in the forgotten corners of the Earth. God hasn't forgotten them. That's why we're here.

In His hands,
The Toews Family



Who needs a playground when you have tropical downpours?



“Home Sweet Home” for our year of language studies in Salatiga



Mt. Merbabu, a 10,300' volcano, dominates the local horizon.

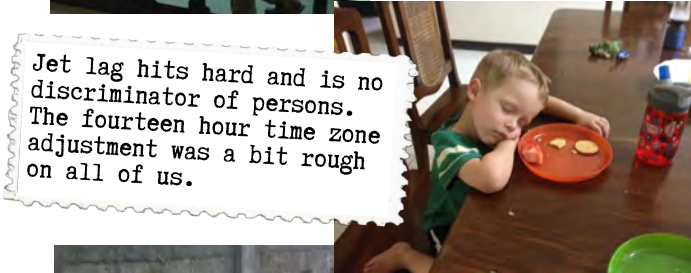
The Last 3 Months in Pictures



In Taipei, checking out our ride to Jakarta. Joel's new word of the day: "Jumbo-Jet."



Three crates, meticulously packed and inventoried with all our earthly belongings, are ready to ship! We'll see them again when we arrive in Borneo at our long-term assignment after our year of language school on the island of Java.



Jet lag hits hard and is no discriminator of persons. The fourteen hour time zone adjustment was a bit rough on all of us.

Saying good-bye to the only life we've known as a couple and as a family was one of the hardest things we've done. We miss you, Spokane!



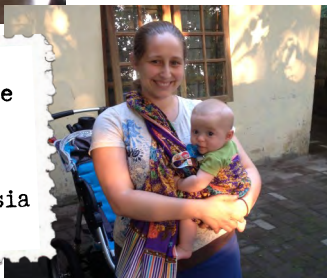
Connor coaching Joel on the finer points of operating the new family scooter. They are thriving on all the new adventures that life in Indonesia has to offer.

Our two Indonesian house helpers, Ibu Santi and Ibu Kusni, have been life-savers. They watch the boys while we're at school each morning and the boys love "helping" them work, especially if it involves watermelon!



Ryan accompanied us to language school one day. Thankfully, the teachers didn't seem to mind that he slept through class.

Ready for our afternoon walk. Three little, blonde boys never fail to draw plenty of attention and opportunities to hone our rudimentary Bahasa Indonesia conversation skills.



Praise God for...

- The arrival of our Indonesian visas, three days before our departure
- Safe, uneventful travels to Salatiga, Indonesia, our home for the coming year
- Completion of our first unit (out of 9) of Bahasa Indonesia language school!

Thanks for praying with us for...

- Rest. Life has been non-stop since we arrived here, and we are exhausted.
- Continued language acquisition and relationship building in our community
- Grace and patience for ourselves and for each other as we acclimate to the realities of life in a developing nation

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"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Luke 10:2 (ESV)