

MISSION: INDONESIA!

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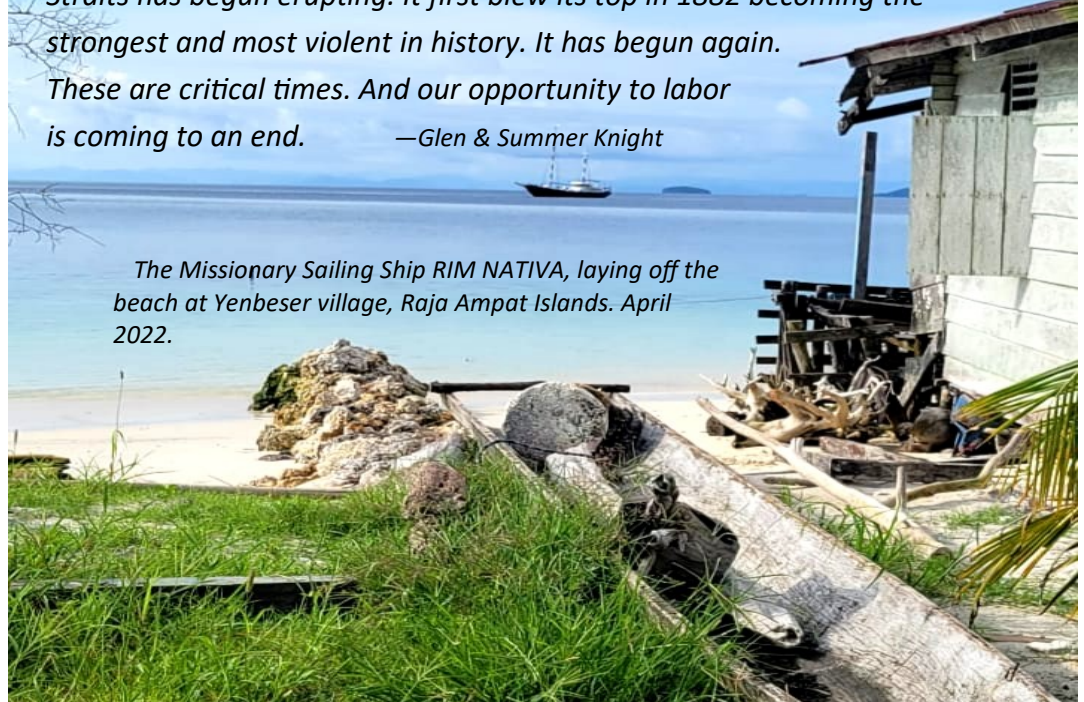


Ship's Log: 0.876 S, 131.2558 E Westward Bound —Glen Knight

The 19th Century naturalist, Alfred Russel Wallace, famed for his contribution to the emerging theories of evolution, (Darwin actually plagiarized part of his work) explored Indonesia between the years, 1854 to 1862. He was the first to theorize the principle of what has become known as "Plate Tectonics." And while Darwin caught society's attention with his theoretical writings, Wallace was laughed to scorn for his research and conclusions. Not surprisingly, Darwin has been debunked time and again for lack of genuine evidence but Wallace has been proven in regards to continental drift. The photos on this page are of the village, Yenbeser in Raja Ampat. Alfred Russel Wallace lived here for six weeks in 1860, taking samples of the local flora and fauna, in particular the Bird of Paradise, as this is the only place in the world where the specie lives. It is beyond interesting to me to see this. But our purpose in being here is not to merely see rare sites and to study history. It is to minister the Word of God to the people who are here today. We have a greater message to share with this part of our world than that of Wallace! Where we go from here will present many more opportunities to look into the past to see places and things that have influenced the world for centuries. As I write these words, the famous volcano Krakatoa in the Sunda Straits has begun erupting. It first blew its top in 1882 becoming the strongest and most violent in history. It has begun again. These are critical times. And our opportunity to labor is coming to an end.

—Glen & Summer Knight

The Missionary Sailing Ship RIM NATIVA, laying off the beach at Yenbeser village, Raja Ampat Islands. April 2022.



Ministry Scenes: West Papua, Indonesia



An elderly Papuan woman graciously receives a copy of the Bible in her language. Mila helps to welcome her.

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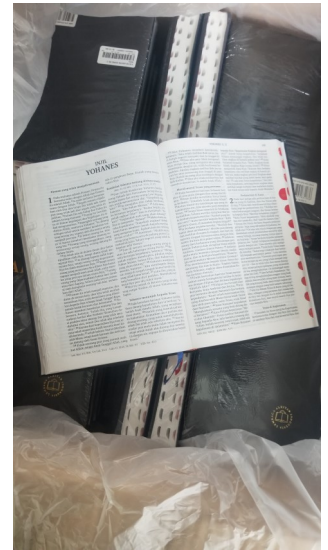
The search for vernacular Bibles has been difficult and with so few people here speaking English, the need is mandated to procure the Alkitab version. The photo at the right shows a few of those we bought. We're thankful to be able to place copies of God's Word into eager hands and pray they will use them. I am immediately aware that many more will be needed in months to come.

We brought 100 of the Bahasa Audio Bibles with us when we came to Indonesia back in January. These, furnished by FISH MINISTRY and Pastor W.A. Dillard, have been a tremendous asset to us. I am thankful we had them and have found that they are popular among the younger people. The supply has been exhausted...PTL!



Pulling our heart strings, a mother and her little girl peer up at us from their boat along side of NATIVA. Notice the stack of Bibles in her hands, each one designated for her mother and father, her husband and other family members. The little doll in the child's arms looks just like the little girl herself! That doll and several others were sent to us through my cousin, Jane Knight Byers. This mother was among many people on the boat that called at our ship that day. She is from Pulau Soop, (Soop Island) near the Port of Sorong. We have visited and carried on ministry there and will have more of a report to make about it soon.

We were able to find a limited supply of the Bahasa Bibles at the local book shop. We purchased as many as we could while there, a total of 160 copies. Additional copies are available which I will buy as well, however that will deplete the supply altogether in this area. We must be able to procure other copies in the near future inasmuch as the ones we purchased have already been placed. In one village alone, we had a request for 261 Bibles. The photo at the right shows a young Papuan teen and his mother. He gladly accepted one of the Bahasa audio Bibles as you can see.



"We give, expecting nothing in return. We go, sacrificing our own safety and leisure for certainly, both are in small quantity when living on the ocean. We envision. We plan. We change plans. We sometimes remain still for extended periods that we may know what move to make. All the while, we love those around us and help them as we can. We miss our homes and families but there is a larger family." —gk

Happiness is The Lord!

I well remember the little song we used to sing as kids and teens, "HAPPINESS IS THE LORD..." and can't help but recall it when seeing the faces of our fellow believers in West Papua, Indonesia. The photos here will surely bring a smile to your face as you see what I'm talking about. One of the things we so often do in these remote, far-flung places of the world is to help churches in their ministries. Many do not have copies of the Bible in their languages that may be given to the families and communities. It is our job to secure such copies as are needed and to deliver them for use. The joy on these faces is a reflection of thanks.



We have lately received an offering from South Crossett MBC, Crossett, Arkansas for the purchase of Bibles. I bought the first 100 copies during the second week of April. Within only a few days, we have placed half of those purchased. No doubt, the others will also be given very soon. With our voyaging in Indonesia beginning and our plans to cross this largest island nation in the world, we will need more help both for Bibles and for fuel.

The man in the photo to the right is our friend and fellow Christian, Sagurea. He and his family live in the area and cross the bay often where we are anchored. It is our great joy to help them and their church on Pulau Dom. Soon, however we will sail far from this anchorage. We will not forget these people. We pray to have been a blessing to them.

But the distant horizon is calling to us and there are many others who are awaiting our arrival. We will depart West Papua in May, as God permits. We're eager to know what lies ahead but must deal with our visa status for Indonesia and that requires a departure. Thank you for your prayers for these friends we leave behind.



"They drift slowly passed the ship every day. Some are far too shy to approach even when we beckon for them. And many, perhaps out of curiosity alone will pause for a long stare then carry on. The ship is odd to them, being out of fashion from the occasional luxury yacht that anchors in the harbor and at the same time, she's not the same as their native phinisi. Then aboard, even more odd, are the people. And it isn't only the racial difference. It's The Spirit that distinguishes. We are missionaries."

—Sailing Indonesia, glen knight



"The joy in these faces is a reflection of thanks!"



A young Papuan with her little brother smile sweetly at the things we shared with her family.

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...Reaching people on the edge!



The Making of Missionaries...

People aren't just born missionaries. Missionaries are made. The desire to become such usually begins as a mere spark of interest. And many things there are, that may serve as that spark. Perhaps it is a photo, or a plea somehow heard from far away, or a visit to some part of the world that challenges the imagination. Then there could be that reality that personal fulfillment is lacking and particular talents are going unused. Missionary service may be short or long term, but whichever it is, there is nothing like it. Changes come and one is never the same again. Missionary service may begin in youth or in middle or even in old age and I will tell you from experience, there is nothing more exciting in the world!



Closing Thoughts: The Journey Ahead

—Glen Knight

The view from the bridge of NATIVA has us looking southwest at this time. We have spent five months in West Papua Regency, taking care of necessary repair and maintenance on the ship and making surveys of the area islands but now it's time to move on. The visas we were granted are for a maximum of six months, after which time we are required to leave the country. We will sail for our home port once again by the third week of May. While there, plans will be made for returning to Indonesia to work among the Lesser Sunda Islands near Australia. We need your help and prayers. Our mailing address and that of our sending church are shown on the left margin above. You may contact us through email. We would love to hear from you and will reply as we can!

