

# Remote Island Ministries

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## MISSION: INDO-PACIFIC!

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Preparing to sail, crewman Stive of Indonesia helps bend on the main.

### Ship's Log: Bitung Harbor, North Sulawesi

—Glen Knight

OUR VOYAGE TO INDONESIA between June 26 and July 2, 2023, was good, with no complications. It isn't an easy thing to move a ship between two countries in the Indo-Pacific region, but by God's grace, we were able, once again to do it. Having been away from Indonesia for a year, and now returning, we encountered several changes in the maritime policies that regulate foreign vessels in their waters. At this writing, we're still working through some of the details. It looks like all will be well as we enter September. We are thankful for your prayers and generous support for the ongoing work of REMOTE ISLAND MINISTRIES.

WE ARE EXPERIENCING our first southeastern trade winds here in Indonesia, that for two months now have kept us on the western side of the Maluku Sea. I am slowly adjusting my way of sailing to the old rules that followed the trades. Our east to west and north to south movements will be determined accordingly. By early September we intend to sail for Ternate and remain to work in that area for several weeks before sailing south into the Banda Sea. We have contacts in that area who are awaiting our arrival, and apparently, our crewman, Kevin's wedding!

MANY THANKS go to those of you who have given special offerings to help us buy Bibles. Our current supply which is running low, will be replenished very soon, once we reach Ternate. There is a great opportunity of service there and we pray for an opening. Having a good supply of Bibles is a key to that. Thank you again and God bless you for helping us!

—Glen & Summer Knight, REMOTE ISLAND MINISTRIES, Indonesia





## Ministry Scenes from July & August



Eric and his wife are new friends. They own a small store in the village. We gave them Bibles and other things that they can pass along to their customers.

*"Friends are easily made out here. A wave of the hand and a smile are usually returned with eagerness."*



On one of our visits to Manado, this young man received two Bible story books about David. He began reading them immediately!

We shipped a load of English Bibles to our brethren in the Solomon Islands from the storage facility in Palau, prior to departure for Indonesia. The photo at the right shows the cartons with more than 900 copies, ready to be processed and sent off. Delivery will be in September.



The young boys in the photo to the left are school children in Kulu after classes one day. We shared Bible story books in Bahasa with them and encouraged them to learn about Jesus and believe in Him. They were eager and happy to receive the things we gave them.

Friends are easily made out here. A wave of the hand and a smile are usually always returned with eagerness. Waving at this lady and her husband, (photo on the next page, sidebar) was enough for them to turn their boat around and come for a visit. They were so surprised to find a warm welcome and Christian greetings from a foreign ship, laying in their tiny port. Our hope is to see them again soon and make some follow-up visits to encourage them in the faith of The Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you all for helping us help such lovely people!



Kindergarten children with the teacher in their classroom, welcomed us to come and pray with them. Bibles were given for their families and Bible story books for the kids were received with joy. School supplies and balls were also given to the teacher. This is a good way to help.

Pray for the children in this village that they will understand the simple story of the gospel and come to know Jesus. These little girls were given the story books. Look closely at the titles and see if you can understand the stories. This is Bahasa language.



*"What one does for others is usually forgotten in time by the doer. However, the recipient of the good deed will likely never forget, as there will always be some benefit realized that has lasting effect. Never fail to do what can be done, while there is an opportunity. Yours may be the greatest blessing in someone's life." —gk*



## Two months on and so much ahead!

The lights of Bitung Harbor, North Sulawesi, twinkle in the distance with the beautiful volcano in the background. This is a wind-blown anchorage, but a good one, otherwise. Here we have cleared into Indonesia and from here, we launch ourselves into the work.



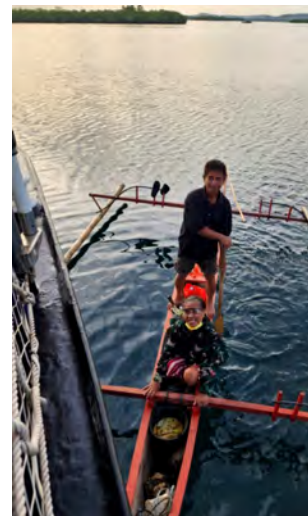
The fishing village, Munte, in North Sulawesi is a place where we have made some contacts. The people are very poor as you might guess and they are mostly Muslim. Compassion embraces all people alike and these, like so many others, respond to kindness.

It isn't unusual to find Christians and Muslims living as neighbors in North Sulawesi. The photo at the right shows three churches and one mosque. Obviously, the challenge faced in gospel ministry is to help people understand the difference between religion and a genuine relationship with God.



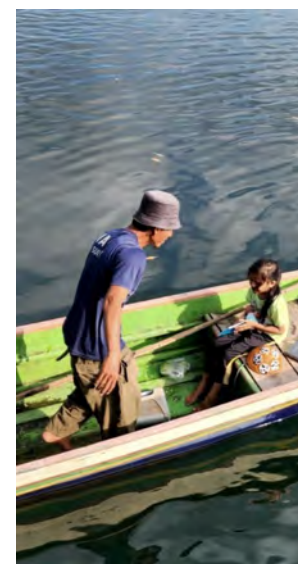
Two of our crewmen, Dimon and Alfian, arriving from the port on one of the water taxis, about to disembark onto NATIVA. We sailed away from the port within minutes of their arrival, and onward to our next destination.

Voyaging gives many hours of contemplation to all of NATIVA's personnel. The photo at the right shows one of the crewmen, sitting on the bulwark, portside bow, watching the sea ahead and no doubt, thinking of his family in Jakarta. Summer captured this moment from the bridge rail of the ship. We have a good crew and are thankful for each man. We had prayed for many years to one day, have such quality laborers to help us manage the ship. Thank you for praying for these men and for Summer and me. We all have big responsibilities and take our work very seriously. In September, we will reach Ternate Island.



This couple visited the ship recently and graciously received a Bible for their home. We will see them again soon!

*"Voyaging gives many hours of contemplation to all our personnel..."*



A father and his young daughter visited the ship one morning. The child was delighted to receive a little doll, a ball and Bible story books. A Bible was given to dad for his family.

*"We have sailed now for ten full years. In that time, I can account, in rough estimates, the distances laid down and I can tell you where the calms were as well as the storms. What I cannot tell you is how many lives, The Lord has touched through us along the way. That is a record, impossible to keep. Heaven will one day tell the story."* —Sailing RIM NATIVA, Glen & Summer Knight



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Fishermen in the mango estuary flats at Kulu, North Sulawesi. We made friends with many of these men and their families and shared things with them to make their lives a bit easier. Above all things shared, The Word of God was given. We pray it will flourish among them.

*...Reaching people on the edge!*



*A fishing boat and crew preparing nets for an outing.*

### Closing thoughts: On being content...

—Glen Knight

Contentment is one of the things we have always sought in the service of The Lord. Admittedly, it has rarely been easy to come by. Usually, it takes time and a lot of prayer and patience. It would often be easy to just get up and haul away. But it's best to wait and consider the purpose of the effort. It isn't odd that only in time, with retrospect, do we find that we were content and that helps us accept the difficulties that come, daily. One truly understands the statement of the Apostle Paul, "I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content." (Philippians 4:11) New work, in a new place has its challenges. But one thing is sure, God is always faithful. I'm content in that.



*"She will stand up. Drive her onward! The ship is meant for sailing. She's built strong and heavy. Her turn of speed isn't a fast one but then again, she's not made to go fast. She's made to go steady and to deliver her cargo and personnel safely to the destination. I have often thought, that if the earliest disciples had such a vessel, they would have made full use of her. So now, this is our time to do the same."*