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Fishers of Men

I have started my Fishers of Men classes in Singapore. I fly to Singapore each Friday afternoon and return on Monday afternoon. I have two FOM classes, and both are taught on Saturday. One class is with the Jurong church



of Christ, and the other is with the Lim Ah Pin congregation. This weekend will be their third week of instruction. The students are moving along in the training as well as expected. It is not unusual for the first four weeks to be somewhat of a "shock to the system" because the training is intense and requires a lot from each student. Due to their efforts this quarter, there will likely be some good one-on-one studies.

Melany has settled in with her initial responsibilities teaching the ladies. She has a special class on Sunday mornings for one and a half hours, and they come back the following Saturday for the practical project work. This schedule will continue for three more weekends. I am confident the sisters want her to continue teaching regular ladies' classes. Presently, they do not have a weekly lady's class. The picture above is her teaching the first class.

My schedule at the North Sulawesi School of Bible Studies (NSSBS) involves me teaching a course on Congregational Leadership Tuesday through Thursday for two hours each night. The students in my class are the second year, third year, and students who have already completed the three-year curriculum but have not graduated. They will officially graduate on November 18. Some members of the local Sawangan congregation are attending, too.

On Wednesday afternoon, I also teach a two-hour class entitled Congregational Development to all the students.

The students who have finished school are waiting on graduation day and have enrolled in a local university. This school accepts all of our school credits for three years, so they need only to take courses for ten months to receive a bachelor's degree in education and a teaching certificate. They will find jobs teaching school in their hometowns and preach the gospel to their local congregations. We continue to be excited about this situation after moving the school to Manado in December 2020 from Southern Sumatra.



Pictured are the seven students who have completed their three-year course studies. They are called “Skripsi” (meaning they have completed their undergraduate thesis but not officially graduated). They will each receive their diplomas during the graduation ceremony in November. Brother James Andrews from Huntsville, AL, and I will be the commencement speakers.



Student Profile:

Putra is one of our “Skripsi” students.

My name is Putrahmad Waruwu - I am 23 years old; I like music. I come from Sibolga North Sumatra. My home congregation is Pagaran Honas in Sibolga. I worked in a restaurant in Medan, North Sumatra, for one year before entering the Southern Sumatra Bible Academy, which moved and became the North Sulawesi School of Bible Studies (NSSBS). My decision to attend the school was the best decision I ever made for my future life. I chose to participate because I wanted to serve the Lord better. My goal is to live a victorious Christian life, be an example to others, and preach the gospel in my home village after I graduate in November, and receive my teaching certificate from a local university located in Manado near NSSBS.

Brethren, we thank you for all you do for us and this work. We appreciate your support and your prayers, and we pray always that God will be glorified.

Yours for the cause of Christ,
Barry and Melany Hatcher