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light the way

If someone forces you to go one mile,
go with him two miles.
Matthew 5:41

SURRENDER & GROW

WHAT DOES GOD HAVE IN STORE FOR 2017?

A growing family, a new mission.

After one year in the orphanage ministry, we have experienced nothing but God's faithfulness and goodness. As He calls us to extend our hand of love and mercy to distressed, abandoned and orphaned children, He stretches out His strong arm, His mighty hand, and wraps us in His loving embrace.

As we surrender to His will and trust Him to lead and provide, our Towdah family (Batam and Bintan) just keeps growing. But we are not concerned about numbers to boast about. This growth is about individual children, precious souls who have been sent to us for a purpose - to be rescued from destitution, to be transformed in His likeness, to be servant leaders who will light the way for others. We are keenly aware of the heavy responsibility given to each one involved in the ministry.

We are also preparing for a new mission—to launch a livelihood programme on some farmland on Bintan island and to help those in need with small loans to kickstart a business or livelihood such as fishing, goat farming, crop farming and even setting up a warung (food stall). Financial aid can only be a temporary measure to help someone out of a dire economic situation. It is our prayer that we can help the destitute to eventually stand on their own two feet, with dignity and a desire to stay committed to the work.



Pak Sani (in blue) and his unfinished fishing boat. He still needs a motor.



Our community hall cum farmhouse in Sebung (Bintan). We hope this place will bring people with farming skills together and encourage tourists who want to enjoy a farming experience. Farming on the land in Bintan will begin soon. Rainwater harvesting project (below left) spearheaded by an NUS Environmental Engineering student, Joshua (below, right).



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Towdah Orphanages: The Gift of Giving and of Thanksgiving

Christmas 2016 was a celebration of God's amazing provision as He opened doors for our Towdah homes to be more widely known in the Christian community in both Bintan and Batam. We were also blessed with gifts from both Singapore and the local community. They thrilled our kids and made them beam! It was such a pleasure to see them so happy (photos of Towdah Sinar Batam above).

Even as the children received the gifts, we reminded them to be grateful and to honour the real gift of Christmas, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We got our Towdah Uban kids to pack stationery and food (donated by a church small group) for those less fortunate than they so that they too could be a blessing and bring a smile to others. Ww give thanks also for the unwavering commitment of our houseparents, Bima, Titri, Suarman and Rus, from both homes and feel very blessed to have their faithful partnership.



MORE BLESSED TO GIVE: Packing stationery gifts for the needy children and distributing to the community in Uban.



FEED IN LOVE: Towdah Uban distributed 100 food packs (sample above) to the community.

FULL HOUSE: Coming together as ONE family with our 4 houseparents and 34 beautiful children.



CHRISTMAS IN SONG: Carolling in Batam hotels and Bintan resorts.



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