

THE SMITH FAMILY

Zach & Stephanie
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Christmas time is here, but it sure doesn't feel or look like it outside! Walking into the stores here is a whole different thing - many stores have been decked out for Christmas since late August or early September. After Independence Day on August 17, there are no major holidays here until Christmas. As Americans, it feels early to begin decorating & listening to Christmas music. However, as I (Steph) listen to our neighbors play Christmas music day and night, I wonder, "Why not?! It's good to celebrate the birth of our Savior for more than just the weeks between Thanksgiving & Christmas." I've since embraced the Christmas music & have begun introducing the kids to a few of my favorite Christmas traditions. We also have begun to accept the excitement of fireworks & mini cannons being shot off at all times of the day & night for the whole month of December.

Zach has begun the process of wrapping up language school!! We are excitedly anticipating the end of his formal learning & the transition to him working at the hangar full time. For roughly the last 4 weeks, he's been going into the hanger 3 afternoons a week & working for about 2 hours helping the Indonesians who load the airplanes. He's enjoyed the challenge & growth in using Indonesian.

We've recently noticed Adam & Madelyn using the Indonesian they have learned more and more often in conversations. They each love to chatter away with our friends here in a mix of languages. It sure brings us joy! Adam has also been able to go to a little homeschool co-op that a friend of ours started. Weekly we hear more and more about letters, numbers, & colors. He has a thirst for knowledge!

Funding is an integral part of our ability to serve with Wycliffe in Indonesia. We have the privilege once again to express our thankfulness to our partners & praise God that we have maintained our financial target throughout 2024. If you feel led to give a year-end gift or join our monthly partnership team, we would love your help in launching our ministry into 2025. Thank you for partnering to get the Word to the Bibleless!

Merry Christmas!

Zach, Steph, Adam, and Madelyn



Praise:

- * Zach has almost finished language school
- * Safety, good health, and great fellowship with our friends who visited in October

Pray:

- * Peace as election results are shared regionally
- * Continued adjustments to life in Indonesia
- * That we all can stay healthy
- * Wisdom raising our kids cross-culturally
- * For the Bibleless to receive the Word in the language and format that they best understand



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