

Life with LaMoin

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My Dear Friends:

What a relief and blessing! All of the building projects on the church property in Bali are now completed!!! This all began as a dream three years ago, and to now see the church building, the parsonage, the pavilion, the outside baptistery and the protective wall around the complete compound is truly a miracle and an unspeakable joy. Praise God for his blessings, and I also praise Him for the people that had a part financially in building this lighthouse for God in a very dark place. I am simply estastic!!

We were praying for a natural and safe delivery of Wayan and Eny's baby, Noah. However, at the end, the doctor told her that she would have to have a C-section delivery. He scheduled her for surgery one day later. In America, this is not a big thing....but it is in Bali, for various reasons. First, it is very expensive for the Balinese. The doctors there will not provide surgery or treatment until the money is paid up front. I recently met one young Balinese lady who was expecting a baby very soon. Her Australian employer told me that when the woman's last baby was born, the doctor told her that she needed a cesarean. The young lady said that she did not have the money for it. When the baby was born, the doctor had to break the baby's shoulder to deliver it. That permanently damaged muscles and nerves and now the child's arm is paralyzed. We did not want this to happen to Noah.

Second, in Bali a woman is told by the doctors that if she has a cesarean she cannot have another baby for five years. I know....I don't understand it either, but the surgery must be different in Bali. I have no idea, and the Balinese don't know either. However, Eny and Wayan wanted to have more children. But Eny is almost forty years old, and she feared that if she had a cesarean that she could not have more babies. She previously lost two babies and they consider Noah to be a miracle. But she wanted to try again.

This was not good news from her doctor. We did not have the money to pay for the surgery, and neither did they, but we knew that it had to be done. We started immediately trying to raise the money. Praise God, He again supplied this need through loving Christians.

The doctor delivered Noah Miracle on May 30, and he is a healthy, beautiful baby. He weighed 7 lbs. and 7 oz. He and Eny are both doing very well.

We were happy to see Wayan baptize a man who was a Hindu and accepted Christ as his Savior. Even one soul in Bali who comes to the Lord is a great blessing. The sacrifices that they make to be a Christian are huge.

We were blessed for Bill, another missionary, and a national pastor to ordain Wayan into the gospel ministry. He is truly worthy of the ordination, because he has served the Lord without wavering amidst many hardships and various trials. Bless his heart, he had to wear sunglasses during the ordination, because he had contracted some kind of infection in his eyes, so when you look at the enclosed pictures, please don't think he is blind!

The church had quite a celebration on Easter Sunday. It is a tradition for them to spend most of the day at church after the church services. It was fun to watch the many games and competitions that Eny and Wayan had planned for those who were present. They had one competition to see who could eat the most boiled eggs in a specified time. They had to peel them and eat them. That is not as easy as you might think. Try stuffing even three boiled eggs into your mouth without washing them down with a drink! We had plenty of food, fun, and fellowship while we remembered the resurrection of our Lord.

Putri (meaning Princess) is now a part of Wayan and Eny's family. She is a cute, smart five year old who was abandoned by her father first and then her mother. They have taken her to raise. This is the second abandoned child that is living with them. She is very happy to be with them, and already calls them Mama and Papa.

Eta is a teenager who has been with them for about two years. She is a sweet girl who has been saved and baptized since coming to live with them. She sings in church and helps with the young children. She works very hard around the property to keep it clean. She came from a poor village, like Putri, and never had any training about dental hygiene...and certainly no visits to the dentist. As a result, she is missing a tooth in front which embarrasses her, so she never shows her teeth in a picture. I would love to get a bridge put in her mouth. This work is much less expensive in Bali, and we are going to get an estimate on the cost as soon as possible. If you would like to donate to this, it would really be a blessing to Eta. Of course, I haven't mentioned it to her. She probably doesn't even know that she could have this tooth replaced. I don't want to get her hopes up and then disappoint her.

I purchased a new skirt and two tops for Eta and three little dresses for Putri. They were so happy. For children who have never had anything, it doesn't take much to make them feel rich. Wayan and Eny provide love and care, but they do not have the money for necessities for them.

I need to find people who would be willing to contribute \$15.00 (each) a month to support these two children. If you feel burdened about providing food, clothing, etc. to make this world a little better for these children who have no parents, please contact me at: lamoibill@aol.com. These children are being taught about God, and they have the opportunity to know Him. God said that when earthly fathers and mothers abandon them that He will be their father. Considering this, it is a blessing for them that their parents did not want them.

Thank you for your prayers for us and for Bali. We appreciate you very much! This work needs you!

From My Heart,
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