

Life with LaMoin

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My Dear Friends:

Wow! I have so much to tell you and so little space! The Lord has given us so many blessings in Bali. We had four people to receive Christ last week - three are Hindus.

I spent a whole week, every day, teaching Eny to cook things that she can sell for profit. I taught her to make a delicious banana cake, baked meat pies, fried sweet pies, brownies, pizza, and a decorated teddy bear birthday cake. We had no air conditioning in their home where I was teaching her, and the heat from the oven added to the temperature. We had all the windows open and a fan running, but sweat dripped off of my face. I was afraid it would drip into the food!

Eny learns quickly. I showed her how to read the recipes, and let her put everything together while I observed and instructed her. Everything turned out great and delicious. She was very excited, and she feels that she can make these things and sell them. This is something she can do in her home to earn money while she is raising Noah and helping Wayan in the ministry.

I gave her lessons on how to calculate her expense, and how to charge for each thing. I also instructed her how to put all profit back into the business until it builds to the point that she can start spending some of the profit. I cautioned her that if she spends the profit instead of reinvesting that she will soon be bankrupt. We contributed money to buy supplies to get started, but now she must make it successful without help from us. Please pray that her business will be very successful.

We were privileged to be invited for lunch by a Princess. She is the daughter of the late and last King of Singaraja region. We went to the palace and had lunch, then another time we attended a celebration party to honor the King's birthday. We met many members of the royal family. The princess is 71 years old and after her husband died, she moved into the palace to care for her 94 year old mother. One day we accompanied her to the gravesite and memorial of her father. She came to lunch in Wayan's home, and later Bill had a Bible study with her.

She is going to try to hire someone to stay with her mother on Sundays so she can attend church.

We are starting a new church in Jimbaran, which is located in the south of the Island, 10 minutes from the airport. The man who will pastor this church is Berens. We have known him for about three years. He has a BA degree in English Literature as well as his degree in Theology. He is a sharp young man and is dedicated to the Lord's work. Bill preached in this new work and later baptized two young women who have a Hindu father and a converted Muslim mother. The mother is very faithful to come to church. Before Bill baptized, we had to take time out to kill an unwanted snake who wanted to attend.

As I said, there is not enough space to tell all of the exciting news. However, I must add that Bill and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in January. Our children were very generous to us with lovely gifts.

We took time out of the work to have some fun to celebrate our anniversary. With some of the money gift from our daughter, Shaleen, we indulged in a long wanted experience - elephant riding. We have never felt that we could spare the money for it before. It was so much fun - but a pretty bumpy ride! It was even more fun than picking up elephant dung (for fertilizer) in Kenya with my good missionary friend, Cheryl.

I also had the unusual opportunity to snuggle with a full grown black bear. He sat on my lap, and then he lay down across my lap to drink milk from a bottle. Maybe I can send a sheet of pictures later. I thank God for being able to enjoy some pleasurable experiences while we do the Lord's work

From My Heart,
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