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The cool June 7 wind blowing over the hills of Mission Central did not dampen the spirits of the mission-minded youth and adults who spent the afternoon learning first-hand the joy of mission work.

The second annual 'Message Sent' event for youth of Iowa District West was held June 7. The cool and damp weather caused a few changes in the original plans, but everything went

well.

The group was blessed to hear how God is using Dr. Fungchatou Lo, his wife Kalia and daughter, Gaozong in their ministry in Indonesia. They are an amazing family through whom God is working to welcome more people into heaven.

A few interesting facts about Indonesia:

**Where is Indonesia?** Indonesia straddles the equator along major sea lanes from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean in Southeast Asia.

**How many live in Indonesia?** 234 million people are scattered over a 926,500 square mile area.

**What is their religious background?** 80 % Muslim, 16 % Christian, 2% Hindu, 1% traditional religions and less than 1% Buddhists

**How many died in the December 2004 tsunami?** Nearly 230,000 people died

**THANK YOU** to the many mission-minded people who brought items for 101 school kits and many health kit items for the Lo family to share with the people in Indonesia.



**THANK YOU** to the wonderful mission-minded congregation at Peace Lutheran in Rock Rapids who drove nearly five hours to donate and serve meals and snacks to the hungry crowd. They did an amazing job!

**THANK YOU** to Pastor Bob Riggert, Pastor Mark Schwalenberg, Deacon Jon Jacobsen, and Pastor Gene Ernst who shared their personal experiences from traveling to Indonesia to meet and share with the people of Banda Aceh.

**THANK YOU** to 'Rough Draft,' a Christian band from Colorado, who shared their love of Jesus and witnessed through their songs.

**THANK YOU** to three Concordia University, Seward students who have been on exciting and rewarding mission trips. Jenn Anderson shared of her experiences of mission trips to the Ukraine and Romania; Lindsey Schmitz, to Guatemala and Bethany Kuhnle to inner city Los Angeles, CA and Tijuana Mexico.



**How can you be involved?** Dr. Lo would like to have youth and adults to be a pen pal with someone in Indonesia. If individuals, youth groups, Bible study groups, LWML or VBS groups are interested, include the following in a letter or postcard. Dr. Lo will give your letter or postcard to a youth who will then communicate with you by email. Send the initial communication to Ellie Menz (contact info below).

**Post-card** of your home town or your state

- Include the following information:
  - Your name
  - Your age (if you wish to share)
  - Your gender
  - What grade you are in school (or if you are an adult or group)
  - Your email address
  - Short paragraph about yourself
  - Questions that you would like to ask your pen-pal in Banda Aceh, Indonesia



Financial support for Dr. Lo and his family can be sent to Mission Central. Please make checks payable to "LCMS World Missions."

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