



**Mennonite
Mission
Network**

The mission agency of
Mennonite Church USA



Mission Banks
A stewardship and mission resource

“Let the little children come to me.”

—Mark 10:14b

MAKING PEACE IN INDONESIA

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Introduction for children

Indonesia is a country in Southeast Asia that is made up of thousands of islands. It would take about 30 hours to fly from the United States to Indonesia. Think how long it would take by boat! *Look at a map and trace the route you think you might take to get from San Francisco to Jakarta, Indonesia. Which countries would you pass?*

Indonesia has more than 300 people groups with their own languages and ways of doing things. Because of this, Indonesia’s national motto is “Unity in diversity.” This means that it is important to see our similarities even though we are each uniquely different. *What differences do you see in your Sunday school class? What does it mean to be together, or be unified, with your class?*

Christians first came to Indonesia in 1522, to the islands of Ternate. *Can you find that on a map?* Since then, the Mennonite Church has grown a lot. Semarang, Indonesia, has one of the biggest Mennonite churches in the world, where 15,000 Mennonites gather to worship each week!

In 2021, Mennonites from all around the world will gather in Indonesia. It will be like a big family reunion! We’ll worship, pray, and sing together. *Maybe some people from your church will be there, too!* When Mennonites come from all around the world, we will lay aside our differences and, like the Indonesians say, we’ll experience “unity in diversity.”

Did you know?

- Jakarta is the capital city of Indonesia.
- Indonesia is home to the world’s largest flower, called the *Rafflesia*. It is over three feet wide!
- Indonesia is a country made up of islands. There are more than 17,000!
- The Komodo dragon can only be found naturally in Indonesia.
- Only three countries have more people than Indonesia: China, India, and the United States.

Using mission bank teaching tools

These teaching tools are used in conjunction with the globe-shaped mission banks provided by Mennonite Mission Network. Banks for children can be ordered online at www.MennoniteMission.net/MissionBank.

For more resources about Indonesia, visit www.MennoniteMission.net/IndonesiaMissionBank.

Mission bank projects teach children mission-focused stewardship. The tools show children how God is at work in Indonesia and what mission can mean in a child’s own context.

INDONESIA

Meet our partners

Journey International is a service program of Mennonite Mission Network. It gives youth (ages 18–26) the opportunity to serve in another country.

JKI Maranatha is the energetic host church for youth who serve with Journey International. Almost 800 people go to the church; many are young!

Lydia Adi is a coordinator and mentor for the Journey International program for North American youth who want to serve in Indonesia. Lydia grew up in Los Angeles to Indonesian immigrant parents, who began the JKI church group.

Gabriella Padma Sawitri is a Journey International team mentor, and works with youth at JKI Maranatha. She cares for the Journey International youth who are serving at the church, and makes sure their experience is going well.

Daniel “Rio” Nugroho is an English language teacher. He helps with orientation and language study for youth who serve with Journey International.

Material for teachers

Story card

Included in this packet is a story card about God’s work in Indonesia. Share this story with children during worship, Sunday school, or other gathering times. After reading it together, invite children to reflect on ways that they can follow Christ in their own lives.

Giving project

Mennonite Mission Network supports a variety of ministries in Indonesia. One of the primary ways that mission happens is by sharing the good news of Jesus through friendships and loving our neighbors. In Indonesia, this happens when children go to a preschool run by the church. Giving project gifts will support Journey International as well as provide some special funding for the school.

Offering

\$100 helps one Journey International participant to serve in Indonesia for a year.

\$75 helps to provide a month of English lessons for a child at *Generasi Pintar* (Smart Generation), a ministry of JKI Maranatha. When children and adults learn English, it opens doors for more education and a better future.

\$25 helps to provide school supplies and healthy snacks at Happy Holy Kids elementary school. Pens, paper, and healthy snacks are important building blocks for a solid education.

Giving project display idea

Bamboo is a type of wood that grows in Indonesia. It is used to make musical instruments, build traditional houses, and furniture. It is even used as a symbol in wedding ceremonies! Bamboo grows in segments, so for each \$5 you raise, tape a picture of a bamboo segment on the wall. Use the bamboo stalk to track your giving progress. (*Teachers, you can find a template at www.MennoniteMission.net/MissionBank.*)

Additional activities

Early childhood activities

- Download a variety of coloring pages at www.MennoniteMission.net/IndonesiaMissionBank that reflect the ministries of JKI Maranatha.
- Find Indonesia on a map. What other countries are close to it?
- Using construction paper, make the flag of Indonesia.

Kindergarten-grade 3 activities

- In Indonesia, it is very important to respect those older than you. Find the three oldest students in your classroom. Before you speak to them during your class time, make sure to bow your head in respect. For fun, during the next class, choose the three youngest students to show extra respect.
- Print out a map of Indonesia. Draw a circle around the islands that make up Indonesia. Color them red. Find the country, Malaysia, and color it blue. Find and color Papua New Guinea green.

- Indonesia is known for their volcanos. Use modeling clay to make a volcano shape. With your thumb, make a small indent at the top. Pour a tablespoon of baking soda in the dip and add a drop of food coloring. Then, pour a half cup of vinegar on the volcano and watch what happens!
- Indonesia is home to many plants and animals. If it is nice outside, go for a walk. Take pictures of all of the plants and animals you see. Or cut out pictures of plants and animals from a magazine. Then make a collage with the pictures.

Grades 3-6 activities

- In Indonesia, it is very important to respect those older than you. Invite an older person in your church to come and share with your class about their childhood.
- Print out a map of Indonesia. Find and label the cities that are important to Mennonites in Indonesia:
 - o Ternate, in North Maluku, Indonesia, is where Indonesians first learned about Jesus.
 - o Ungaran, Indonesia, is where Journey International participants serve.
 - o Semarang is the city with the largest Mennonite church. Each Sunday, 15,000 people worship there.
 - o Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia.
 - o Bali—a favorite vacation spot for people from all over the world.
- Indonesia is home to many plants and animals. If it is nice outside, go for a walk. Try to identify each kind of tree, flower, or animal you see. You might have to take a picture of the tree and look it up when you get back inside.

Snack ideas

- Indonesia has many fruits that are not native to the United States. Have you ever tasted star fruit, dragon fruit, or mangosteen? Some more well-known fruits, like pineapple, mangos and bananas, can be found in any grocery store; others might be found in a specialty store.
- Fish is a common food in Indonesia. Give 10 “goldfish crackers” to each child. Group the goldfish to show the general demographics below:
 - o 86.1 percent of Indonesians are Muslim (8 goldfish).
 - o 8.7 percent of Indonesians are Christian (1 goldfish).

- o 1.8 percent are Hindu, and 3.4 percent aren’t specified (half of a goldfish).

Did you know? In the early church, Christians were persecuted. A fish was code to other Christians that they were believers.

*From NewWorldEncyclopedia.org.

- Indonesia is known for its many volcanos with hot lava. Use this recipe to make a chocolate lava cake. It only takes minutes in the microwave!

Chocolate Lava Cake

Ingredients

¼ c flour	3 T melted butter
¼ c sugar	3 T whole milk, at room temperature
2 T unsweetened cocoa powder	1 egg, at room temperature
½ tsp baking powder	½ tsp vanilla extract
Pinch of salt	1 oz semi-sweet chocolate, broken up
	1 T water

Directions

- In a 2-cup capacity microwave-safe mug or small bowl, whisk together with a fork the flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking powder, and salt until well combined.
- Add in the melted butter, milk, egg, and vanilla. Whisk well to combine, making sure to mix in the flour mixture from the bottom.
- Place the chocolate pieces in the center of the mug. Do not push down; it will sink as it bakes.
- Drizzle the tablespoon of water right on top of the batter.
- Cook in microwave on full power for 1 minute and 20 seconds to 2 minutes, or until the cake rises to the top, the edges look set but the center looks ever-so-slightly wet and shiny (but not raw) and sticks slightly to the finger when touched. Do NOT overbake to ensure that saucy, molteny interior. If the center still looks raw, then give it another 5 to 10 seconds. The cake will fall after it comes out of the microwave.
- Let it cool for about 5 minutes so you don’t burn your tongue. But the waiting also helps thicken the sauce in the bottom.

*If you’d rather use an oven, this cake could be baked in a 400F/200C oven for 10 to 15 minutes.

**From www.cleobuttera.com.

For more resources to teach children about Indonesia, check out these books:

- *Welcome to Indonesia* by Patrick Ryan introduces the Southeast Asian country to children, grade 2 and up.
- *Go to Sleep, Gecko!* is a Balinese folktale told by Margaret Reed MacDonald about a gecko kept awake by fireflies.

▶ Visit us online at www.MennoniteMission.net/IndonesiaMissionBank for more resources.



Using mission banks

Please follow these guidelines as you use Mennonite Mission Network's mission banks to support God's work in Indonesia.

Use of banks—The globe-shaped mission banks were created to collect funds for ministries in the countries highlighted by the mission bank teaching tools *produced by Mennonite Mission Network*. In these packets you can find:

- Stories about Mennonite Mission Network ministry happening in that area.
- A giving project.
- Activities, songs and recipes to help children engage the country's or region's culture.
- Videos and PowerPoint presentations that help to put a face on each country and the giving project.

Age range and cost—Mission banks are a fun way for children and congregations to learn together about stewardship and generosity, and to hear stories about the ways that God is working around the world. Because we want each child to be able to participate in this learning experience, banks are offered free of charge to all Mennonite Church USA children in grades K-6 from Jan. 1–Mar. 31 of every year. Banks can also be ordered throughout the year for \$4.95 per bank.

Resources—Along with each teaching tool packet, we also post extra resources online. Check back often at www.MennoniteMission.net/MissionBank for new pictures and ideas for mission education.

Other uses—Stewardship and mission education are not just important for children; they are important for the whole church. Consider giving one globe bank to each household, or sharing stories from the Mission Network teaching tool packets during worship. Invite all members of your congregation to pray and support Mission Network personnel around the world.

Gift designation—Mennonite Mission Network supports workers and partners all around the world. You may wish to consider using your banks to also support Mennonite Voluntary Service or Service Adventure participants from your congregation, or to raise support for a Mission Network worker that your congregation is connected with.

Collecting funds—Congregations are asked to collect the funds contributed through the mission banks and send a check payable to Mennonite Mission Network, with **"Mission Bank—Indonesia"** or **"Project #1602"** written in the check memo line. Congregations may decide to participate with other congregations in bringing the total amount collected to a cluster or area conference gathering. Then funds may be disbursed in the same manner as above.

If you have other questions about how to use your Mennonite Mission Network mission banks, or would like to order more teaching tool packets, please contact us at MissionBank@MennoniteMission.net or 1-866-866-2872.

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