

# BRING GOOD NEWS

Helping "to send workers into his harvest field." *Matt 9: 38*

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## **An Open Door in Indonesia**

Praise the Lord for opening the door for Bring Good News to plant a church among an unreached people group in Batam Islands, off Sumatra, in Indonesia. Indonesia with a population of 237 million people is the largest Muslim country in the world. We visited an island commonly known as a "Christian Island" because the majority of the residents are Christians. The community of about 250 residents is very poor; many are unemployed. The main source of livelihood is fishing. There is a Church of Christ whose young pastor, Mahamid, wants to reach out to the nearby Muslim islands with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The leaders of the church and Mahamid have been praying to God for the opportunity to evangelize people in the nearby islands. They came up with a plan to help the members of their church to improve their economic situation and with God's help, a way to obey the Great Commission. The plan is to provide two fishing boats to men who can be trusted and willing to assist in the evangelism program of the church. The recipients will repay the cost of the boats to the church in three years. Moreover, they will help in bringing people from the nearby islands to worship with the church in Nipah (a.k.a., the Christian Island). The repayment plan will provide funds to buy more boats, funds for evangelism and accumulate money to construct their own church building. Bring Good News agreed to raise the initial fund to purchase the boats and to financially support the efforts to plant a church in one of the nearby islands.

The Lord blessed these plans and enabled BGN to raise funds for three boats. We covet your prayers to lift this pastor and leaders so God can use them mightily to make disciples in the nearby islands of this Muslim country.

Thank you for your prayers and support.