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Friends of Indonesia exists to raise awareness and support the Indonesian Orthodox Church. The vision of the Church is to transform Indonesian society by infusing it with the timeless truths of historical Orthodox Christianity, and to be self-supporting, self-propagating, and self-governing. By reflecting the local culture, the Indonesia clergy who serve the parishes are able to reach out to parishioner and inquirers alike through evangelism, education and socialization.

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Longing to bring Christianity to his people in a way that would be culturally relevant, Fr. Daniel began translating the liturgy and other services as well as theological documents into the native languages of Indonesia. He shared his desire for an Indonesian Orthodox Church with friends spanning the globe and eventually began and opening missions in Indonesia. Fr. Daniel experienced many frustrations and great resistance as he attempted to obtain building permits and meetings spaces for the growing Orthodox Church in Indonesia. Often, local non-Christians would make his work so difficult that they had to be abandoned and picked up again later.

After a long struggle, Fr. Daniel obtained the right to legally practice Orthodox Christianity in Indonesia. There continue to be many difficulties in nurturing the Orthodox community in Indonesia, complicated by internal struggles as well as external resistance. Despite these troubles, over thirty Orthodox Parishes and Mission Churches exist in Indonesia, along with a score of indigenous ordained clergy. The fledgling Orthodox Church is very determined to spread the ancient, timeless Orthodox faith to every part of Indonesia, and to all of its hundreds of millions of souls.

Fr. Daniel was born into a Muslim family and began attending the mosque at the age of 5. As a young man, Jesus came to Fr. Daniel one night in a vision of light as he studied alone in his room. At that instant, he accepted Jesus as his Savior and later was baptized with the name Daniel into the Dutch Reformed Church, the only Christian denomination he knew of at the time. Disillusioned by the vast array of Protestant denominations he discovered while at seminary, Fr. Daniel sought something more ancient, and more liturgical, akin to his experiences with Islam. As always, providence came to his rescue and Fr. Daniel stumbled upon a copy of the book The Orthodox Way by Metropolitan KALLISTOS (Ware) in the seminary bookstore in South Korea. Within its pages he found the historical Christianity he had been seeking. Eventually, he made his way to an Orthodox Church in Seoul where he was able to converse with the priest and work through some of the questions he naturally brought with him from his Muslim and Protestant Christian backgrounds. Eventually, Fr. Daniel converted to Orthodoxy, traveled to Greece and to the US for further study, and was ordained a priest.

The Orthodox Church has fragile yet deep roots in Indonesia. In the seventh century, Syrians brought Orthodox Christianity to Indonesia. Though they converted the native Indonesians to Christianity, these first missionaries did not train any locals to be priests, and when those first missionary priests died so did the formal practice of Orthodoxy. Amazingly, a Papal emissary who traveled through the area in the eleventh century found locals continuing to practice a few Orthodox Christian traditions. The Russian Church Abroad opened a mission in Java in 1930. This mission thrived initially but had to be abandoned after Indonesia finally won its independence following World War II, for no foreign presence was tolerated in Indonesia at that time.

The Indonesian Orthodox Church is dependent on the prayers and donations of God’s people everywhere. Without your support, this new, struggling community of believers would be in danger of extinction. But there are four specific things you can do to help:

1. Stay informed by receiving our quarterly newsletter, plus occasional other communications about the Indonesian Orthodox Church.

2. Spread the word by telling your friends and local parish about the remarkable story of the Indonesian Orthodox Church. If you contact us, we may be able to schedule a presentation to your parish by Fr. Daniel, when he is in the U.S.

3. Pray daily for Fr. Daniel, for the Indonesian Orthodox priests, for the Indonesian laity, and most of all that God would continue to bless, nurture, and enlarge the numbers of the Indonesian Orthodox Church.

4. Give generously, as God has blessed you. Your financial gifts are absolutely critical to the survival of the Indonesian Orthodox Church.

Most of the Indonesian Orthodox parishes are desperately impoverished, and cannot support even their own parish priest, much less Fr. Daniel as he travels to evangelize. Many fellow Orthodox Christians in the US and other parts of the world have responded over the years, and the Indonesian Orthodox Church has grown tremendously because of their generous gifts.

To donate to Friends of Indonesia and support the Indonesian Orthodox Church, please mail in the form in this brochure or visit our website at: www.friendsofindonesia.org. Thank you!