
Annual Report

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Dear Roger,

Thanks for the email to remind me of my annual report to the presbytery of the Mississippi Valley. Firstly, I am still in the same position as before. My plan is that in 2016 I will resign as the president of the Reformed Theological Seminary in Indonesia. Actually, the board of trustees wanted me to wait for several more years, until the seminary have two or three more candidates for presidency available. But, in my understanding, next year will be the best time for me to resign after 10 years ministry as the seminary president, and concentrate in another nonadministrative ministries of seminary.

Secondly, I will do a lot of teaching, preaching and counseling ministry as before. My schedule is already almost full in 2016. Thanks God that the priviledge of doing ministries to many different denominations in Indonesia are open wide. Now the seminary began to harvest the fruits. This year we have double applicants and some of them are from charismatic leaders in Indonesia. Less than a decade ago, most of them were allergic to Reformed movements in Indonesia.

I and my wife Esther just came back from our Summer vacation in the States. While, we were enjoying fellowship with our daughters and their families in California, we did a lot of ministries among Indonesia churches from several different denominations, in California and Toronto Canada.

Thirdly, I have just published a new revised version of my Pastoral Counseling book. This book has been used by more than 100 theological seminaries in Indonesia as a text book for more than 30 years.

Fourthly, my health is not always good. I have heart problem and diabetic.

My prayer requests are for my country Indonesia. Our new president and our new Jakarta's Governor, for me, are miracles given to Indonesia. The governor is a Chinese and a Reformed Evangelical Christian who has no fear to do the right things, but...the problem is his neurotic type personality. He tends to be sarcastic and unethical in his verbal expressions. Please pray for him, that the Lord will use him better. Indonesia is the largest Moslem country in the world, and uptil now, majority of Indonesian Moslems are still moderate Moslems who are longing to see a better government.

Pray also for most of Indonesian Reformed Evangelical pastors and Church leaders in Indonesia, who are actually unqualified for the positions of leadership in the midst of pluralism in Indonesia. They tend to create additional problems than to solve the already existing problems in Indonesia.

Pray also for more than 350 Indonesian seminaries that almost 80% of them unable to live with integrity, academically, social, and spiritually. They offered fake degree programs without fear and shame. Thanks God that our seminary (Reformed Theological Seminary in Indonesia) got a good eccreditation (B) from our Government University Accreditation Agency this year. There was only less than 5 % of the Indonesia seminaries, got B, accreditation.

Sincerely in His ministry for His glory,
from Rev. Yakub B. Susabda Ph.D

ps. Hope that Mr. Roger Collins will have an opportunity to come and visit Indonesia, this year.