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News from the Fuelster-Family in Indonesia



Our house in Washington in late Fall 2006

Dear Friends and Relatives!

we are getting close to the end of our first 100 days in Indonesia. We left Washington in the latter part of January, and without any news from us you are increasingly wondering what has happened to us since.

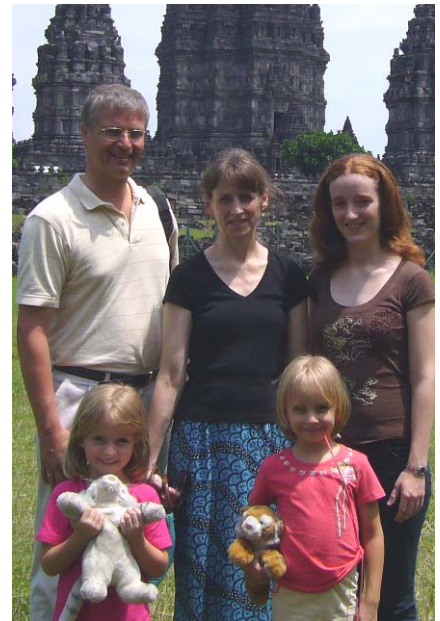
Did we find a house, how is school or work, do we speak the language, did we see something of the country, how are the people, do we miss our friends, and tons of other things you may want to know?

To cut a long story short: **Come and visit us!!!!!!** Don't wait too long for taking a decision, as otherwise our three years may have elapsed before you have been here in Jakarta.

The Editors

Christa & Karsten, Hanna ,

Melanie und Silke



Well, the Prambanan Temple in Jogjakarta has not become our new home (visited in April 2007).



This is **Borobudur Temple** near Jogjakarta.

Christa is

actively engaged with Children choir work at the German School, enjoys her new piano, speaks almost fluently Bahasa Indonesia (we all took an intensive language course during the first two weeks of April) and is now keen (like the rest of the family to discover more about the country, the people and their culture.

Karsten has been for his **various new mining projects** to Hanoi and Manila, and for a mining conference to Singa-

pore. It is a totally new experience to set something up from scratch, develop new investment opportunities for IFC in Oil Gas Mining and Chemicals in Southeast Asia.



The family and some of their Bahasa Indonesia teachers in Jogjakarta in April



Front and back of our House in Kemang



The backyard and the swimming pool

We **enjoy our house** – even without a dishwasher – and we are keen to have you coming sooner better than later to show you Jakarta and assist you to discover other parts of this country as we discover them ourselves.



Checkpoint and quality control for all our 398 boxes, pieces of furniture arriving at our new home after 11 weeks of shipment and transit. All in all, we had very little damages. Most of the boxes have been unpacked and we are very happy that the transition period is over.



After long two and a half months in hotels - though with a huge swimming pool - plenty of restaurant visits (with strange food - at least from Melanie's and Silke's perspective), now everybody is happy to have its toys, books, music books, piano, privacy, space and much more contributing to all our satisfaction. Melanie said the other day that food finally tastes again the way it used to in the United States.

The children adapted well to their new **school** environment and Hanna made extreme efforts to quickly catch up with what she missed at the German School in Washington during the first half of her second last year. She finds the Deutsche International School (DIS) more demanding than Washington. Her classmates have mostly an Indonesian background, but they seem to be

nice to her and made her social transition not too hard.



Karsten on his way to work? Traffic is a challenge here in Jakarta, and one better gets up early. School starts at 7.30 am and Hanna, Silke and Melanie have to leave early – 6.40 am at latest – with our driver Pak Edi to get to school. We are still waiting to get our own car, but this is one of the few outstanding issues to get resolved.



A Sunday excursion to the Indian Ocean



Let us have something to eat....

We hope to hear from you – mail takes approximately 10 days from Europe or the US, but this is based on experience with mail sent to Karsten's office. But e-mail and fax works well at home as well as at the office, and Hanna has become professional in skypeing.

Best regards from the Fuelster Family