

Yogyakarta, Indonesia, December 19, 2023. Third Sunday of Advent,

Baby Jesus frees from stunting!

Dear family, friends and colleagues,

In the advent season, a time when joy is increasingly present in each of us, welcoming the birth of Jesus Christ, I am sitting contemplating my life journey, together in the household with Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, in a commitment to continue serving God in Indonesia. The Presbyterian Church has sent me to serve churches and communities in Indonesia through the Duta Wacana Christian University and direct involvement with the grassroots economic movement, namely the Griya Jati Rasa Consumer Cooperative (known in English as the Co-op of House of Authentic Sense). My experiences working together to build social justice and peace have led me to be interviewed on behalf of Christians in Indonesia together with two other figures about encounters and efforts to live together between Muslims and Christians in Indonesia. The report was published in Christianity Today as I included in this advent news. Please see the attachment. The Lord Jesus calls Christians in Indonesia to continue to be living witnesses of God's participation in growing together with Christians and other people from various religions. When the Lord Jesus also wanted to use the Griya Jati Rasa consumer cooperative to participate in overcoming the phenomenon of babies born in stunted conditions, we were grateful. We had to tell how the blessing was received.

In this joyful advent news, I would like to share also with you as we are all called to share the birth of baby Christ. This attached Christmas card contains three barcodes. Sisters and brothers in Christ can access information and photos explaining the activities of the Griya Jati Rasa Foundation and the Griya Jati Rasa Consumer Cooperative. The third barcode is a document containing the activities of the Griya Jati Rasa consumer cooperative production house, namely Rumah Adiluhung. Rumah Adiluhung markets the products of members of the Griya Jati Rasa Consumer Cooperative. Products can be purchased by the public in the form of goods that have not been processed into food or in the form of drinks and food. One of the keys to its superior products is making yogurt. Fresh milk harvested directly from farmers in villages on the slopes of Merapi can now be processed into yogurt to be distributed to mothers and children born with the phenomenon of stunting. An interesting way to involve buyer participation is that for every 200 milliliter yogurt cup drink purchased 7 times, a coupon will be given to be able to access the provision of 500 milliliters of free yogurt which, on behalf of the buyer, is distributed to mothers and children who were born caught in the stunting phenomenon.

May the joyful news of Christmas, which was revealed by the Lord God in the birth of the healthy and strong baby Jesus, be an inspiration to all of us, both Christians and Muslims, to continue working together to bring goodness, and the glory of working together to bring shalom to babies. who was born in Indonesia.

Merry Christmas 2023 and New Year 2024.

Notes

Attached is a link to an interview report about the relationship and life of Christians and Muslims in Indonesia that I recently published in Christianity Today magazine. Happy reading. God bless.

Peace,

Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta

1. Parsing Pancasila: How Indonesia's Muslims and Christians Seek Unity

https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2023/december-web-only/christian-muslim-indonesia-pancasila-religious-

harmony.html?share=FyaC3IwPW9ufq1GiXRVHHBtdoJ8RhRCn&utm_medium=widgetsocial

2. What Role Should Sharia Law Play in Indonesia?

https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2023/december-web-only/christian-muslim-indonesia-shariah-law-

pancasila.html?share=FyaC3IwPW9tYAMUk45nW7LU3go%2bET2eM&utm_medium=widgetsocial

3. How Has Radical Islam Impacted Indonesia

https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2023/december-web-only/christian-muslim-indonesia-radical-extremism-

conservative.html?share=FyaC3IwPW9ue%2bVHsbhaA66wyS5sZZnji&utm_medium=widgetsocial

4. Can You Truly Be Indonesian Without Being Muslim?

 $\underline{https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2023/december-web-only/christian-muslim-indonesianational-identity-}\\$

pancasila.html?share=FyaC3IwPW9tJGV5pE08wGcsymFUmpXHR&utm_medium=widgetsocial

5. How are Minority Religions Viewed in Indonesia?

https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2023/december-web-only/christian-muslim-indonesia-worship-restrictions-

minority.html?share=FyaC3IwPW9tjfSb9azC%2f2lBl6dbdF15C&utm_medium=widgetsocial

6. How Can Christian and Muslim Indonesians Work Together?

https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2023/december-web-only/christian-muslim-indonesia-collaboration-

xenophobia.html?share=FyaC3IwPW9sepfnVZKE8NqvvNxWMX53d&utm_medium=widgetsocial

7. How Can Christian Indonesians Seek the Country's Flourishing?

https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2023/december-web-only/christian-muslim-indonesia-flourishing-patriotism-

developme.html?share=FyaC3IwPW9sf8w4bd4EwlckZQdCMV5IQ&utm_medium=widgetsocial