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## Update

Coronavirus victim numbers continue to rise in North Sulawesi, and the government has asked everyone to wear a mask when in public. The government has restricted certain people from some public areas. If one is 65 years or older or 12 years or younger, you are asked not to go into malls. If you do, they say you enter at your own risk. I have taken the rapid test, and, thankfully, I tested "inactive" for the virus.

I am pleased to announce that I will be getting my KITAS Visa (Semi-Resident Visa) Tuesday, August 18. The Visa has been a long time in coming, but the coronavirus has interfered with many things world-wide. The nice thing about getting this Visa, I do not need to exit the country. Everything will be done in Manado. The Department of Labor will send a telex to the Department of Immigration with all of my information and Tuesday they will process me for the Visa. The two department offices are on the same street, about three blocks apart. Once I get the Visa, I will need to report to the police and my local neighborhood magistrate office called "Lurah." Then I will be able to set up a bank account and get my Indonesian driver's license. I have been using my Alabama driver's license, which is okay temporarily. Indonesia does not require an international license, but once I become a semi-resident, I am responsible for getting their driver's permit.

## **Construction Progress**

I have some new pictures to show you about the progress of the buildings.

By last month's newsletter, a small amount of work had been done on the second floor of the school building. In this report, my pictures will show the progress they have made on the second floor. They are also doing a lot of work on the two dormitories. The contractor hopes to complete work on the dorms by mid-September.



Our windows are aluminum. The two workers are sizing and cutting the window frames.



They will make 68 frames for three buildings. Everything is made by hand with few power tools. It is amazing how accurate they work.

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The second floor of the school building:

They are building the wooden forms to hold the cement when they pour the 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor. Of course, I am checking it out.



Bamboo is needed to hold up the 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor form and a lot of it. Much more bamboo was added later.

Pictured is a line of wheelbarrows filled with cement taking their load to the far end of the 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor. It took them working around the clock for a total of 35 hours to pour.



It is easy to see how much more bamboo they added in preparation for pouring the cement.



They are lined up to get the next load of cement from the portable cement mixer.

They are about 26 hours into the pour.



After 35 hours, this is the finished effort.

They work fast and have a lot of the walls up on the 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor.



The workers are very ingenious about how they do things. I like the idea that our buildings will indeed be hand-made.

Around 15 workers are sleeping on the property every night. So as the buildings took shape, they began to spread out in the partially completed rooms. I thought you might like to see some of their makeshift beds. They certainly know how to adapt and make themselves comfortable for a good night's sleep.

They have taken wood that has been discarded after used for concrete forms. They have nailed 25-kilo rice sacks across the makeshift wooden box. It is incredible they can sleep on it.

This room is one of the bedrooms in the apartment in the girl's dorm.



They have started to paint the outside of the two Dorms.

The color is Ginger Peachy.

Brethren, thank you for your prayers and support.

Yours for the cause of Christ,  
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