

Foreign to Familiar(ish)*

*then back again and repeat

I can hear the echo of the call to prayer sounding from three different mosques surrounding our neighborhood. It signals, for me, that the school day is almost over, and soon it will be time for lunch. The four AM call to prayer ceased to wake us up a few months ago, although now that we have a newborn, there are other calls to wakefulness.

The patterns of life and community that seemed so foreign (and challenging) to us when we moved here at the start of the year have slowly seeped into our systems and become comfortingly familiar. It is a blessing to feel the pattern of the familiar in the midst of the upheaval that seems to be our life of late.

The only hour Jack slept on the train ride to Jakarta

The view from our rental apartment near the hospital



The past couple of months have been sufficiently eventful for us. We learned in mid-July that our plan to have baby number two here locally was no longer an option. So over the next three weeks we wrapped up unit five of language school and made arrangements to head to Jakarta for a month.

Mission Statement:

"Sharing the love of Jesus Christ through aviation and technology so that isolated people may be physically and spiritually transformed."





OH BABY

On August 31st at 11:25 pm we welcomed happy, healthy, little
Benaya Charles Ludvicek into the world! Needless to say we are head over heels. Even Jackson has a new favorite phrase... "Hold baby Benaya?!"



We are glad to be back in Salatiga now and settled into our new normal here. Our new normal has proven to still be a little crazy however. In addition to having a newborn and a twoyear-old and starting school back up, we also are preparing for our move to in December to Papua and saying goodbye to all our friends here in Salatiga. We will miss all the friends we have made during language school here in Java, but we are also excited for this next stage in our ministry with MAF in Papua





We are grateful for your prayers and support you send our way. We are blown away by the love you show. Also we are grateful for God's blessings of provision, health and sanity right now. Please keep up-to-date with us on our flight report blog—some exciting news will be revealed in the next few weeks! ... not as exciting as baby Benaya though!





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Prayer Requests



- Good health as the seasons change here to rainy season so the crazy doesn't become crazier!
- The big to-do-list gets done without getting in the way of language learning and relationships. (Pray for those too!)
- -All the goodbyes here in Salatiga before Christmas!
- -A big earthquake and tsunami hit here not long ago. Pray for the victims' families and the church as they mobilize!