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Irwan and Angeline
graduating from Charis in 2015

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*Come now therefore, and I will send thee
unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth
my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.*

Exodus 3:10

Just as God instructed Moses to return to the land of Egypt to set His people free from bondage, Irwan and Angeline Siregar felt called to return to their homeland of Indonesia to help spread the full Gospel message and liberate God's people.

While attending Charis Bible College in Colorado in 2013, Irwan recalls, "There was an impression in my heart that said, *I want you to take whatever you learn here to My people back home.*" After completing an internship in Hong Kong during their third year of Charis, Irwan and Angeline were equipped and ready to fulfil this calling.

AWM Indonesia was launched on the heels of Andrew's in-person Gospel Truth Seminar in Jakarta in October 2016. Word travelled quickly among believers in the region, leading to the subsequent launch of Charis Indonesia the following year.

Irwan shares, "When people get their lives transformed in school, their family and friends see the change in their lives, and they want to experience it also. Basically, the school is promoted by word of mouth. So those who come end up referring their families and friends. That's why it's creating such a snowball effect in this country."

To accommodate the hunger developed from this explosive growth, Irwan and Angeline started biweekly devotional and healing services that are free and open to the public, now attracting more than one hundred attendees.

Additionally, third-year Charis students recently taught Andrew's *Discipleship Evangelism (DE)* course to over three hundred pastors.

Irwan recounts, "We went on a mission trip with the second-year students and worked with local pastors. And then our outreach team organised a follow-up trip to the same area to basically water the seed that we planted."

With over one hundred participants working through the *DE* lessons via Zoom, their efforts continue to plant seeds in the hearts of pastors who will carry this message further into Indonesia, the country with the largest Muslim population in the world. And the message is spreading, combating centuries of rigid religious customs.

Irwan notes, "Many people have been disappointed by the legalism that has been widely taught in Indonesian churches. It has suppressed them and hindered their growth, and they can feel it. But now, with social media widely available, they're seeing things they are not experiencing in their local churches."

A hunger for the truth and the accessibility of social media have prompted people to reach out to AWM and Charis in order to learn more. Irwan adds, "We now have churches requesting our help to learn the *DE* curriculum. So, people have noticed us. People talk and share about us."

As Irwan and Angeline continue to set hearts and minds free with the grace message, breaking through religious barriers in their home country, they recognise that the fruit of their labour could only be possible through you, our World Outreach Partners.

Irwan reports, "I think as of today, all of Andrew's books have been translated into our language. I can confidently say that Andrew is the most popular grace teacher in this country. I think we are now probably one of the largest, fastest growing Bible schools in Indonesia. This is something that we could never do without the support of the partners."

With 275 students enrolled at Charis Indonesia this year, Irwan and Angeline continue to spread seeds of grace in a land steeped in religion. Their story reminds us of what God can do when we simply follow Him by faith, stepping into callings bigger than ourselves, to help set His people free around the world.

**Quotations edited for length and clarity.*



Andrew speaking at a Gospel Truth Seminar in Jakarta, Indonesia



Irwan and Angeline in Hong Kong

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