

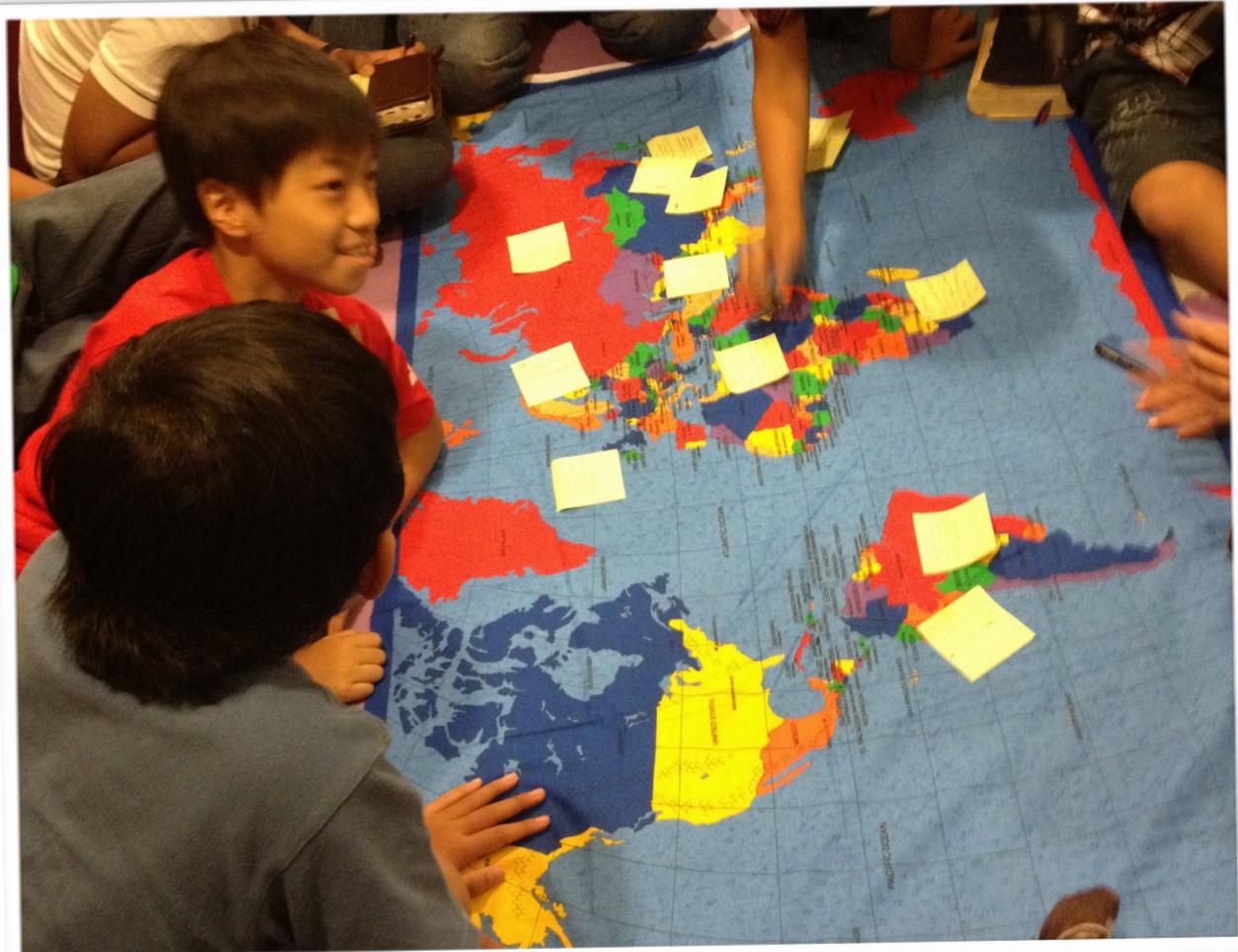
# Indonesia Missions

## Carpenter's Cross Ministries



Abbalove Church, Jakarta  
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# Abbalove Church



## **CityLife Mission Conference in Jakarta**

Indonesia Mission Trip 2013

In September I flew to Sydney, Australia to meet a team going in to Jakarta, Indonesia. We landed in the evening to discover all the luggage except mine had arrived. Fortunately I had packed my hand carry for such a contingency, and was able to adjust for the next 6 days (yes I said 6) until my bag arrived. The first week there was a gathering of CityLife missionaries from around the world. Each missionary was given a pre-loaded SIM card upon arrival and their own personal assistant (PA) who could speak English.

We were taken by bus to a Jungle Safari Park the day after we arrived to see and interact with many exotic animals. (Note the photo of myself and the 6 month old lion.)

Abbalove Church, who hosted the event, has about 20,000 members located in several different multi-sites. This church started with three elders as leaders, then expanded the leadership to six, and now has become ten churches with thirty-two elders.

It was a profitable week of interaction for all the missionaries - learning from each other - visiting Christian schools, seeing a micro-industry for the deaf, along with preaching at the multi-sites. AbbaLove has many ministries - from disaster relief teams, cross-cultural village ministries, age specific classes on Sunday, hundreds of home groups, a bookstore, a creative arts department (including music, dance, and drama), an extensive media department, and much more.

After the first week, all the missionaries left and I stayed on to do training with the Abbalove children's leaders. They are an amazing group.

The visits to the schools the second week included opportunities to teach the children about hearing from God, and ministering to the staff. The children described visions of God and angels and the staff were greatly impacted by the presence of The Lord.

My time there also included ministry to the teens and slum outreaches to Muslim children. They did cultural dances of welcome and I was impressed with the staff there who were dedicated to showing God's love in practical ways such as educating, tutoring, clothing, friendship and feeding the many children. The emphasis was not on turning them from Islam, but instead on showing them what it looks like when the Kingdom of God comes near to you.

The church's goal is to unite with the many Christian groups in Indonesia to see church plants in every national village and suburb of Jakarta by 2020. They realize they are not in competition with each other, but that in unity God commands a Blessing! Their desire is to bring the Kingdom of God to Indonesia.