



# CREATING AN EXPLOSION of TRUTH

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*An Amazing Fact: The April 10, 1815, volcanic outburst of Mount Tambora in Indonesia is the largest observed eruption on record—spewing an estimated 36 cubic miles of debris into the sky, a hundred times more than Mount St. Helens. So much ash and dirt were blown into the atmosphere that it obscured the sun, causing a volcanic winter in the Northern Hemisphere in 1816.*



Dear friend,

Isn't it incredible how an explosion on one part of the world can change the weather on the opposite side? But that is exactly what *you* are causing to happen in the Southern Hemisphere—an explosion of truth through Amazing Facts evangelism.

Now, imagine knocking on someone's door to share your faith. When the home's resident discovers you are a Christian, he explodes with anger, grabs a machete, and chases you down the street. Wouldn't you be tempted to quit for the day?

Not if you're an Amazing Facts Bible worker in Indonesia! Two dedicated young people—trained as Bible workers only because of your gifts—were so committed to witness for Jesus that, after running to the next house for shelter, they prayed and then immediately resumed their work. They even walked right past the angry Muslim man who was still hunting for them—but he was miraculously blinded to their presence.



Your support is producing scores of brave missionaries for Christ and countless similar inspiring miracles through the Indonesian Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (IAFCOE)—and local church leaders are begging for more!

Ever since I first visited Indonesia, I've been impressed that God wants Amazing Facts to do more for Christ in that nation. Let me explain ...

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## Few Know Christ

Indonesia is the world's most populous island country—with more than 260 million people dispersed among 17,000 islands. It's also the most naturally “explosive” place on earth, with more active volcanoes than any other country.

But there is an even greater challenge in the land of Komodo dragons. It is the most populous Islamic country—about 87 percent are Muslim and know little about the Jesus of the Bible.

Furthermore, a significant portion of Indonesians, including Christians, mix their religion with pagan customs—animism and ancestral worship.

That's why there is an urgent need to share Bible truth with these precious people and why I believe God has called Amazing Facts to act rapidly.



Officially, Indonesia has religious freedom, but radical groups still persecute Christians, making it difficult to witness for Jesus. Each year, our IAFCOE team conducts two full-scale evangelistic meetings—and attendees always risk harassment and being ostracized by their families. But we can't stop witnessing, as we are seeing lives changed there every day. Lives like Ricky.

## A Renowned Rebel

Ricky was not the kind of person you would expect to attend the IAFCOE Bible training program. He grew up in a broken family with alcohol, crime, and fighting all around him. He was a troublemaker at school—and he had nothing to do with God.

But God loved this lost son in Indonesia.

Somehow, Ricky was invited by friends to attend IAFCOE—and he agreed! It was a difficult transition for Ricky—and for the staff too. His violent life sometimes led to conflicts, but God began to melt and transform his heart.

During the four-month training, Ricky's life began to change. He submitted completely to God and zealously engaged in door-to-door work, giving Bible studies, and serving local churches. Today, his warm smile and bright countenance show his total love for God.

Ricky has a special concern for the suffering people on the streets of Indonesia's cities. It's not uncommon for him to share his lunch with a hungry outcast living in an alley.

Without any financial support, Ricky is now serving on a remote island—his passion to share Christ so strong that nothing holds him back. He has no regular income, lacks materials, doesn't own a laptop or projector for teaching, and is even short on clothing ... but like a volcano, he is exploding with God's love.



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Students like Ricky desperately need our support. We must hold up these dedicated Bible workers who put their lives at risk in order to share Jesus with others.

There are many Sabbath-keeping young adults in Indonesia who want to commit themselves to God's work, but IAFCOE is one of the only programs that can fulfill this need. It is known as the finest evangelistic training in the country.

## **Multiplying the Mission**

Since starting our school in Indonesia, seven groups of eager, faithful students have completed the course. Local church leaders are so happy with the quality of these graduates that requests for our Bible workers have poured in from around the country. But we cannot fulfill all these appeals without your help.

Through your gifts, Amazing Facts has already broadened our outreach in Indonesia. Many of our websites now provide God's end-time message in Indonesian. Amazing Facts programs are being broadcast over the Internet. We are also reaching more people by producing quality Indonesian translations of our best witnessing DVDs, books, and magazines—and canvassers are being trained to sell Christian resources all over the country to further support the work.

Another powerful Amazing Facts ministry is called "Klub Sehat"—the Health Club. Over 700 souls have joined and are now receiving loving medical care while learning to make healthy lifestyle choices. None of this would happen without you!

Keep in mind, every time Amazing Facts wins a soul in Indonesia, it reverberates around the world. Why? There are more than ten million Indonesian people living outside Indonesia. Once someone accepts the Lord, it sends an explosion of truth around the world to close-knit family and friends. Some may even be your neighbors. Amen!



## **More Workers Needed**

The Bible says that when Jesus "*saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few'*" (Matthew 9:36, 37).

Is your heart moved, like mine, with compassion when you think of the millions of weary and scattered souls in Indonesia? Hundreds of thousands in cities, towns, and villages have never heard about Jesus because the church lacks Bible workers. You and I can change that by training more laborers.

When you give to Amazing Facts, your dollars turn into resources that not only touch hurting hearts in Indonesia, but also make it possible to create foreign-language websites like Yaso-Bahebak.com, our Arabic-language site. We're also constantly translating new resources into languages like Malayalam to reach Asian peoples.

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More than a thousand books, study guides, and videos of Bible truth have been translated into over twenty languages ... but there is still much more to do.

That's why I'm writing—to ask you to help us reach places like Indonesia with the everlasting gospel. Through you and other blessed supporters, we're prayerfully asking the Lord for \$431,052 by the end of the year to support worldwide evangelism and international training.

You may not be able to go overseas to share the gospel, but you can share it through your co-laboring gift today. Never think that your gift, whether big or small, will not be multiplied like the widow's two mites and create an earth-shaking change in someone's life. It happened to Ricky.

Will you prayerfully ask the Lord what He wants to do through you this month and send your gift so we can move quickly to help more people know Jesus the way you and I do? You will cause an explosion of truth that will impact people around the world.

For your gift, I want to thank you by sending you a message that shows God's amazing love for His wandering children. It's called "The Prodigal Son." You probably know some prodigals who need to hear this encouraging sermon, so be sure to give it away after you listen to it.

We also want to know your prayer requests—so jot me a note on the enclosed card and we'll lift your petition before the Lord during our staff worship time.

Before I close, I ask you to please remember people like Ricky. No longer is he angry and rebellious. Jesus' love now shines through this young man because you cared.

Exploding with joy over God's workers,



Pastor Doug Batchelor  
President, Amazing Facts

P.S. Ricky's life was changed because of your support of Amazing Facts' work in Indonesia. He is now changing lives for Christ! Yet millions more need to hear about Jesus in this Muslim-majority country. Your gift is urgently needed to train more workers, translate more resources, and support worldwide evangelism!



**Reaching the World With God's End-Time Message**