

# Electronic JOLLY Treatment



**JOLLY** vt. [*< earlier jot, to jog*] 1. to shake up or jar, as with a bumpy ride 2. to shock or surprise vi. To move along in a bumpy manner n. 1. a sudden jerk, bump, etc. 2. a shock or surprise 3. A stimulating reminder about our ministry in Muslim South-east Asia. *joltingly adv. jollity*

March 2019

## MAR

**7-22:** Visits to South Thailand, Indonesia, and Malaysia.

**26:** Sign new contract & renew visa in Bangkok.

## APL

**3-4:** In KL with Indonesian partners

**8-12:** Conducting intensive course post-graduate course in Bangkok

**23-24:** Speaking in Singapore

## PRAISE

1. For an excellent time in NZ with Michaela, and that she is doing better.
2. That none of us are out of job, and feel that we are continuing to make meaningful contributions to our organization and what it's wanting to see happen.
3. That Nathan had a good week off school, but is back into it.

## PRAYER

1. Please continue to pray for both the kids.
2. Pray for C's 2-weeks on the road Mar 7-22.
3. Pray for initiatives in South Thailand involving our Indonesian partners, and for meetings in Indonesia (Mar 12-14), and KL (Apr 3-4).
4. Pray for C's contract negotiations, and visa renewal (late Mar), and for S's visa run to KL Mar 19-22.
5. Pray for all the people that we are seeking to support and train. Pray for times when we are "up front", and "working behind the scenes". We want to be radically people-centered – like the one who sent us.

We're gonna try taking a slightly different approach to communicating with our backers (both payers and prayers). Simply put, whenever there is anything to say, we're gonna say it. Doesn't really matter whether we fill the page. Could revert to the good old days when we include cartoons [hold on! Why did we stop doing that, anyway!?!]. Here goes...

### 1. Reflection on recent 2-week trip to New Zealand

What an incredibly special 2-weeks for Michaela and Chris. Made Sandra jealous, but (as the young people say) "thems the breaks". For Michaela, the bumper summer is over, and the university year has started. We'll see how it goes, but some contingencies are now in place. For the last night in Wellington, Chris cooked a meal for her flatmates, that 5 other classmates from art school also attended. Stayed the night. Walked to university together, in the morning. After breakfast, we said our goodbyes. Headed to the airport where an eventless trip home began. Enormously grateful for the support offered to Michaela by family and friends, but (on a gut level) we wanna track with her a lot closer. Please keep her and your prayers.

### 2. Back to work!

Chris got back late on February 26. He was home in CM about 24 hours later after a very full – but productive – day at university in Bangkok. Workwise, things are gonna be a bit nuts (sorry for all the technical jargon) between now and mid-April. He leaves for South Thailand on March 7<sup>th</sup>, where he will be showing a world expert on Sufism in Southeast Asia around South Thailand and northern Malaysia until the 11<sup>th</sup>. Flies to Indonesia on the 12<sup>th</sup> for meetings with Indonesian partners that we are working with in South Thailand. Giving two talks in Malaysia (one in KL and one in Penang) before returning to South Thailand, on March 18. Will be spending time a post-graduate student, and presenting a workshop at a conference for practitioners with their hand to the plough among our Muslim mates in Thailand. Fly home on the 22. Over this 2-week trip, Chris will be wearing his three hats (over-educated idiot, entrepreneur, and mentor/trainer). Ideas, initiatives, and individuals are all important, but for different reasons.

But wait! There's more! Sandra has more visa-related travel (also to Malaysia) between Mar 19 & 22. Chris will have to be back in Bangkok for at least one days in the last week of March to sign a new contract and renew his visa. Please remember to pray for this. His (not our) will be done on Earth. After radio-silence from our Indonesian partners for a few months, things are now moving fast. Have been asked to come to KL for 2 days, early April. Finally, Chris will be presenting the first of a number of block courses to one of his post-graduate students (registered in Malaysia but living in South Thailand).

Despite having got off to an unusually busy start, all signs are that 2019 will settle down, by mid-April. Let's hope and plan for this to be the case. By this time of the year, we would have begun looking around for bigger fans armed with a turbo button.

### 3. Sandra's portfolio

Sandra continues to be kept pleasantly busy with a range of administrative tasks related to a number of field-level projects. In addition to this, she has a range of people that she is in regular contact with. She loves the weekly contact with a friend's one-year-old. He's great fun, and this helps the young family who are good mates.

### 4. Nathan's years

Number one son continues to tick the boxes and pass the regular performance evaluations. He had some good times with his mates over the recent one-week school break. Keep him in your prayers.

