



FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN. UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

Sunarjo could feel the weight of his sins. He'd been taught from childhood that an angel followed him, scales in hand. The angel watched his every move and thought. It not only watched, it weighed. Good and bad, every action and thought was tallied and calculated. The process would continue until the end of Sunarjo's life, at which time he'd learn which way the scales tipped.

As the years went by, Sunarjo saw less and less hope of the good outweighing the bad. He'd given up practicing his religion when he joined the military, but he still felt the presence of that angel and he knew his chances weren't good

for getting to Paradise.

Sunarjo knew some Christians who had encouraged him to read the Bible. Interested, he had read the whole thing and was drawn to explore the truth of its message. But for a time, Sunarjo was confused and broken. He knew a pastor who wasn't living right. This pastor drank excessively and mistreated his wife. Sunarjo wasn't sure what to believe.

His Wycliffe Bible translator friends encouraged him to go back to the Scriptures for answers. One day he read from Luke 2:10: "But the angel reassured them; 'Don't be afraid!' he said, 'I bring you good news of great joy for everyone!'" It was at that moment that Sunarjo knew... this was real. This was what he was looking for.

Sunarjo recalls, "What struck me the most was that first there was an angel. I knew about angels, but this angel was bringing the message, a message for all nations...good news for all nations. That news was of a Lord and Savior. This was all very different from what I had believed. I had always thought of God with a hammer. But this was not God with a big hammer but God as a Savior. I knew this was it. My burden had been lifted up. It's the power of the Word of God that got me."



"Different messages talk to different people. This story you hear year after year, the Christmas story, it's what spoke to me. Because the Word is so powerful I believe God has called me to make the Word available for those who do not have it yet."

Sunarjo now serves with Wycliffe; he has done language survey work in Asia and is now mobilizing more people for the work of reaching Asia with the Good News. There are more than a thousand people groups in Asia who do not have any Scripture in their language. Still burdened, they wait for the Good News that can tip the scales.

Eph. 2:8-10 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."



Brian is in New York still working for IBM and completing his Masters program at NYU. Nathan is still in Afghanistan serving with the 82nd Airborne Division, but is planning to return home and wed Krista Bondurant in Waxhaw June 14th. Noelle is still living in Charlotte, NC and working and going to school, studying to be a paralegal. She is engaged to Brian Patterson and they plan to marry sometime in the early fall. Debbie continues to help care for her mom while also pursuing a degree in Biblical Studies at Southern Evangelical Seminary as an external student.

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