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## Philipus' Dream





# Kaimana, West Papua, Indonesia



When Philipus Surbay went to work as a church planter in Kaimana, he was the only Seventh-day Adventist in town.

He had planned to become a police officer in one of West Papua's cities, but God had other plans for this soft-spoken man. "I had a dream," says Philipus, "and in it I was told that I should go to my home town and plant a church among my own people."

Philipus Surbay



① The congregation built the first Seventh-day Adventist church in town where they meet every Sabbath for worship.

② The Adventist youth are active in their communities. They visit people in their homes to pray with them.

Philipus visited people in their homes to tell them about Jesus and give them Bible studies. It was difficult, but eventually he raised up a small group of believers.



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③ The people of Indonesia are hungry to learn about Jesus.



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Nearly 40 years later, Philipus is still giving Bible studies to people interested in getting to know Jesus. "I feel very happy when they choose to be baptized," he says.



④ This growing congregation, located on the opposite side of town, worships at a church member's home and plans to build a church of their own.



⑤ The group prays over their new church building site.



⑥ Church members mix concrete for the foundation of their new church.



⑦ Just before this photo was taken, this girl performed a cultural dance, interpreting the story of her people's history. The smile on her face says it all. She is proud to represent her culture of West Papua, Indonesia.



⑧ Indonesia is made up of thousands of islands. Fishing is a common job here.



⑨ This boy was making his way into town when he heard singing. Curious, he stopped and found a small group of Adventists studying outdoors. He decided to stay for the children's lesson.



The Adventist membership continues to grow in Kaimana.

A second church building is being constructed on the opposite side of town as a result of the growth. Please pray for Philipus Surbay as he plants churches for Jesus and for the people of Indonesia as God continues to touch their hearts.

Every day, Global Mission pioneers and church planters reach out to people who have never had the opportunity to hear the Adventist message. Your donations and prayers help make their work possible. To learn more about their ministry, please visit [www.global-mission.org](http://www.global-mission.org). Thank you for your support!

**To see more stories of how God is touching the hearts of people in West Papua, be sure to watch this quarter's Mission 360 DVD at [youtube.com/AdventistMission](http://youtube.com/AdventistMission).**





Church planter Philipus Surbay (left)  
with Ricky Oliveras.

## Dear friend

**W**hen I first stepped foot in West Papua, I knew I was in for an inspiring visit. The remote location, the beautiful landscapes, and the exotic foods all spoke to me, but what really caught my attention were the people. The people of Indonesia are humble and hardworking. They will go out of their way to make visitors feel at home (and I did).

As I flew around on the Adventist Aviation Services plane to the different islands of West Papua, I continued to hear amazing stories of how God was working in Indonesia.

One man I will never forget is Philipus. I talked with Philipus as we walked through the town of Kaimana, and we eventually reached a church. The church stood proudly on the top of a hill. I attended a small group worship later that night and I could see that the members were filled with passion. A passion for mission.

This congregation stemmed from the efforts of Philipus. Years ago, he was willing

to follow God's leading despite his own plans. He gave up his ambitions of being a police officer so he could plant a church in his hometown. To this day Philipus doesn't regret a moment of it. He is so glad to play a small part in God's big plan.

Sometimes all it takes is a seed. God can use anyone who is willing to answer His call. There are hundreds of Global Mission pioneers who have answered the call to plant new congregations around the world. They often work in challenging areas on the front-lines of mission. Many times their audience has never even heard the name of Jesus.

Thank you for your prayers for the people of Indonesia and other global communities. Please consider supporting Global Mission so that new seeds can be planted in areas around the world.

Thank you!

  
**Ricky Oliveras**

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