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Indonesia: Spiritual Light for the Blind

Colossians 3:12—"Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsufferin."

Mundari (moon-DAH-ree) is an Adventist man living in the city of Manado (mah-NAH-doh), Indonesia. He enjoys making new friends for Jesus. One day after work, Mundari was tired and ¬¬wanted to get a massage. He went to a rehabilitation center for the visually impaired and asked if a student could give him a massage. The center had just finished a training course in massage, and one of the students gladly offered to practice his new skills on Mundari.

During the massage, Mundari chatted with the student about work and life in general. Then he talked about how God changed his life. He quoted several Bible texts to the student. The talk grew deeper, and by the end of the massage, the student wanted to know more about Mundari's faith.

That simple massage marked Mundari's friendship not only with this student, but with others in the rehabilitation center. It didn't take long before Mundari started a ministry among the staff and students of the rehabilitation center.

The rehabilitation center allows worship services for their Christian students, which created opportunities for Mundari and members of the Adventist church to minister to the students.

"We are happy to have the Adventists reach out to our visually impaired friends here," said a staff member at the rehabilitation center. "These people need to feel accepted and cared for. They need compassion and support from the community around them. Their goal is to live independently and be accepted by society. We are grateful for the activities conducted here by the local Adventist church. Their regular visits tell us that Adventists really care. Some organizations visit us once a year, but the Adventist church makes it a priority to visit us regularly."

Mundari invited the visually impaired to worship at the Adventist church. Many accepted his invitation. "It brings joy to our hearts to see these visually impaired people singing praises to God," Mundari said.

Mundari and the Adventist church members have shown God's love to their visually impaired friends just as Jesus did when He was on earth. The results are new members in the body of Christ.

Besides our individual missionary work, God asks us to worship Him with our tithes and our regular and systematic offerings, called "Promise." Those funds will be used to provide light for those who are still spiritually impaired around the world. Let us join Jesus's army!