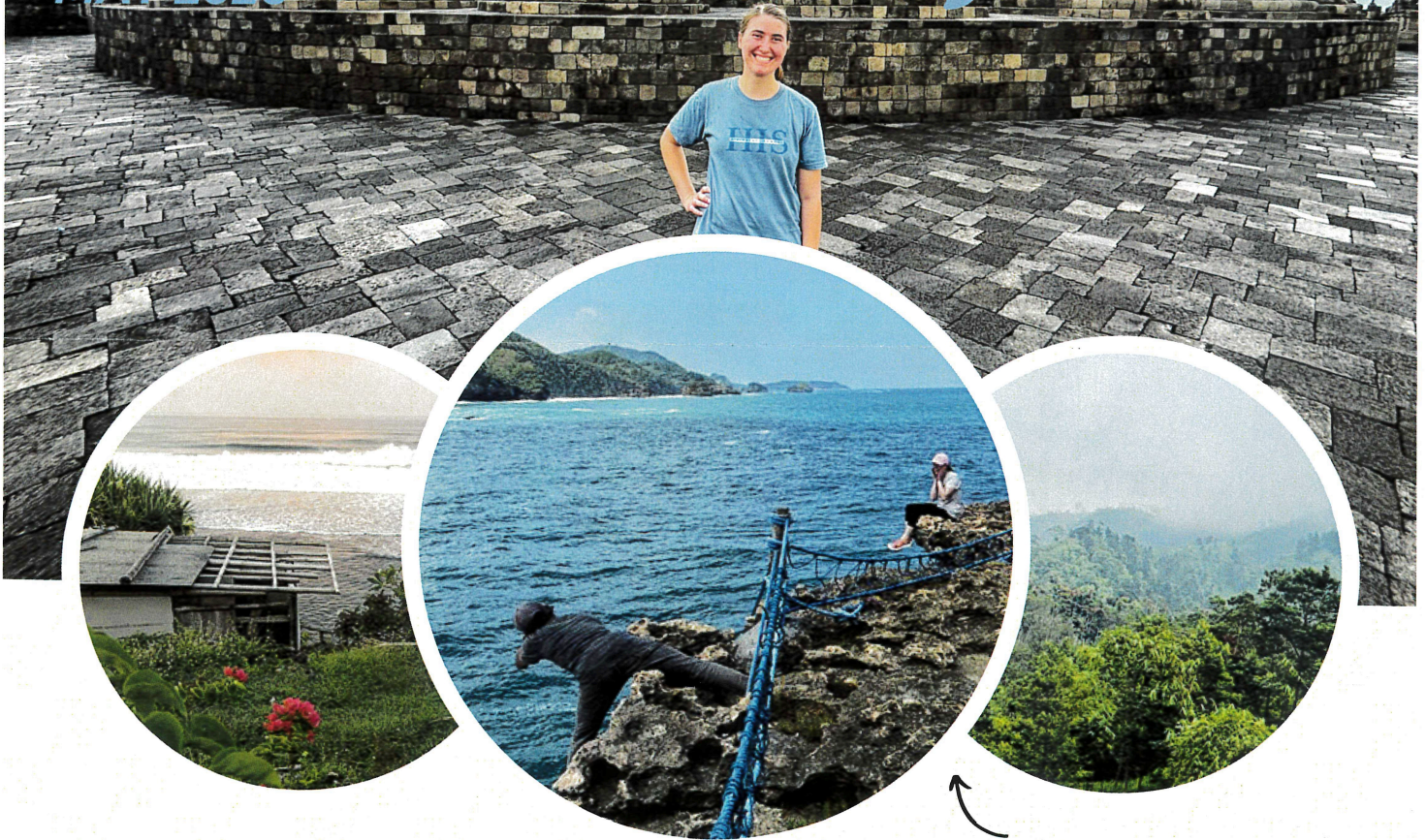


Rachel's Report

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Exploring the historical and natural sites around Indonesia is a great way to learn about culture, practice Indonesian, and explain my purpose for living in Indonesia.

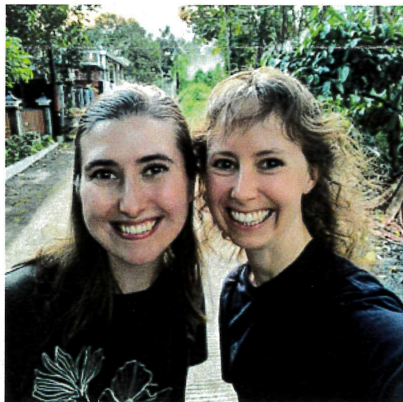
DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS,

I love learning more about Indonesia's culture as I learn its language. Here are a few examples that have caught my attention recently:

- The Indonesian word for aloe vera is ***lidah buaya***, which means "crocodile tongue."
- Indonesian has words to describe flavors that are similar to the flavors that we use in English, but one of the flavors that I found different is ***gurih***, which describes flavors that are both salty and sweet or rich, like curry or coconut cream.
- **The Indonesian culture values relationships and respect in those relationships very highly.** As a result, even the pronouns for "you" in the Indonesian language indicate whether the relationship with someone is more formal (*Anda*) or informal (*kamu*).



After attending four hours of language class every weekday, I continue in my language study homework by preparing for the next day's lesson and asking cultural questions of Indonesian friends, neighbors, and strangers.



My grandmother Violet Lindstrom passed away in April after struggling with dementia and other health issues. **I'm thankful for her godly legacy and enthusiastic support of my work with MAF in Indonesia.** I'm also thankful that my cousin Alison made the journey to Salatiga so we could watch our grandma's memorial service together.

God has blessed me with a beautiful place to call home during my language study in Salatiga.

Praises

- Language classes have been going well--currently in Unit 3 of 8!
- Grateful for visits from several family and friends.

Prayer Requests

- For continued understanding of the Indonesian language as the content becomes more difficult.
- For growth in continuing to build relationships with my Indonesian friends and neighbors.



Great News!

Thanks to your generous support, I have received all the funds needed to purchase a vehicle in Indonesia. I hope to be a good steward of the tools and opportunities the Lord gives me.

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