Week 1-**Article: Expectations for Language Acquisition**

(read aloud together)

As you complete your basic first week of orientation, you will now move into the acquisition of language and cultural understanding. This will be one of the hardest hurdles to cross, which is why we will also discuss time management in light of language learning and cultural insight.

The language acquisition process is essential for all to embrace. This process will challenge you on many levels: humility (plenty of that available), increased teachability, and ability to connect at a heart level with the people group to whom God has led you. We stand with you as you embrace this stretching challenge.

Expectations for language learning:

* Begin immediate language learning with pre-arranged language program after arrival.
* You will study 2 hours in an intensive program with language instructors, have 2 hours of practice, and 2 hours of recommended review time daily. We recommend diving into the deep end in intensive study.
* You will also need to build several relationships that will give you the opportunity to use what you have been learning. Aim to build a certain number of relationships so that you can measure how you are doing (some aim for 20 relationships), realizing that your initial days in language learning will be very basic as you start out. Be patient but intentional in the process.
* Your goal is to build as many relationships as you can during your language learning, which will give you the opportunities to practice Indonesian with as many people as possible, reinforcing what you are learning with your tutors.
* You will need to take some time each day for private study, which will include memorizing vocabulary, studying the grammar, etc.
* Each Strategy Team or supervising leader will set accountability procedures to best help you in maintaining good language learning habits (weekly language reports, or time management exercises, etc.).

We are suggesting you use the “GLUE” method in your language learning:

G = “Get it” with your formal tutor 2 hours daily

L = “Learn it” with your informal tutor 2 hours daily

U =”Use it” with other language speakers 2 hours daily

E = “Evaluate it” and prepare for the next day. 1 hour daily

This language program encourages new folks to spend a minimum of 40 to 45 hours a week in language learning. Your goal is to become conversant in the language, to begin to understand the worldview, in order to better serve toward the vision of launching a movement to Christ among your UPG. Keep in mind that relationships are being built in the process, which leads to great potential to demonstrate the love of Christ even before you can speak the truth of Christ in the given language. Demonstration goes hand in hand with proclamation of the splendour of Christ. Language learning is a crucial part of this process.