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To our friends & partners:

In preparation to start iteration in June 2024, we have outlined some ideas on what makes our ministry in an international church, or IC, powerful and impactful, and a ministry you and your church would want to partner with in missions. IES, where we serve in Jakarta, Indonesia, is a very unique church, a powerful ministry with an impact far beyond those who attend. If you've never had an opportunity to be part of an IC, you're missing out.

IES has seen continued growth since the end of our 20-month government-mandated COVID shutdown and the subsequent 6 months of restrictions we lifted. The week running from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday this year, including our Good Friday services, we had 2,534 unique attendees check-in for our services. That was a great ministry week for sure. This past weekend we are excited to have broken 1400 in headcounts for our best regular week since we returned. Numbers are great but there's a lot more to the story of how we help our people grow and minister here in this amazing city and great nation.

If you're wondering what we do and why anyone would bother to support us, please read below and let us know when we can come to talk with you about ministry in Indonesia and how you and your church can partner with us.

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Your Missions Partners in Jakarta, Indonesia

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## What Makes an International Church

April 1, 2024

IES - A Model of International Church Ministry.

Thoughts on communicating the power and impact of International Church ministry.



Knowing we will soon set out to communicate the power and impact of International Church ministry to our current and future partners in American churches, it seemed important to process and articulate the variety of things that make international church ministry, and ministry in IES in particular, unique and impactful... [Read more here](#)

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## IC's Gathering All Kinds of People

April 13, 2024

IES is a Church made up of all kinds of people

IES, like other ICs, is a church made up of hundreds of different kinds of people from different places, backgrounds, traditions and experiences... [Read more here](#)

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## IC's Are Local Churches That Share Resources With Local Churches

April 17, 2024

As a local church, IES loves to see other local churches growing.

IES is intentional about being an asset to the churches of Indonesia. We have connections, experience, resources and contacts that can build up our neighboring Indonesian churches. We all desire to see God's Kingdom grow so we partner with our neighbors to see us all grow together... [Read more here](#)

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## A Church For All Ages.

April 17, 2024

IES is a Church for all ages, where kids are the church today and so are their grandparents. As with most IC's, IES is intentionally a Church for all ages where all are recognized as the Church.

IES, like most International churches, is not limited to a certain age demographic. One of our core values is, "Kids are not the church of tomorrow. They are the church today!"... [Read more here](#)

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## Great Opportunity To Share Faith

April 17, 2024

IES is an open door for front sliding.



The variety of cultures and ethnicities in IES and other IC's give us a great opportunity to share faith. We're so obviously different that it's okay to check us out. Spiritual development just seems to happen so much faster in an IC... [Read more here](#)

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## IC's Connect With Compassion Ministries

April 18, 2024

IES Finds Partners For Effective Compassion Ministry.



Where IC's are surrounded by great need they become a great tool to impact communities through compassion ministries.

IC members tend to be people of great compassion, aware of their privilege while often surrounded by great need. IC members are often high achievers and doers who have a sense of responsibility to get things done. These factors drive IC's and their people to care for those in need in their community...

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## IC's Reach Neglected and Unreached People

April 19, 2024

IES & Neglected or Unreached People Groups.



When we think of the unreached we often think of distant people in small villages, but IC's in cities have a tremendous capacity to reach and develop believers who are from neglected or unreached people groups, backgrounds, traditions and experiences... [Read more here](#)

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## IC's Develop Ministers and Ministries.

April 19, 2024

In IES, Everyone's a Minister

Everyone's a Minister is a mantra and core value of IES, where we are always in ministry development mode, new people are continually raised up for ministry and those who are raised up are often sent off to other great ministry endeavors elsewhere.

IC's are a great place for ministry development... [Read more here](#)

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## IC's are for foreigners too.

April 19, 2024

IC's are for foreigners too.

IES is proud to be a church for all nations and ethnicities with representatives from all the continents.

IES has a lot of foreigners though more Indonesians than any other group. Healthy IC's are always sending believers off to other places. Helping their people find new, healthy churches in the place they are moving to... [Read more here](#)

