

Moko, the boy preacher [Eight years old]:



In central Sulawesi, Indonesia, multitudes flock to hear the preaching of an eight-year-old boy. And because of this, the villages in this conflict area once consumed by bloodshed are now being transformed. Terrorist bombings, beheadings, and raids on villages by Islamic jihadists have plagued the people of central Sulawesi, Indonesia in recent years. Hundreds have died and thousands more have been forced from their homes. The small town of Poso has always been dreaded because of the bombings and massacres brought about by the conflict between the Christians and the Muslims. Today, this image of chaos is fast changing as a tremendous spiritual revival is taking place, amazingly led by two eight-year-old kids. "The miracle is so real and right in front of us, but why is it we don't believe?" Moko, the boy preacher, addressed the crowd who listened to him intently.

After winning a preaching contest last December, Moko travelled to nearby towns to preach God's word to the people. While the people worship, Moko's friend Selfin prays for a touch from God. Muslims like Barahuddin have experienced miraculous healing. "I saw the lame walk," Baharuddin said. "And I saw with my own eyes the blind can see. I also prayed and now I can walk by myself." Baharuddin had a stroke in 2002. Since then, he says, he always felt dizzy and very weak. He always had someone help him walk. He said, "My faith was increased because I saw the miracles. They just say God loves us and He sent Issa, Jesus to heal us and I believe that." Aside from physical healing, Moko also preaches about healing of his homeland, Poso. Moko and Selfin are among the refugees whose houses were burned.

"I think the Lord wants us to have peace in Poso," Boy preacher Adlan "moko" Molewe said. "There should be no division especially in the church. When Jesus was raised from the dead, He said He will come back so the Lord wants us to have one heart. We should love one another."Moko also shared his views on how to stop corruption which is rampant in Indonesia."In the Bible, we pray the Lord's Prayer. Give us our daily bread. We can only have enough for the day. Don't be greedy and ask for more. Just ask for today," Moko said.When asked how he prepares his messages, he said, "...I just pray and ask the strength from the Lord, so I can preach to the people because I know I cannot do it without the help of God. And I always read the Bible.

"According to Moko's parents, it has always been the practice in their family to read the Bible everyday. Selfin and Moko are glad they are being used by God, but they also see the importance of education."I do the work of God but when I get home I go to school," Moko said. "I do what I have to do as a child."Moko and Selfin are guided by Rev. Rinaldy Damanik, a human rights and peace advocate and pastor of the Central Sulawesi Christian Church. Damanik said, "I believe God is using the children to call for repentance and great transformation in Poso. We can say this is the seed of the blood of the martyrs in Poso, their blood poured out in Poso land is now bearing fruit through Moko and Selfin."And the result is a more peaceful province

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