

# THE CORBINS AND THE EMBRACE MINISTRY TO TCK'S

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Jos & me  
Then and Now



## A SEED PLANTED IN 1985

Nearly forty years ago, during my very first mission trip in 1985, I met a young man named Jos on a small island in Indonesia.

A month after our team left, Jos went to his uncle, a pastor, and said, "I want to know this Jesus those Americans talked about."

Recently I returned to that same region and stood in Jos's church as he **now pastors** and leads many others to Christ.

Moments like that are a powerful reminder that seeds planted long ago can grow in ways we never imagine.

On this same trip to Southeast Asia I was able to reconnect with several people I've been investing in for many years.

In Malaysia, I met with a TCK I have known since he was fifteen who now serves in Indonesia with his wife. We shared a wonderful time catching up and encouraging them in their ministry.

In Cambodia, I spent time with one of our MEI missionary families that is precious to me. I also unexpectedly reconnected with a TCK I first met in 2012 who is now teaching at their children's school. Over coffee, we were able to talk through some important life decisions he is facing.

One of the most meaningful visits was with a couple I first met in 2010 when the husband was a freshman in college. They now lead a ministry team and are raising three children of their own.

After a very difficult year for this family, including severe illness and a frightening break-in, my time with them was simply about encouraging them, praying together, and reminding them they are not alone.

Your partnership makes all of these moments possible.

### TCK TIDBITS

TCK'S (Third Culture Kids) grow up in a culture outside their parents' culture. They take on aspects of both cultures (the parents' and that of the host country), but never feel like they totally belong to either.

***"Third Culture Kids build relationships everywhere they go, but saying goodbye is often the price of that life."--David C. Pollock***



## REFLECTION

What stood out most during this trip was not simply the miles traveled; it was the reminder that **long-term presence** is what produces lasting fruit.

None of these relationships were one-time encounters. They have been built over years, and each visit allows conversations to go deeper.

The same is true here in the United States. This spring I'll be traveling to visit several TCKs, some of whom I've walked with for more than 2 decades as they navigate adulthood, faith, and calling.

Different side of the world. Same calling.  
Consistent presence. Long-term discipleship.

## FAMILY UPDATE

We are beginning to see encouraging changes in Dylan. He recently started a new kind of therapy and also adopted a cat, and both have made a noticeable difference.

His outlook is slowly shifting from hopelessness toward hope and gratitude. He still has a long road ahead, but we are deeply thankful to finally see progress. Please continue praying for him.

Thank you for faithfully walking with us in this journey. The lives being touched across decades and across borders are directly connected to your partnership.

Still Looking Upward,

The Corbins

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## Why Your Partnership Matters

Consistent presence like this is only possible because of people who choose to partner with us in this ministry.

For many years, faithful supporters have made it possible for me to consistently show up in the lives of TCKs at critical moments.

As this ministry continues, one of my hopes this year is to strengthen that base of partnership by adding **8-10 new monthly partners** who want to help sustain this work.

Even a commitment of **\$50, \$100, or \$200 per month** helps create the stability needed for these mentoring visits and conversations.

If you have never partnered monthly, would you prayerfully consider becoming one of those partners?

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