



## **BERNIE & FARSIJANA ADENEY-RISAKOTTA**

Bernie Adeney-Risakotta came under appointment as a mission co-worker for the PC(USA) in 1991, and he has served continuously since then. Farsijana came under appointment in January of 2003.

Bernie was founding director of the [Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies](#) (ICRS) at Gadjah Mada University (UGM) in Yogyakarta. Farsijana is the founder of the House of Authentic Sense (HAS) and works with the Center for Development and Social Transformation in the Faculty of Business at Duta Wacana Christian University in Yogyakarta. Both Bernie and Farsijana spend a lot of time working together with Christians and Muslims to build a just society.

In 1997, Bernie married Farsijana and moved to Yogyakarta to serve as assistant director of the Graduate Program in Theology at Duta Wacana Christian University. In 2003, he started teaching graduate courses at the State Islamic University and at Gadjah Mada University, the oldest and largest national university in Indonesia. Most of Gadjah Mada University's 56,000 students are Muslim. This experience led to the founding of ICRS, which quickly became an internationally acclaimed, interreligious program and is the only known cooperation of its kind between secular, Muslim and Christian universities.

In the late 1990s, Bernie and Farsijana built a home in an all-Muslim neighborhood that serves as a center for community outreach and hospitality. It is called "Pondok Tali Rasa." At any given time, they share it with several other people of both Muslim and Christian faith. Their house also served as a center for an organization that Farsijana led, the Indonesian Women's Coalition (KPI), which empowers women and serves the victims of natural disasters