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Today in the Lifestory movement: Farook has had many changes in less than one month. David also. Farook stepped up and became leader of the Firebrand team on the first of Dec. because David was suffering great persecution. Farook's father in law died early in the month, then he accidentally struck a pedestrian who died. The person's family were as poor as can be and he is helping them. He is selling property and trying to come up with the amount they have asked for. In this culture the person responsible for the death must bring the body home to the family and try to apologize, then he must pay for the funeral and all the costs of relatives travel and food for those who come to the event. After this the local Panciz agrees to an amount of restitution that must be paid to the family. It took courage and compassion to get through the ordeal including a lot of prayer.

Farook wanted to come to us and pray so it appeared providential when his job called for a trip to this area with a company of soldiers.

The trip was 10 hours. We had a great prayer meeting, but the weather was so bad that it stalled his return trip. One of those dreaded phone calls came to him while he was traveling back, and he learned that his father died. Because it was snowing the roads were blocked. Hundreds of vehicles were stranded and he was so late arriving home that they had buried his father. He is an overseer with a cheerful spirit, but a degree of sadness is residing with him now, so we tried to comfort him yesterday. It was a bit difficult because he was comforting my partner who's daughter came down with a serious illness. You may detect that there is enough trouble to go around here these days. Just before Farook ended the call with us he said. "Whatever comes in front of us, nothing can stop the work of our Lord. We must carry on with this movement." Farook is now almost one year old in Jesus.

Yours eternally, Jon and Jerri