Massie, Frans Albert (1931–2015)

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Frans Albert Massie was a pastor and church administrator from Minahasa, Indonesia.

**Early Life**

Frans Albert Massie was born on February 13, 1931, in Langowan, Minahasa, Indonesia, to Lambert and Anna Massie, both of Minahasa ethnicity and adherents of early Adventist church in Minahasa. Although Lambertus and Anna were traditional farmers, they worked hard to earn money to send their children to school to earn an education. Frans spent his childhood in Langowan village, during the Dutch Colonial period. On January 11, 1941 Japanese General Hideki Tojo with his military government declared war against the Netherlands East Indies Government, and Japanese forces occupied Minahasa. Life became quite hard for Frans and his family.

**Marriage and Family**

In spite of the difficult times, Massie was able to attend the village elementary school. Entering adolescence, he showed great interest in spiritual matters. On June 1, 1946, at age 15, he was baptized as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He earned a high school diploma in 1962 from North Celebes Academy. After working for several years in the denomination he pursued college education, and in 1979, he was able earn a Junior College degree from Mount Klabat College (now Klabat University) in Manado, Indonesia.

While doing canvassing work in Central Sulawesi province, Massie met Marie Juliana Kumaat, an employee of the Government bank. They were married in Palu City on May 7, 1957, and were blessed with three children, Petrus Alvius Lambertus, Betty Olga Margaretha, and Mike Riene Roos.

**Career and Ministry**

In 1953, at 22 years old, Massie dedicated himself to work for the Lord. He became a literature evangelist and served until 1957. The fast development of the Adventist Church in North Sulawesi caused an increase in the need for denominational workers. The Union Mission leadership saw in Massie the potential of being a minister so they called him into denominational work. As preparation for his full service, Massie went to North Celebes Academy (now Sekolah Lanjutan Advent Tompaso II) and obtained an academy diploma, in 1962.

In 1963 Massie officially became a denominational employee and obtained a missionary license. In 1966 he obtained service status as a licensed minister and served as the publishing department secretary for the North Sulawesi Mission until 1970. On January 11, 1969, he was ordained as a pastor and continued to work in the publishing Department until 1970. In January 1971 he was transferred to Sangihe Talaud Islands Mission (now Northern Islands Mission), where he served as mission president for two years. After serving at Sangihe Talaud, he was transferred to a wider area of Irian Jaya Mission (now Papua Mission) where he served as mission president until 1977.

In 1978 Massie asked to be transferred to Manado so that, while serving as a district pastor, he could go to college. In 1979 he received a Junior College Degree from Mount Klabat College (now Klabat University).

In October 1979 Massie was assigned as a department director in the North Minahasa Mission. In 1987 he was appointed as mission secretary in the same mission, which he held for 3 years. He again served as department director from January 1991 until his retirement on May 1, 1992.

**Later Life**

Massie spent his retirement years in Jordan village next to Klabat University campus in North Minahasa Region, North Sulawesi Province. Even in retirement, Massie continued to dedicate his life to serving God. He volunteered as a pastor and attended seminars and training held by the church, and conducted training for local churches. He continued to serve as Pathfinder Coach in the North Minahasa Conference, as well as in his local congregation, receiving several awards in Pathfinder and Master Guide from North Minahasa Conference, and also from one of the Indonesian Adventist Churches in the United States.

Marie Kumaat Massie died January 18, 2013. Frans Massie died December 13, 2015, and was buried at Rumoong Lansot Village, Minahasa.

**Sources**

Frans Albert Massie’s birth certificate, baptism certificate, school diploma, and awards. Kept in the Massie family personal collection.

NOTES

1. Birthday Certificate of Frans Albert Massie, as kept in the Massie family personal collection.


5. Baptism Certificate of Frans Albert Massie, as kept in the Massie family personal collection.

6. High School Diploma, as kept in the Massie family personal collection.

7. Family Card issued by the local government of Manado, Indonesia, as kept in the Massie family personal collection.

8. Written statement from Pastor J. S. Maramis (former Union president), written on December 30, 1991.


10. Service Record of Frans Albert Massie, East Indonesia Union Conference Archives.


14. Award, as kept in the Massie family personal collection.