

Bily Co.

The monthly update for **Billy**, **Lydia**, and **Cory**



Cory's favorite word right now is "oatmop." He made it up one night before bed. Whenever someone says it he gets "stuck in giggles" and can't get out. When we tell him we will have to use an oatmop to get him out it makes the giggles worse. He tries to be good but its just so hard. However, one of the things he enjoys right now is going around the neighborhood and giving away candy we have accumulated to kids on the street. Sometimes his generosity surprises us. He still loves his little brother Billy and kisses him about 20 times a day.



Lydia has a special relationship with her body. It talks to her. Often she says, "My belly says, 'I'm hungry.'" or "My belly says, 'I'm tired.'" Usually her belly does all the talking but other things talk also. Once when she was going to the bathroom she related to us, "My poopie says, 'Maybe tomorrow!'"

She also has a habit of negating her sentences after the verb: "I'm gonna not do it", "I'm gonna not go to sleep" etc.

She is always ready to go on errands with dad or get out of the house for any reason.

Her favorite food is still rice and she can eat enough to stuff a pig. We don't know where she puts it.



Billy has been on a good track of sleeping through the night – 5 nights in a row. But a recent cold threw off his record. But in spite of the cold, teeth coming in, and the other stressors of being a 7month old, he is a generally happy guy. He surprised all the women at the *arisan*¹ meeting this month by choosing the first word he spoke to be Javanese. When the women were talking about him he said, "Inggéh" which is "yes" in the highest level of Javanese's three level speech system. He has the potential to become more Indonesian than the rest of us.

¹ Arisan is a monthly gathering of women in the community. Each month the women on our street gather in a home and put \$5 into a pot, generating a total of \$50 or \$60. Then a name is pulled out of a hat and one of the women wins the pot. It sounds like gambling but it is actually an informal loan system. Whoever wins the money has to host the next arisan meeting at her home and her name is taken off the list of possible winners. After everyone has won once, they start over again. Sarah has enjoyed taking part in this activity as another way to relate to neighbors. And of course they love when she brings the kids. Interestingly, she hasn't won yet...