

Work From Home - I believe fully in the old saying, "Home Is Where the Heart Is".

I have spent the past 14 years working remotely at home ... very remote; since I am from South Carolina originally but have lived in Indonesia for the past 14 years with my wife and daughter. This was due to a problem with US immigration in 2001 that resulted in my wife being barred from the US for 10 years. Since this is related but getting off the main subject of working remotely you can read more about it at <http://glennmadden.com>

I left my job in the USA making \$100,000 plus a year to live with my wife and daughter in Bandung Indonesia. I never had a work Visa for Indonesia so I was not allowed to pursue work in the job market. I had to create my own jobs and income that did not interfere with what Immigration would consider taking jobs from Indonesians.

I already had a beginning of an online business selling goods drop shipped for me by an online US company. I enjoyed building websites and building the Internet business so much and the need for an income it was not easy to just get off line and spend time with my family. I learned to mentally to set job tasks for myself at the end of each day while I was relaxing for the following day. I would estimate the amount time I thought it would take targeting around 6 hours. I did not set any exact hour that I had to work only work goals for a particular day.

This meant I could spend the morning with my family or the evening as long as I accomplished my work goal for that day. I had to be flexible because sometimes family would eat into the work time or vice versa. But my principal mental strategy was to always try and accomplish my necessary work goals for life needs each day slowly building up my business and providing for the family.

I not only keep my work schedule flexible but I also keep the door open for other opportunities. A short time after moving to Indonesia I was invited to be a paid Native English language speaker on several occasions. I was paid under the table \$2,000 to help create read along tapes for English school books used for the Indonesian schools.

Eventually my online business grew into selling furniture built by local artisans and shipping it to the USA and Europe. This led to meeting online a group in Tulsa Oklahoma whom wanted me to supply kitchens and bath cabinets for them. I moved my family to Jepara Indonesia where there were a lot of home based furniture makers. I set up a factory in a warehouse where we moved to. My family and I lived and worked with local artisans together until the world economy turned and sour and the business went under. This past 2years almost we have had no sales.

Now we are back in Bandung where my wife is from and I am restarting the online business in baby steps...back where we started but that keeps life interesting. Part of my strategy is keeping an open mind looking for opportunity, like this contest 😊