



NEWSLETTER

STICHTING PIKULAN

Inspired by and in obedience to the Bible, in close cooperation with the people involved, Pikulan Foundation aims to help the continuation and expansion of about nine adoption and sponsored projects in Indonesia.

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NL 75 INGB 0009 1000 83 in the name
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From the board

As usual you receive a Pikulan newsletter in May every year in which we try to pass on our activities to you. A lot of things have happened again. Tanjung Priok has a completely new board. The preparation was in September, and the installation has now taken place. It is a cooperation between school and society, and the old board of Ida Erlany is also included. In this way, we hope to be able to help even more children to go to school with a small allowance from Pikulan.

Financial adoption of children remains the same and is managed by Ida, but by opening up the board, more people from society are involved. For example brother Paulus. We met him during a trip and we had a conversation together. We were deeply impressed by what he means to the poorest people in the Tanjung Priok harbour area, all on his own. A special word of thanks to Ismi,

who has represented our interests and has realised the cooperation.

Wietse and Joan van der Land have become promoters of the entire Tanjung Priok project, and Bertine will support the adoption children in this project. There are more changes regarding promoters. Gerrit and Aagje Dijkstra have changed from Tanjung Priok to Semarang. Siebe and Feikje handle the (financial) administration of all adoption children. We are pleased with this solution.

Joke and Dirk Van Duyn represent Usaha Mulia and other work on Bali – think of the cooperation with Siaki-Tari-Us-. They will introduce themselves in this newsletter. Nettie Ramos will also introduce herself. She took over from promoter Triwindu, and she travelled with us during our last trip. Nettie was born in Indonesia, we are also glad about that. We welcome these new promoters to the Pikulan family.

When there is a new promoter, you often say goodbye to another. In this case Mattie Folkers has indicated she wants to stop. We are sorry for this but we understand. Mattie, many thanks for all that you have meant to Pikulan, and especially to Triwindu. You picked up the project when it was in a very difficult situation, and you did a great job getting it back on track again.



In our December newsletter we placed a request for Joshua Mohammed Jasin, who wants to go to seminary to become a preacher – costs amounting to about 600 euros a year for three years-. The deacons of the Christian Reformed Church Surhuisterveen want to pay the expenses and help the family for the coming three years. Wonderful! Many thanks!

You will read more about Wytze and Joan who are travelling the Silk Road in their motor home. They hope to travel over 36,000 km to Singapore and raise money for the Tanjung Priok project in this way.

Our charity shop keeps running very well. We are extremely grateful for this. There is always supply of goods and there are always customers who like to buy. It is a wonderful cooperation to help the poorest children in our projects in Indonesia.

We have said goodbye to Janny IJtsma and Harmke Veenstra, workers for Pikulan from the beginning. We know the time will come for all of us, but we do miss you. Many thanks for all that you have done for Pikulan.

Have you visited our renewed website yet? You can follow us even better now on



www.pikulan.nl. We welcome your reactions! If you are going on holiday this summer, we wish you a good time, and if you stay close to home, we wish you great weather and a blessed summer.

*Warm regards,
Bouke Baron.*

A big thank you to all of you who made donations. Because not everyone leaves their name or address details, we cannot always send a personal thank you. That is why we say it here!

God connects people

One evening, we paid a visit to an acquainted couple who transferred money but hadn't stated the specific cause for their donation. That evening, they told us that it was a one off donation because after it was made, they had found a new cause.

They found out that a preachers' couple, Chris and Ati, in the Magelang village on Java, needed money urgently. This couple try to support 14 orphans, and they live in the church with a number of those children. They don't have a house, or children of their own. The roof of the church is leaking, and a plastic cover is placed over it to keep the rain out as much as possible. There is no money to repair the roof because most of the church members are very poor. Ati's mother lives in Groningen with her husband. She sells homemade Indonesian cake to the Toko in Groningen to send money to her daughter. But because of health problems she cannot always do this anymore. To make matters worse, Ati is falling ill regularly.

When the Merapi volcano erupted, Ati went there to help people. Now she is suffering from lung problems. The connection with Pikulan was quickly made. A week later a tenth project was born, it seemed. Of course we are checking and arranging everything for the sake of reliability, but all seems

favourable. We have also directly helped in Ati's health condition. Next to that we are

trying to set up an adoption administration. Perhaps you are considering adopting a child or helping to repair the church roof. Simply state as cause of your donation: 'Magelang project roof' or contact us for adoption, at secretariaat@pikulan.nl.



Sponsored tour for Tanjung Priok

We started our motor home world tour, according to plan, after a sponsored brunch, on 11 March. The goodbye was emotional. We knew that we would not see, or speak to, our children, grandchildren and friends for a long time. After the warm words that were said by everyone who waved us goodbye, we were together and started the adventure. Bouke Baron, chairman of the board, had announced the amount that was raised at the start of our Tanjung Priok campaign, and off we went. We arrived in Sofia reasonably fast, via Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary and Serbia. In Sofia, we took our first days of rest. It was still chilly, and we needed to put the heater on in the evenings.

Sofia –Bulgaria- is on the one hand a beautiful old city, and on the other side a sad and poor looking collection of communist blocks of houses. Driving towards Turkey, we see the quality of the roads decreasing and the age of the cars increasing. It is a kind of a driving museum of Ladas, Zastavas, Fiats 124 and Renaults 12. The people don't look happy, they look as sad as their surroundings. We received regular updates on the political developments between The Netherlands and Turkey. Yet we were treated most kindly at the border.

Our stay in Turkey started in Istanbul. Here you can feel the intersection of East and West regarding trade on the Silk Road, and regarding the religions. Greek Orthodox, Armenian and Catholic churches, Jewish synagogues,

Islamic mosques. Young people dress in a more Western style and the older people in a more Eastern style. During our trip in Turkey, we have experienced much hospitality. We have seen very many ancient places of interest, e.g. the Blue Mosque and the Aga Sofia in Istanbul. The Aga Sofia was a church first, then a mosque, and after that it was made a museum by the founder of modern Turkey, Kemal Ataturk, in order to avoid religious conflicts.

From Istanbul we drove to Safranbolu, centre of Turkey's safran growing. Via harbour city Trabzon and a splendid mountainous landscape with snow still on the roads, we drove to the border with Iran. We saw more and more police patrols because meanwhile we had entered the Kurdish region.



When we approached the Iranian border we realised that again you enter a different world. Leaving Turkey went fast. Then you enter no man's land and you see the large portraits of two smiling Ayatollahs. The gate opens, and closes behind you.

From Tabriz we drove to Teheran. We parked our camper next to the Holy Shrine of Ayatollah Khomeiny. According to young Iranians it is a complete waste of money to make such a large mausoleum. Young people miss freedom here, and, after the reign of the last Sjah, got into a religious dictatorship.

We passed the ancient palace city Persepolis, built 2500 years ago. Now –mid-April- we are staying in Shiraz for a few days, the ancient city of wine where nowadays not a single drop can be found anymore.

Our Tanjung Priok campaign will go on until we have reached the end of our tour in Singapore. Some Pikulan friends have already transferred money, Bouke Baron let us know. We made our own small calculation as well.

If every reader of this newsletter puts aside one 20 cents coin every day until 15 October, then we will have collected 1 euro per travelled kilometre for the children in Tanjung Priok. They really need it. Please invite relatives and friends to join. One 20 cents coin a day means 1 child to school for one day.

Join us!

*Regards from Wytze and Joan,
Shiraz, Iran*



(Note editor: the full travel report can be read on www.camperreis-drachtensingapore.nl)



Roofs of Diakonos dormitories waterproof now!

I would like to go back to our request in the last newsletter, for help for the STT Diakonos Seminary. Diakonos is part of the Talang Kasih Banyumas project. With the help of your donations and an extra donation by Pikulan, both dormitories now have corrugated iron roofs. The residents now have a drier and healthier place to study and sleep during the raining season.

The kitchen has also been renewed, a solid refectory has been added. As you can see in the picture, the refectory is a multi-purpose building. It is also used for teaching. Gradually, the premises are being improved as well, and paved.

Many of these improvements are made by the teachers, students and staff themselves. On behalf of Diakonos I would like to thank you very much for your contribution, be it a donation or prayer. Of course, there is more to be desired for further improvement of the dormitories and more classrooms. But Rome wasn't built in one day, and Diakonos felt very much supported by our commitment from Fryslân and the Netherlands. They are extremely happy and satisfied with the current improvements.

The management team, the teachers and the students of STT Diakonos keep faith, just like us, in our resurrected Lord and Saviour. We can rejoice in his love and grace. I was reading the following in a diary by A. F. Troost the other day: The gospel invites us to give up doubt, to live like a newborn child, dependent, trusting, submitting silently. A baby doesn't analyse the concept 'love'. A baby enjoys it.

Let's be led by this example, living as children of the resurrection!

*Warm regards,
Sjouke v.d. Meulen, promoter*



Who wants to sponsor me?

A few children in the Tanjung Priok project in Jakarta have no sponsor yet, but they do need sponsoring. There is much poverty in Jakarta.

Hati is a 12-year old girl. She is a smart girl. She lives with her father and mother and two little brothers and one little sister in a small house (room) of 9 square meters. They have one bed for the whole family to sleep in. The roof is broken. When it rains, the water leaks in. The father has a job in the municipality. He cleans the streets. He makes too little money to pay for his 4 children's education. The mother is at home with the children.



Requests

- Could you ask people in your circle of friends and acquaintances to register as financial adoption parents? The more adoption parents, the more children we can help!
- Donations are welcomed at: NL75 INGB 0009 1000 83. Please clearly state the cause: the project or name and number of your child, and also your name so that we know who the sender/donor is.
- The adoption money is to be transferred to bank account no. NL43 INGB 0006 2734 00 in the name of: Stichting Pikulan, Surhuisterveen.
- Please fill in your own bank account no., name and address clearly on the enclosed giro slip, or else the money may not be transferred.

New promoters introduce themselves

Joke and Dirk van Duyn

By the end of 1946, Joke's father was sent to the Dutch Indies as a conscript. There he met the Moluccan Javan love of his life. After the Indonesian independence war and a few years in New Guinea, they moved to Katwijk in 1952, not to return. Joke and I were both born in The Netherlands, but we have a strong bond with Indonesia. By the end of 2015 we met Harry and Hielkje Folkerts, who told us enthusiastically about the Pikulan projects, the successful charity shop and about the Pikulan tours in Indonesia visiting the projects every other year.

We became very interested in Pikulan, and in September 2016 we joined Pikulan in a very special tour to all the projects on Java, Sulawesi, and Bali. The meetings in person of adoption parents and adoption children left a deep impression on us. During the tour I told the board that we would like to do something for Pikulan. In Feb 2017 we took over the Usaha Mulia (Nobel Effort) project from Bertine van Vliet. Together with the local project on Bali, we are exploring how we

can continue the longlasting cooperation between Pikulan and Usaha Mulia in the coming years.

Nettie Ramos

I was asked to say in a few lines why I would like to be a promoter for Pikulan. The most important reason is, I would regret it very much if the Triwindu project had to stop and nothing would be done any longer for the children.

I have thought a long time about it, because I am more of a 'doer' than an organiser. But eventually I said yes. I like to help other people, and this is an opportunity to do so. I trust that all will work out, and I know that I will receive a lot of support from Pikulan, esp. at the start. I am looking forward to working together in a pleasant way.

Practical aid

To give you an example of how donations are used, we tell you the story of Ms Fajar, who is cripple, and her 3 children, who cannot survive without extra help.

Dr Darmayanti has received a Christmas donation for the Semarang project from Dunlop staff. Ms Fajar's husband left his family when his wife became cripple. First Ms Fajar tried to survive by making snacks and selling them to immigrants from Saudi Arabia.

That group of people have now left, and her market has disappeared. Solution: she received a rooster and 3 chickens, a henhouse and chickenfeed. Once the chicken started laying eggs, new chickens were born. At the moment, she has 6 small chickens. She can sell them and she can sell the eggs.

Introduction Ismi Purwati

When you work together, you sometimes receive extra benefits. When we started working together with the Kasihi Foundation, we received a super benefit. Ismi Purwati, a teacher, has been working for the Kasihi Foundation in Indonesia for years. She is closely involved in the screenings.

She also carries out assignments. She performs reliability checks, she talks with heads of school and she examines/ explores situations. Pikulan Foundation may also make use of her work now. She has helped with the meetings we held about Triwindu in Solo, and with founding the board of the new Tanjung Priok project. She explored the situation for us for the new Magelang project, and provided a correct view. She is a wonderful and reliable asset who we will work together with much more. Ismi has travelled with Pikulan friends for a little while, so that Bouke and Siebe now also know her.



Will you help us promote Pikulan?

As you can see in the picture, we had a beautiful stand on the 'Binningsdei' in the local theatre, De Lawei, here in Drachten.

We would like to visit your organisation or church as well, to show our pictures about the 9 projects that Pikulan supports. We ask a donation for one of the projects, and we ask

permission to sell our Indonesian articles. Can we count on your help?

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