

These children are looking for a financial adoption parent:

Nata was born on 2 December 2005 in Baturetno.

Her father is an on-call worker in agriculture. Her mother has left the family and has remarried. Nata's father earns too little to take good care of his daughter. She and the father live with her grandparents.



Dimas was born on 24 March 2006.

His single mother has three children. The eldest son works in Jakarta, but doesn't earn enough to support his mother sufficiently. Dimas' younger brother does not go to school yet. Dimas lives with his mother and younger brother at his grandparents'.

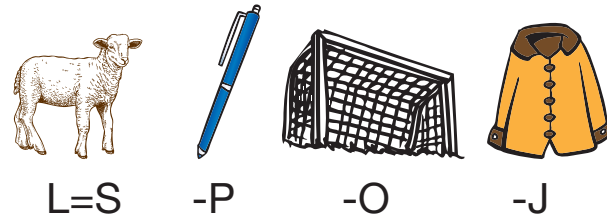


Repeated request

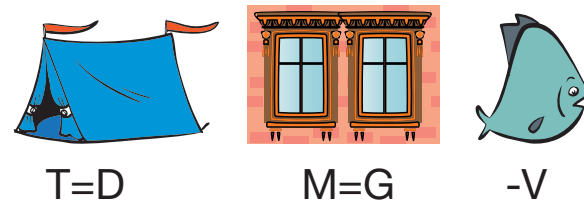
We haven't found adoption parents for Dinda Sekar Arum yet. Dinda is 5 years old and lives in Madjun, where we have the Kasihi reconciliation project. Her parents earn € 56 a month doing casual jobs. This is not enough to support their family well. At times, Dinda only gets one meal a day.

Rebus

You can put the solution of this rebus in the barrel standing at the cash register in our Charity shop during the opening on 4 June.



From the correct solutions, three are drawn to receive a prize of spending € 20 in the Charity shop, and 10 prizes are drawn for spending € 10 in the Charity shop.



The prizes are made out in the receiver's name and are not transferable.



I want to become a doctor, and work for Pikulan

There are adoption children who, after they have been educated and when they enter society, want to mean something for Pikulan at the same time. They don't want to let go. There are, for example, project managers Martha Sumarti and Rudia Dia. An opportunity has arisen to help a child that wants to become a doctor, and who will almost certainly use her talents for Pikulan after her training. Her name is Adhelve, the granddaughter of Riek Theeden, Batu project manager. However, her family does not have enough money to pay for her studies. Her transcript of records and letters of support are very promising. Can we solve this together?

Requests

- Could you ask people around you to become a financial adoption parent? More adoption parents mean we can help even more children!
- We would like to come by for a presentation to promote our projects. Please contact Hinke de Vries (see www.pikulan.nl)
- Did you know that donations to Pikulan are tax-deductible, because we are ANBI certified?
- Donations can be transferred to: NL75 INGB 0009 1000 83. Please state the project or name and number of your child the donation is destined for so that we know who the donor is. The adoption money needs to be transferred to NL43 INGB 0006 2734 00 for 'Stichting Pikulan' Surhuisterveen.
- Please fill in your own bank account number, name and address clearly on the enclosed giro credit slip, so that the amount can be transferred.



NEWSLETTER PIKULAN FOUNDATION

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

May 2015

From the board

What a special year 2014 was for the Pikulan Foundation. We celebrated Pikulan's 30- year anniversary in a wonderful way together, on 22 November. For everyone present it was a great and successful evening. A big thank you to the organising committee. You can find the 2014 annual report, in which everything is described, on our website.

2015 will also be a special year. Our Charity shop will move to a new building this month. We were located at Vierhuisterweg for 13 years. What started as one unit had grown into an 800m2 metre shop, which became too small again. Many volunteers had suggested the building on Dellen 20, but until last year this was no option. This changed in August 2014. The opportunity arose for a long-term rental contract. We had several conversations that eventually resulted in an agreement in January 2015. The building could be rented from 1 April 2015, but we were allowed to start preparations for our goal earlier. Since 1 March many volunteers have worked very hard realising the new shop with great enthusiasm. If all goes according to plan we can complete the shop around 15 May and move the goods. In this newsletter you will

read more about the official opening on 4 June.

Special thanks to the Hoekstra family, who own the building on Dellen 20, for their cooperation and for making the space available to us earlier. I would also like to thank Mr Wijma, owner of the Vierhuisterweg building, for all the years we have worked together. We had differences of opinion sometimes, but we always solved them.

And I want to thank all those volunteers who have shared ups and downs throughout the years and have helped the shop to become what it is today. How many children have been helped and how much could the projects do with the proceeds of the shop! We can only be grateful that the work of Pikulan has been so richly blessed.

Several shop volunteers can no longer help us, or can help less because of illness or infirmities. Where known, we support all these people. We wish them and their families strength. We will continue praying for them and we hope that their treatments will be successful.

We are receiving very beautiful and positive news from the projects. Many thanks for all the donations we received for our anniversary, it was heart-warming. The Kasihi Foundation will introduce themselves in this newsletter. The board has decided to join forces with them for a year, because of the interests both foundations share, their continuity, the extra expertise and experience and extra contacts in Indonesia.

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With the summer ahead of us, and the new shop, we, the board, are grateful for so many enthusiastic people we can work together with to mean something for our fellowmen and women in Indonesia. We wish you a beautiful summer, and whether you go on holiday or stay at home, we wish you beautiful weather and a blessed time. And I hope we will meet each other at the opening of the Charity shop, the Dellen 20, on 4 June.

Warm regards, Bouke Baron



Hot news: see page 3.

Leonardo, an 11-year old boy

What an incredible impact it has when your eleven-year old son has been home ill for two weeks, and when you go to the doctor you hear he has lymphoma.

His mother Rudia was astonished and afraid. In Indonesia it is better not to fall ill, let alone with lymphoma, also financially. His father Daniel, who started seminary last year, is struggling; Leonardo is their only child.

It is true. When you come too close and you become too important for God’s kingdom, struggles often appear. Rudia herself was a Pikulan child, who, after she finished her studies for Social Work, wanted to run the Kasihi project, a reconciliation project between Muslims and Christians in Madjun.

The first treatment to fight Leonardo’s disease has started. We hope and pray that he will be cured. Pikulan wants to help by realising financial support.

Report aid to the poor in the area of Gondomono Semarang

Doctor Darmayanti sent a report to us, an account of the aid to the poor in the area of Gondomono. We would like to share an example from the report so that you can see how well the money is spent:

Family: the family of Lenny Asworowati Address Kanalsari Timur 5a no 15 Semarang
The family of 4 person husband, wife and two children the husband has no work and also the wife has no work
Somebody offer a work to the husband but he has to go to the place that is far and can only be reached by bicycle. So we bought a bicycle so that the husband and wife can use it and the husband can work and also the wife can work after the husband comes home. The youngest child suffer from malnutrition

The cost of the bicycle is Rp 500.000

Potato reaping event 2014

The potatoes that were reaped in the beautiful clay regions have all been sold and the proceeds were destined for Pikulan this time.

The € 5000 that Pikulan received for the Tanjung Priok project in Jakarta in November is well used for after school care of the adoption children, so that they receive a supplement to their studies.

Because the potato sales went successfully, we received another € 500 for the project. Many thanks!

Halfway January our adoption children in Tanjung Priok were on the street and their house was flooded to their knees. Elsewhere in Indonesia people died in floods. The € 500 were very welcome to give people a bit of support. Thank you to everybody, both reapers and sellers/buyers, and well done Reitsema brothers.

Aid for flooded poor families in Semarang

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This time it was worse than ever before. Heavy showers caused the dykes - built in the Dutch days - to break through and the water flooded the houses.

For richer people this was not a big problem, they could simply go to the top floor. But poor people were in big trouble in their semi-permanent houses. The damage to their houses was big and made a great impact. At places the water went up to around 100cm. Moreover the water was very dirty and smelly.

One of the most important goals was to built barriers after the flood, so that the water could not reach the toilet or mattresses. In the report examples are mentioned how some families were helped and how much that cost.

One example we would like to share with you:

House of family Hizkia Sarwono, Tanggulmas barat V no. 15. The name of the street already indicated that the house is located near the dike (tanggul). When the heavy rain happened the water came through the WC and bathroom. So they cannot use the WC and the water entered the house about 30cm. The whole family have to move to their neighbours house about 100 meter from their house because they cannot sleep, cook of go to the WC. They have to increase the height of the WC and the kitchen about 30cm so the water cannot enter the house. Planned budget: Rp 5.000.000.

Speaking about practical aid!



Opening Charity shop

Charity shop Pikulan started at the attic of ‘Folkerts Interior’ with a team that sold items at flea markets and fairs. Its first building was in the Warmoltstrjitte 8 in Harkema in 1991. Afterwards it appeared that there were more sales opportunities in Surhuisterveen and a hall was rented at Gedempte Vaart no. 26.

It was 13 years ago that Pikulan opened the Charity shop at the Vierhuisterweg 3 in Surhuisterveen. 18 months later the space had become too small and we could rent the adjacent building. We are glad to tell you now that we have rented a new space at the Dellen no. 20 in Surhuisterveen. We were in the town’s centre and we are staying in the centre, easy to find and access for everybody. In the mean time we have grown from 35 volunteers in 2002 to 56 people now.



Would you like to see the new location and be at the opening? We would like to welcome you at the Dellen 20 in Surhuisterveen b Thursday 4 June at 2pm. The mayor of Achtkarspelen, Mr G. Gerbrandy, will perform the opening.

Gift idea: ☒ for the good cause.

Titian Bangun Diri

(reaching a higher goal via a narrow bridge)

On our way home after a weekend on the island of Terschelling, our thoughts almost automatically went to the poor children in Indonesia. Riches and poverty. The contrasts are very much visible. King’s Day and festivities everywhere. The earthquake in Nepal and misery everywhere. How to spend ones riches better than spending money on the future of the poorest on this earth?

Performing an act of compassion. In reaction to this thought, Batu project promoters Elzerd and Grietje Zijlstra have initiated a plan for a kind of mini-fund to which small amounts of money can be donated, even 2 or 5 Euros per donation can help to sponsor other children. When a total of € 240 has been reached we can sponsor another child. The amounts can be transferred to the projects via our own channels, so no extra costs will have to be made, and the project manager can help a very poor child. A wonderful idea that the board fully supports. Have you got a few Euros left? We will find a good cause for them. And in this way the Batu project is reaching a higher goal.

The Kasihi Foundation

Recently, Pikulan has been working together closely with the Kasihi Foundation. We would like to introduce ourselves. Our foundation was originally founded in the early 80s by missionaries and social workers to give aid to the poorest families in Central Java, families that had lost an income-provider due to death or serious illnesses, so that in some cases they could no longer support themselves.

Through the years, Kasihi has done a lot for food and health aid, medical support, offering shelter to single or childless people. Sponsoring very poor families to pay for their children’s school fees is also a core activity. Investing in the children completing an education is essential to provide families with breadwinners again. When Ibu Boenjamin, the founder, asked me to take over her foundation and help her with the projects, I reacted positively immediately, and I have been involved as chair of Kasihi foundation since 2002.



Meanwhile, Kasihi supports around 65 children on a yearly basis by paying their school fees so that this group can eventually graduate and find a job. The children are in 2 schools, a school in Ambarawa and a school in Wonogiri.

The management of the school is closely involved in screening the family to see if support is needed and if so, how much. In principle we want the family to contribute too, even if it is just very little. We also have a part-time employee “Ismi” who helps us with the screening, the monthly support, report writing and checking whether the support is still necessary.

I am very happy that I lived and worked in Singapore and Indonesia for many years. I built good relationships that can sometimes help Kasihi to arrange matters. We need the support of Pikulan because all former missionaries from those years have died and consequently our funds have dried up. If you would like to donate, could you state as the cause ‘Stichting Kasihi’?

Wytze en Joan van der Land

