

# Who wants to sponsor me?

At the end of 2015 the number of children adopted was 380. An amazing number. Not all of these children are adopted personally. For a number of children the proceeds of the Charity shop are used. Yet, for a child it is more special to be adopted by a person. Research found evidence that children who regularly receive a message from their sponsor in The Netherlands often perform better in school. We are looking for many more adoption parents. Below you see some children, but there are many more children on the waiting list. If you are interested in adopting one of these children, please contact our secretariat. They will be pleased to help you get in touch with the project promotor concerned.



**Yosua (2007)** from Madiun is sponsored by Pikulan, but would love to have a real adoption parent that he can be in touch with, for example by sending a nice drawing to them. He has a younger brother. His parents' combined income is 70 euros.



**Krisin Ningsih (2003)** lives in a 2 by 4m. small rented house in Semarang together with her parents. Her mother works in a factory and her father hasn't got an income. If the parents don't pay her tuition, she will become a school drop out. She is the youngest girl in the family picture.



**Rafa's (2009)** parents don't have permanent jobs and therefore they have no stable income. Rafa is an only child and would love to go to school.



**Isabel from Batu is 9 years old** and goes to school. If there is work, her father will earn money as a driver. He doesn't have a regular income. Her mother tries to sell homemade biscuits. There is one younger brother.

## Thank you!

A big thank you for all the generous donations we have received throughout the year. Unfortunately not often the addresses are mentioned on the bank transfer, so that we cannot thank you personally. That is why in this newsletter again we say: Terima Kasih Banjak!

## A lightning speed Christmas promotion 2015

We were very happy with the overwhelming 2015 Charity shop proceeds, and the idea was born to give all our projects' children a Christmas present, and ask them to also share with others in these fortunate circumstances. We sent an amount to all projects – the bigger projects even double the amount- of which the children should spend 25% on a Christmas celebration in their project. The rest should be used to give the poor - elderly people living in the project's vicinity, betjak-drivers, beggars etc- some money for food or a basic needs package. All projects enjoyed this wonderful promotion and the children really did their best.

## An 8.5 average grade

Slamet (born 1 Dec 1997) comes from a very poor family and has always been sponsored via Pikulan. The family couldn't afford electricity in their small house. With the help of an extra donation from the adoption parent electricity has been installed. Before, Slamet had to study by candle light. Now, he can use electric light. Slamet is a good student and in April 2016 he graduated from SMA Higher Secondary Education. He has been chosen – together with 3 other children- for a technical training (study trip) in Japan. The expenses, 300 euros, are paid by the adoption parent and Pikulan together.

Last year, Slamet's average grade was an 8.5

## Requests

- Could you ask people you know if they are interested in becoming an adoption parent? The more adoption parents, the more children we can help!
- We would like to come by to promote our projects and hold a presentation. Please contact Hinke de Vries (see [www.pikulan.nl](http://www.pikulan.nl)).
- Did you know that all donations to Pikulan are tax-deductible because we are ANBI-certified? Donations are welcome at:  
NL75 INGB 0009 1000 83  
Please state the project, name and number of your child that you want to make a donation for and also the name of the sender so we know who the donor is.
- The adoption money should be transferred to bank acc. no. NL43 INGB 0006 2734 00 in the name of Pikulan Foundation Surhuisterveen.
- Please state your own bank account number, name and address clearly on the enclosed giro credit slip to ensure that the money is transferred correctly.



# NEWSLETTER STICHTING PIKULAN

Pikulan foundation wants to help maintain and if possible extend nine adoption and donation projects in Indonesia, inspired by and obedient to the Bible, in cooperation with those involved.

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## From the board

The year 2016 has been a turbulent one. Many things are happening around us. Europe is in the middle of a refugee crisis. TV images can be frightening at times. All these people fleeing from war and violence. They come from ruined cities and villages. Many christians are fleeing for IS. And what about all these terrorist attacks inside and outside of Europe? We have seen the images, but let's not forget that we as christians have a future that we can look forward to in faith.

Everything that is happening in the world also impacts Indonesia. It is the largest islamic country in the world. Even though it seems relatively quiet right now, many things are happening. There were terrorist attacks in Jakarta, and some muslim organisation are becoming more vocal. The extremely low oil prices have hit the country hard, just like the low prices for raw materials. In the past the country could export oil, but today it has to import it and no money is made. The weather conditions are extreme this year. A great drought due to El Nino has caused a very high rice price which in its turn has led to a 25% increase of people living below the poverty line.

We are very happy that we could do something extra in the projects around Christmas

time. This was made possible by the great revenues of our new Charity shop and by all your donations. You will read more about this in this newsletter.

In 2016 we are focusing on the coming trip. At the moment we are formulating questions for each project. We will receive their answers prior to the trip. In this way the board meetings can run more smoothly while we are there, and decisions can be taken in a better way.

We are very happy about Wytze and Joan van der Land joining the board. With them we will be even better informed about what is going on in Indonesia and how to deal with that in the best way. On several occasions we have already gratefully made use of their



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NL 43 INGB 0006 2734 00 in the name of Stichting Pikulan, Surhuisterveen

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connections. Wytze and Joan went to Indonesia last January and visited 4 Pikulan projects: Kasihi Madiun, Tanjung Priok, Baturetno and Triwindu. They also spoke with the Mardikanya project manager.

It has been a year since our Charity shop opened at its new location. It is wonderful to report a much higher turnover than when we were located at Vierhuisterweg, and the number of staff has grown to 80 people. All of them contribute to the shop and indirectly to the poor and esp. the children in the Pikulan projects, in their special way. A big thank you to all members of staff on behalf of the people in Indonesia. Without your help we wouldn't be able to help so many people.

Closing off, I hope we will have a sunny summer. If you are going on vacation, I wish you a pleasant time. If you are staying at home, I also wish you a nice and blessed time.

Warm regards,  
Bouke Baron



# Pilot project Kanisius

The Kasihi foundation has gained much experience in education sponsoring. This is a different approach of aid than adoption of children or families. Education sponsoring is mainly about supporting children from families that have too little money to send their children to school. These families do have enough to eat, normally.

The Kasihi foundation runs such programmes at two schools on Java, in Ambarawa and in Wonogiri. At this moment 53 children are supported with a partial supplement to the needed tuition. The families come in the picture because they report their problem. The head of school will then look into the reasons that caused the family's problems, e.g. death, long term illness or unemployment of the breadwinner. From experience we know that most families also want to pay something themselves. That is why we can help many children with relatively little money.

Because Pikulan also has the Baturetno/ Jamprit project in the vicinity of Wonogiri, it was decided to do a pilot project there together. We wrote about this in our last newsletter. When Wytze and Joan van der Land visited the Java projects last January, they also visited several schools in the Wonogiri region and spoke to leaders of the schools about their way of working. It

appeared that most schools of two well-organised Catholic foundations – Kanisius and Pangudi Luhur – have around 10-25% children from very poor families that have no or little money to send their children to school. In consultation with the leaders of those foundations, we have selected 4 schools for our pilot. Two schools are in the city of Klaten and surroundings, and 2 schools are in the Wonogiri region. Pikulan has made a budget available to carry out education sponsoring in these selected schools. The families will come in the picture via the leaders of the schools and are screened by a few volunteers we have known for a long time, to determine what the families can pay themselves and how much money should be added. With the budget we hope we can help the poorest families send their children to one of these 4 schools for one year.

A well-educated child has a future and can help the family to regain financial independence.

## 2016 trip to Indonesia

This year 18 people have registered for the Pikulan trip that is planned for 9 Sep till 8 Oct. The trip will be 4 days longer than previous trips so that we can travel at a slower pace, see more of the country and the board has more time for the projects.

Those of you who would like us to pass on a gift to your adoption child, please read the following information carefully.

The board has decided that only envelopes – with a letter, photo or a few euros- can be passed on. Presents of any kind cannot, because excess weight is very expensive and goods are much cheaper there than in The Netherlands.

You can follow us at [www.pikulan.nl](http://www.pikulan.nl) during the trip. We will do our best to send daily reports to te secretariat. We hope and pray that the trip may be blessed and that we can visit all projects.

# News from Kasihi Foundation

Kasihi Foundation has gradually found more and more sponsors for its education sponsoring programme over the past year. Since January, 53 children in 2 well-organised schools in Ambarawa and Wonogiri have been helped with this way of sponsoring.

The family that can no longer afford paying tuition is registered for this type of aid by the school's management team. The family's situation is screened by a few known and experienced volunteers to determine how much of the tuition they can afford to pay. After that the contribution of Kasihi is determined. This amount is paid directly to the school. Only 1 family could not afford to pay anything, most families can pay between 25-50% of the tuition themselves.

In case of additional problems, e.g. medical expenses or lack of food, these are often paid from one time donations from Kasihi friends. Kasihi Foundation can also count on the help of Pikulan.

During our visit last January we were warmly welcomed by the school leaders and the children in the aid programme. They had made all sorts of things and we were overwhelmed by the spontaneity of these young children. The questions especially, they asked us, made us aware again of the problems these young kids are dealing with.

Beautiful cards were given to us, and a very small card drew our attention. It was a Christmas card from a muslim boy in a catholic school. It said: 'I can't give you anything, I can only say thank you, and if there is a God he will reward you.' Something like this leaves me speechless because we are so richly blessed here and yet grumble so often.

Changes have occurred in the past year as well. The older children have left school and have found a job, or have continued their studies at a government funded school.

When we were in Wonogiri we were pleasantly surprised by the head of school, Ibu Any. She held a presentation about the



dealings of her school. Because of the course books and dictionaries Pikulan donated, the average grades of the pupils have gone up by 14% in a year's time.

The number of pupils is also increasing, and better teachers are hired. This was also noticed by the local government and they have helped the school by paying half of the expansion of the building. The other half was paid by the catholic community. So, by education sponsoring sufficient money is provided to stay within the budget, to attract better teachers and so to deliver promising pupils. That means that also richer people are sending their children to that school now. These families are asked to pay extra money to help poorer families.



## Training suits for Indonesia

Training suits have become redundant due to the 't Fean '58' merger. Pikulan has helped send them to Ronald Lepez who works as a football trainer in Semarang. Just another example of what Pikulan does.

## Namaste, Sjakitarius and Halin

As you may all know, children are important to Pikulan, but also the elderly that have problems. Pikulan cooperates with foundations that are focused on specific needs of people in Indonesia. An example is the Halin foundation. They care for Dutch East Indies people who were too late for the boat to The Netherlands. Dutch government doesn't give them a pension. Halin helps these elderly people with a supplement to their minimal

income. You may also know the Sjakitarius foundation. They offer support to children with Down syndrome on Bali. The Namaste foundation offers financial support for an operation for children with a cleft lip or closed rectum. We can report that Pikulan had the opportunity and the means to help these foundations and may help them again this year.

## A volunteer reports

Mette Alkema found a place in Semarang with the help of Pikulan. She supported the project manager for several weeks. She wrote the following: *'I am attending an elderly meeting. They were always offered a meal but would take that meal home to their grandchildren. Dr Darmayanti thought of the following solution: they receive something fluid to eat. Now the elderly get a nice soup that they eat with taste. It is all very interesting and I am curious what each day will bring.'*

If you are interested in volunteering in one of our projects for a few weeks, please get in touch with the secretariat.

## Wanted: Promotor

**The board is looking for a new promotor. What does a promotor do?**

The promotor is the point person between Indonesia and The Netherlands. Communication is mostly conducted via e-mail and sometimes via regular post. In most projects communication is in English, and sometimes in Bahasa Indonesia -translators are available- or in Dutch. The promotor looks for adoption sponsors for new children that have been accepted to their programme and arranges the agreements. He/ She monitors the communication between the adoption children and their adoption parents. Two to three times a year all promotors meet each other to discuss each project's activities and each other's experiences. The promotor holds presentations in meetings, alone or in cooperation with a colleague promotor.

Being a promotor is a wonderful way of experiencing a different culture and meeting new people. Sometimes a couple takes this position, but for young people this is also a great job. Interested in a new challenge? Please contact our secretariat. Phone 0512-840258 or send an e-mail to [secretariaat@pikulan.nl](mailto:secretariaat@pikulan.nl).

## Annual day Frysian christian 'Women of Today'



We, two men, went to this annual day. We were promised the collected money for 'the project abroad'. Next year this collected money will go to a different project abroad. Our chairman was given time to briefly explain the work of Pikulan in Indonesia. At the last minute our request for a sales stand was also granted. That was wonderful. Around 550 women celebrated the 40-year anniversary of their organisation. The amount of money that was collected was very high and the Indonesian products were flying over the counter. A big thank you to these ladies is in place. I hope we – our stand- can be at their annual day again next year.