



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.

November 2015

From the board

This is the last newsletter of 2015, a very special year for Pikulan. Every year is special, but in the past year many things have happened. In the May newsletter I wrote in detail about the charity shop moving to the new address, Dellen 20. At the moment of writing we have been at this address for more than 6 months and the staff members, promoters and board are very happy with the new premises. The location is beautiful, it has much more space where the goods can be displayed. And, very importantly, we have more visitors. Sales are perfect. All the more reason for thankfulness. We are glad things have gone so well.



Because of the increase in shop traffic we needed several new shop staff. We are happy we have found them. Old age, illness and people who moved house have brought many changes. And if you think about what the charity shop means to all the staff members of the charity shop, 65 people, we are lost for words and very grateful. But what is most important is what we can do with the great proceeds for the projects in Indonesia. What we might take for granted here, means a lot for our fellow people in Indonesia. Also the 360 children that are mainly supported by Dutch families.

In this newsletter you will read about Judith, once she was an adoption child, now she is a university teacher of English, a good job. She saved for a trip and she was in The Netherlands for a few weeks.

When we are in Indonesia we hear many of such stories: people who have been able to achieve something because of the support from Pikulan. Some examples of what was

achieved, to mention a few projects:

- In Tanjung Priok (Jakarta) we have helped Ida renovate her house so that she can receive around 30 children for after school care. These children are offered extra food and help. This project lies in one of the poorest areas of Jakarta.
- In Semarang a milk project is supported, and because of this there is no malnutrition in this area (in the area Rejosari, where Dr Darmayanti works, live 20,000 people)
- In Batu, Pikulan's largest project, 97 children are supported by people from The Netherlands, and another 45 by the Batu population. These children receive after school care, support, extra courses and extra food.

If you would like to be informed about all our projects and what is done with the money, watch videos and read stories, visit www.pikulan.nl

What is new is the cooperation with the Kasihi foundation of Wytze and Joan vd Land. Last year we got in touch and we spoke about joining forces for a year. Wytze lived in Indonesia for his job for many years. He even adopted 4 Indonesian children.

The foundation helps around 60 children who cannot afford paying school fees. This is a different approach from Pikulan's, but not less important. Wytze visits Indonesia regularly, he knows the language, and like no other he knows his way around. The board is very happy with this cooperation. We can help each other a lot and we have more opportunities for meetings and guidance in Indonesia. We hope that in the years to come

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we can work this out in further detail. For now, the Kasihi foundation remains an independent project within Pikulan. In this way we have two projects named Kasihi within Pikulan: the Kasihi foundation and the Kasihi project in Madiun. Did you know, by the way, that Kasihi means: unconditional love?

We are very grateful that we could work together in this way in the past year, and we feel richly blessed for all contacts in the past year, and esp. for what we could mean to our brothers and sisters in Indonesia.

If you would like to give an extra donation in December for a project or for your adoption child, would you state the projects or the adoption number of the child on your bank transfer? I wish everyone a wonderful month in December, a blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2016. Hari Natal Memberkati dan Selamat Tahun Baru yang Sehat.

Best regards, Bouke Baron

Pilot Wonogiri Foundation Kasihi / Pikulan

With the motto 'embrace a child' the Kasihi foundation (now a Pikulan project) went out with 1000 flyers to find sponsors. So far, 27 people have committed to, and around 20 are considering making a monthly donation of 8 euros.



Meanwhile we have received presentation requests for associations, and we have asked in return for a donation for keeping one child in school for a year. We are still receiving more requests for help than we have sponsors, so if you know someone who would like to support us in this way, please refer them to our website: www.kasihi.nl. With the money families are helped that for a certain reason can no longer afford paying school tuition for their child. The amount that they are short is paid directly to the school by the foundation.

Our staff member Ismi is invaluable to further research and evaluate the requests for help. She runs a family check for each of the

requests, to find out the reason and the family's own possibilities to make a contribution. That is why the amounts differ per case. The Kasihi foundation have chosen for having sponsors only finance the school fees. This is an amount of 8 euros a child. Both foundations have chosen to use this way of support in all christian schools in Wonogiri.

At this moment 25 children of the Kasihi foundation are already receiving support and go to the Catholic school of Yayasan Kanisius. Coincidentally, in nearby Baturetno, Pikulan supports a school that is also linked to Kanisius. We have therefore decided to strengthen the cooperation in this region.

We will first start an investigation whether we can expand this programme and offer it to other schools. If the board of the umbrella organisation of Yayasan Kanisius and the heads of schools are in favour of it, we could implement that step by step. It is an advantage that we already have people who do the family checks to evaluate the request for help. These people themselves are former teachers, or they still work closely together with the churches in the region.

Pikulan tour 2016

Every other year a group of Pikulan friends travel to Indonesia and visit all the projects. If all goes according to plan we hope to make another tour next year September. 14 people have already shown interest. There is place for max. 20 people.

If you are interested, please contact Bouke Baron, 0512 361975 or send an e-mail to bouke.baron@hetnet.nl. The tour will last for around four weeks.

We will visit all 9 projects on 3 islands, Java, Sulawesi and Bali, and of course we will visit the main attractions of Indonesia. The tour will cost around 2500 euros a person.

The Tanjung Priok project in the Jakarta slums

The Jakarta harbour is a very poor area with many unemployed and people struggling to make a living. Our contact of the project in this areas, Ida Erlani, had rented a place, for a much too high rent, that nearly collapsed.

It was irresponsible to keep using this place (school) for after school care, several courses and meeting appointments for the parents of the adoption children. It was proposed

to renovate her parents' house so that the activities could take place there. By now the renovation has been completed, and the house furnished. The children feel good because when it is raining the place is nice and dry, and when it is hot the place is nice and cool. This is a great improvement that Ida and we are very happy with.

The renovation could be realised thanks to the potato event in 2014/2015 which resulted in 5,500.- euros and a contribution from the charity shop. The 5,500.- euros were raised by means of reaping left potatoes after the harvest, and selling them. The organisers



thank the Reitzema brothers from Kornhorn, and everyone who helped reaping and selling.

Grateful greetings from
Gerrit and Aagje Dijkstra, promoters.



Former adoption child visits The Netherlands

In October, Judith Ratu visited The Netherlands. Judith is 28 years old and she lives in the leprosy village Batulelleng on the Sulawesi island. When she was 5 years old, she was sponsored through Pikulan by a family from the Dutch town Urk.

That enabled her to go to school and eventually she graduated and received her bachelor's degree in English. After her studies she worked as project manager of the leprosy village for a couple of years.

When Pikulan celebrated their 25-year anniversary, she got the opportunity to go to The



Netherlands, and she met with her adoption parents. She was so grateful to Pikulan and to her sponsor parents that she wanted to visit them again. She saved money for 6 years. Meanwhile she graduated and received her master's degree in English, and this degree got her a job at the university.

With the money that she was earning her dream trip came within reach and could eventually be realised. The first 10 days Judith stayed in Urk with her former adoption parents. The last part she stayed with Bertine Knol and she visited friends of Pikulan's and of course the charity shop. Judith is proof of the opportunities resulting from financial adoption by Pikulan. She can look after her own family. Without Pikulan it wouldn't have been possible, Judith wouldn't have been able to follow her degree programmes. She is very grateful to Pikulan and her sponsor parents.

Kind regards, Bertine Knol, promotor

Obituary



On 10 Sep 2015 Folkert Bruining, chairman of the charity shop, died from a serious disease. He was buried on 15 September.

Many of the charity shop staff, board and promoters attended the funeral. We will remember Folkert as a driven and compassionate person. He has meant a lot for the shop. Bea, his wife, has moved to Burgum meanwhile. She used to be one of our staff too. We wish her God's blessings in Burgum.

Donations

We have received many donations stating only the name of the generous donor. We cannot thank these donors because we do not receive the address details from the bank.

That is why we would like to thank all anonymous donors very much in this newsletter!

You know that all these donations will be divided in a fair way over the Pikulan projects. We are grateful for your support, Terima Kasih banyak, DANK U WEL.

Tip: if you fill in your address in the remarks box, and the project you would like to donate too, next time we can thank you in a more personal way.

Adoption child becomes radiology assistant

Jumedi obtained his radiology diploma. Thanks to the adoption through Pikulan, Jumedi, who lives on the island Bali, was able to achieve this. During the latest tour of the Pikulan group, Jumedi came by to tell us that he had nearly finished his studies. The moment has come. He is very happy that he could achieve this with the help of Pikulan.



Sponsor parents needed in Semarang

These children come from the Semarang project. To receive more information, please contact the promotors, Siebe and Feikje, 0512-363779 or s.a.vlasma@upcmail.nl.



Novitha Indah,
born 22 May 2005

She is a protestant girl and she lives in a small and simple rented house together with her father, mother and grandmother. Only the father works, doing odd jobs, and he makes around 55 euros a month.



Cynthia Thata,
born 17 January 2001

She is a protestant girl. Her mother owns a small house with little furniture. Cynthia lives with her mother and two sisters. The mother earns only 60 euros a month. She is divorced. The father left and lives far away. He doesn't look after his family anymore.



Manda,
born 12 August 2004

He is a protestant boy. He lives with his father and mother in a small rented house. The father is self-employed and earns almost 65 euros a month. The mother doesn't have a job, and they cannot pay the school expenses.



This girl's name is Kristina and she was born 3 March 2005.

She is a muslim girl. She lives with only her father in a small rented house. The mother died, and the father doesn't have a job. This girl dropped out of school. She was in the fourth year, but she was taken off school because of money problems.

Sponsor parents needed in Madiun

Vinta was born 4 April 2006. She lives in Madiun with her parents and brother. She is a muslim girl. Her father earns only 60 euros a month. Who would like to support this family by sponsoring Vinta?



Promotors of the Kasihi project in Madiun are Fokke en Tietie Zijlstra, . 0512-365029 or fzijlstra@hotmail.com

Requests

- Could you ask people in your surrounding to become financial adoption parents? With more adoption parents we can help even more children.
- We would like to be invited 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?
Please transfer your donations to NL75 INGB 0009 1000 83. State the cause clearly - project, name and number sponsoring child - so that we know who made the donation.
- Please transfer the adoption money to NL43 INGB 0006 2734 00 of 'Stichting Pikulan', Surhuisterveen
- Please clearly state your own bank account no., name and address on the enclosed bank slip, to make sure that the money will be received.



Handing out leaflets to the 'Struuntocht' walking tour participants

When the Lutjegast Abel Tasman Struuntocht went past the house of promotors Gerrit and Aagje, they didn't think twice and made use of this opportunity to hand out Pikulan leaflets to all the participants.