



# 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.*

November 2017

## From the board

With this newsletter we would like to give you an update of Pikulan and the projects in Indonesia. Wytze and Joan van der Land report on their camper journey that ended in Indonesia last October. During our yearly Pikulan staff night, 4 Nov last, they showed us pictures and told us about their tour. The last 4 weeks of their journey they spent in Indonesia, among others in Tanjung Priok in Jakarta, our mutual (pilot) project in Jakarta to support school fees. We are looking forward to finding out how the pilot is going and how we can shape cooperation between Wytze's foundation, Kasihi, and Pikulan.

At this moment, our promoters Dirk and Joke van Duijn are in Indonesia. Partly on holiday, partly for visiting several Pikulan projects. As Usuha Mulia promoters they will visit the Pilorobo family on Bali to investigate together how cooperation can be shaped and in which way we can help the children best. They will also visit the new school of Sjaki-Tari-Us that we will cooperate with on Bali. Next to that, they will go to the Moluccas to visit Joke's relatives. We hope to hear all about their trip when they return to the Netherlands.

It was a very good year for the Charity shop: a large supply and very good sales. What a blessing. We are very happy because with

the proceeds we can help many children and support the projects. A big thank you to all Charity shop staff and all suppliers. We were able to give all adoption children (380 in total) a little extra last summer. Every project manager received 25 euros a child for a day out or for doing something special. We have received reactions how well this money was spent. Below you can read more. Most children never leave their own surroundings, and it is very special for them to go away for a day to a different place.

We are very grateful for the cooperation with the promoters and the Charity shop staff. Together we form one big family, and our

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

### Donations:

NL 75 INGB 0009 1000 83 in the name of Stichting Pikulan Surhuisterveen

mutual purpose is helping our fellow men and women and esp. children in Indonesia. Many thanks for all donations and contributions in whichever way, to Pikulan. TERIMAH KASIH BANYAK, in Bahasa Indonesia.

I wish everyone a pleasant December, a blessed Christmas and a prosperous 2018. Hari Natal Memberkati dan Selamat Tahun

*Baru yang Sejahtera.  
Best regards, Bouke Baron*





## A day out for the children in the projects

In Semarang, two groups were formed: in the weekend of 8-9 July a group of youngsters between 12-18 yrs went to Bandung, a beautiful location in the mountains. Next to receiving a sense of holiday, they also got workshops educating them about sex, and about how dangerous drugs are.

On Friday 14 July, a group of 24 children below the age of 12 and fathers and mothers visited Bandung. They held a painting competition, among other things.

In her report, Nonya Darma-yanti writes: "Result: the 46 children were happy to do the vacation with something useful for their future and fun during vacation".

The Bali project has also sent a nice report about how the extra donation was spent. Their theme was 'travel and enjoy during school holiday'. The children had chosen a destination together: a visit to Bali Safari Park. The entrance fee, the transport, the meals and snacks could all be paid from the 25 euros a child. The pictures show how much the children enjoyed this day.

## Project managers meet each other

A few years ago, the project managers of the 9 projects started meeting each other, mostly to prepare for the coming visit of Pikulan friends every two years. They have got to know each other very well in this way. They encourage each other, and fine tune. The biggest topic this time was the change in Indonesian legislation for children in private and public schools. Children will have to go to school for a longer period of time, which results in teachers becoming underpaid, and which results in all sorts of measures trying to keep the wages at an equal level. For example, schools have started to claim extra money for activities, to fill gaps. The costs for education for the parents will increase because of this. At this moment, the project managers are looking for creative solutions. The amount for sponsoring (16 and 20 euros) will in this way remain the same. So far, no changes have been observed.



## Daniel has graduated

After four years of hard work and perseverance, Daniel has graduated from Seminary as reverend ('pendata'). He is our project manager Rudia's husband (Kasihi Madiun). He had been the reverend of a tiny local church (12 members). Now he has received his degree, he can preach in larger churches, and he can also make more income for his family.

We remind our readers of the fact that Daniel had been imprisoned for 3 years, unjustified, because of his faith. The Lord has rewarded his perseverance. We thank all generous sponsors.





# Camper road trip has come to an end

Wytze and Joan's long and exciting camper tour adventure that started on 11 March in Drachten and took them through Turkey, Iran, Stan-countries, Mongolia, China, Thailand to Singapore, came to an end on 5 October.

With their journey they raised 7000 euros for the Tanjung Priok children's project in Jakarta. After having travelled both beautiful and challenging 30,000 kms they ended their adventure with a visit to the Dutch Club in Singapore, and that is where the final amount was announced.

On their trip they met many friendly people who helped them to eventually reach their far away destination. Unfortunately the camper couldn't drive through Thailand as the authorities had closed the borders for campers from abroad. At an extreme high rate they could have the camper transported, but those costs were outweighed by the beauty of driving through Malaysia.

They decided to leave the camper behind in Laos, and took a flight to Singapore, via Vietnam. In Singapore they received a very warm welcome by the Dutch Club who could also announce the final amount raised for the Tanjung Priok children's project.

By the end of October, Wytze and Joan visited the Tanjung Priok project and spoke to its board about the progress of the selection process. They also spoke with the parents of the children who already go to school, and they visited the Wonogiri and Klaten pilot projects.

## How is the Tanjung Priok pilot project doing?

- 85 children screened
- With the current budget, 54 of them can be supported
- Good cooperation of schools, churches and society
- The children are extremely happy they can finally go to school
- The already existing adoption plan of Ibu Ida can be ran besides the pilot very well
- 15 euros a child

## How is the Wonogiri and Klaten pilot doing?

- 4 schools that are also supported by churches and the government
- Pikulan sponsors 130 pupils
- Christian and Muslim
- 2 elementary schools, 1 secondary school and a technical school
- supplements school fees after family screening
- great performance of pupils sponsored by Pikulan
- very motivated children, and grateful because of your efforts
- demand for help is bigger than we can supply
- 5.60 euros a child a month



## Pikulan tour 2018

As you know, every other year, a group of Pikulan friends visits the projects. The next tour is in 2018, most likely in September of that year.

As a result of the 2016 tour, several people have already registered or expressed their interest in joining. We hope to form a group of max. 20 people.

If you are interested in joining the tour, please contact Bouke Baron: 0512-361975 or send an e-mail: [bouke.baron@hetnet.nl](mailto:bouke.baron@hetnet.nl).

The tour will last around 4 weeks. We will visit all 9 projects on 3 islands: Java, Sulawesi and Bali, and we will of course visit the main attractions of Indonesia. The price will be around 2750,- euros a person.

## Cooperaton with Namasté / Kolewa

When Pikulan's proceeds are good, we want to spend part of them on the relief of suffering of Indonesian children. We have thought of cleft palate children and children born with other defects. Because there are no such children in the Pikulan projects, we have contacted Kolewa Foundation, via the De Groot family (Rinnie and Bram de Groot, Namasté Foundation, Franeker).



In the past few years we have been able to offer operations to several children. The costs per operation are around 500 euros. Below you see a few pictures of children we have been able to help.



## 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.

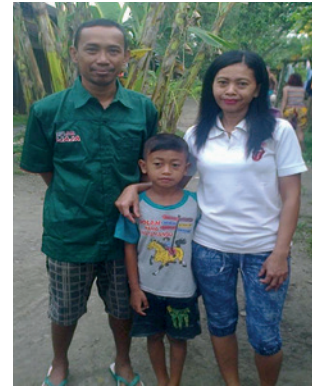
## Who would like to sponsor me?



**Julianto** has 1 little sister. He himself is 11 yrs old. He lives in Wonogiri, the Baturetno project. His parents work on a farm, but make too little money to afford school education for Julianto. For more information, contact Harry Folkerts, promotor: [harry.folkerts@online.nl](mailto:harry.folkerts@online.nl).



**Steven** is 7 years old and lives in Semarang. His father and mother have left him. Steven now lives with his grandma, who takes care of him but has only little money. Who wants to support Steven? Inquiries at: Gerry and Aagje Dijkstra, promoters: [aagjedijkstra@hetnet.nl](mailto:aagjedijkstra@hetnet.nl)



**Anggara** parents sell home-made products. They live a simple life and have too little money to be able to send Anggara to school. If you can help, please contact Fokke and Tietje Zijlstra: [fzijlstra@hotmail.com](mailto:fzijlstra@hotmail.com)



## Lulus (= graduated)

For years, Maria was a sponsored child, and now she is Batulelling project manager and teacher. Her sister Delvi has also graduated and now holds a degree in architecture. The girls' parents and grandparents had leprosy. They live in the house 'Rottevalle' that back in the days was built with the help of donations from Rottevalle. In the picture to the right

of Selvi is the younger sister, on the right another Pikulan adoption child. We received good news from Batu that of the 5 lulus, 4 had found a job immediately.

## Christmas gift

Our Charity shop had once again a great year. We see it as an extra blessing. This blessing we would like to turn into a Christmas gift again.

That is why a few years ago we thought of the following: per project, we want to transfer 1000 euros, and for a larger project even 2000 euros, and 25% of the amount may be used to throw a party for parents and children belonging to the project.

With the remaining 75% we want to teach the children to share with other poor people living near the project. This means that the leaders and the children have to make parcels and hand them out as Christmas gifts to the poorest people in the neighbourhood.

In this way the children will learn to express that the Lord Jesus also wants to care for other people. Each year we will calculate if this gift is feasible.