



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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From the board

Each year is special, but we can look back on a very blessed year in which many things have happened. To start with, 19 of us travelled to Indonesia last Sep/Oct and visited all ten projects; ten Pikulan projects and five projects that we are connected with and that we also support.

Five board members joined the group, which in itself was also special. We look back on a blessed tour and we are grateful that we could meet our brothers and sisters, and that we could help.

We also met with thankfulness in the projects. Even though people have very little, they are cheerful and happy; we could learn from them. Would you like to read more? On our website you can read a great travel journal, written by Mr W., and see beautiful photos.

We were on the island of Sulawesi when the earthquake and tsunami caused enormous havoc. We haven't felt anything, although we were only 200 km away, but the damage was horrendous. On 6 Oct the Charity shop organised a day focused on this disaster. They organised various activities and the proceeds of that day were 1000 euros. We decided to make a total of 5000 euros available for the victims in this area.

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NL 75 INGB 0009 1000 83 in the name
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The Charity shop is doing great. It is simply wonderful what all the volunteers achieve and what we can do in Indonesia with the proceeds, and what it means to people there. We are happy to announce that Arie Botter volunteers to become the chairman of the Charity shop. I, Bouke Baron, have been interim chair for three years. It is great that now one of the staff wants to take over. I wish Arie much pleasure and best of luck.

In consultation with Wytze and Joan van der Land, the board has decided to change the way of cooperation. Due to differences of opinion in practice, it is decided that Wytze will independently continue working with his Kashi Foundation. He will still lead the 2 Pikulan projects in which children receive a supplement to their school money so that they can go to school: Tanjung Priok Cilincing and in Wonogiri.

In the last newsletter of the year we always look back, and we are grateful that we have been able to work together so well as board, promoters and Charity shop staff. I want to thank everyone very much for their contribution, in whichever way, to Pikulan. I would also like to thank all our adoption parents, churches and donors for all the support they have given. We received many heartfelt reactions. Also on behalf of our friends in Indonesia: Terimah Kashi Banyak (Bahasa Indonesia). If you would like to make an extra donation to Pikulan at the



end of this year, could you please state the specific project? If it is for an adoption child, please state the child's name and adoption number.

I wish everyone a pleasant December month, blessed Christmas and health and prosperity in 2019. Hari Natal Memberkati dan Selamat Tahun Baru yang Sejahtera.

*Kind regards,
Bouke Baron*

Graduates

Among the many letters that Sjouke v.d. Meulen, promoter of the Talang Kasih Banyumas project (in the past Mardikanya), received, there was also a thank you letter from Yosafat Nugraha Putra, adoption child of Ms S. from Burgum. The letter is dated 13 Oct 2017, and is about his graduation at Diponegoro University in Semarang. Yosafat has been an adoption child since elementary school. At first, his parents didn't have a house to live in, but they lived in the school building. Eventually the adoption has been extended to studying maritime technical engineering.

Ms S. from Burgum has continued sponsoring him, and Pikulan has made available the extra financial means that his study programme required. Yosafat is one of the five fastest

students of his year. He graduated within 4 years (3 years and 9 months), with distinction. Of course Yosafat is very grateful to his adoption parent and Pikulan for the help he has received. He hopes he will find a good job now so that he, in his turn, can help and financially support children in similar circumstances.

At the moment he is working for a company in Purwokerta, but unfortunately it is not a job in his field. But he has applied to positions, and we trust things will work out for him. We wish Yosafat God's blessings and all the best for the future.



This is Risma. She is 22 years old and she lives in the leprosy village. She is an orphan, and she was raised by an uncle and aunt. Since she was 7, she has received help from Pikulan's adoption programme. After high school she studied to become a teacher. After many years of studying and traineeships she could proudly let Pikulan know that she graduated last September. She will work as a teacher at an elementary school.

Ismi, our new member of staff in Indonesia

Since 2016 we have worked together with Ismi Purwati in Indonesia. We have come into contact via Wytze and Joan van der Land, of Kasihi Foundation. Ismi works for Wytze when screening is needed or when something needs to be arranged on location.

In 2016, she joined part of our tour on Java, and the group and the two board members connected well with Ismi. Since then she has arranged matters for Pikulan, and she has been doing this excellently. This year, Ismi joined us again when we visited the projects on Java.

This time 5 members of the board joined, and we were all impressed by Ismi's skills for Pikulan in the projects. She speaks Bahasa Indonesia, she speaks and writes excellent English, and she is planning to learn Dutch. She already understands quite a lot. Ismi is pleasant company and she gets along with the travellers in the group, so including the board, and especially with the project managers on site. We are very happy with her and we hope we can work together for many years to come. If you would like to meet her, sign up for our tour in 2020. If it is up to us, she will be part of it again.



An ambulance for the Baturetno clinic



One of the highlights during our trip was the moment Harry, the promoter of this project, could cut the ribbon for the newly acquired ambulance. Thanks to a large donation by a church in Haarlem this much desired ambulance could be bought. Now the people who are ill can be taken to hospital from their homes or can be transferred to other hospitals.

Ismi visits the Kasihi Madiun project Caring for the poor

Ismi was invited by Rudia, Kasihi Madiun project manager, to visit the project for a few days. We received a wonderful report. This information is valuable because we can never gain so many impressions during a visit ourselves.

Some facts and figures:

- Every second Monday of the month the adopted parents and children meet. They thank God and pray together. Next to that they receive information, they sometimes do an activity together, for example making Christmas cards, and they eat together. During this meeting the adoption money is given.



- Every month the elderly who are poor receive rice, oil and sugar. From the money that Pikulan gives every 6 months, 333 parcels can be handed out. If possible, a small compensation is paid (10.000 rph = 60 euro cents), but this is not required. They don't want to give the feeling to esp. the Islamic elderly that the Christian faith is forced upon them. From the compensation received a few extra parcels can be made.



- Ismi visited 4 micro credit companies. We would like to describe one of them. An adopted couple received starting capital in 2012. They selected plastic bottles, ground them in a machine they had bought for this purpose, and sold the material to a factory for recycling. After a while there were more and more places where bottles were collected, and the business went well. But the price of plastic bottles went down. They borrowed some money again for a more advanced machine, and make much more turnover. At this moment business is so good that they can hire 4 people, and their child no longer needs support from The Netherlands. A wonderful example, don't you think?



In Batu we were welcomed by the more than 100 adopted children, and a wonderful programme. There was much singing, music and dance, and also a beautiful sermon that was translated by Mrs Theedens. We would like to share this with you.

This is the story of a girl named Esther. Esther was an orphan. She had no father and mother that could raise her and care for her, and this influenced her future. God had given her an uncle, Mordechai, to replace her parents. We can be sure that Esther was poor, but Mordechai raised her with a good mentality and a strong faith. Even though he lived in exile, he took responsibility for Esther's life, provided care, was a foster parent. And as her foster parent, not only did he care for her future in society, he also taught Esther to be righteous in her acts. As a consequence, Esther understood the meaning of life, she helped other people, she had strong faith and a good mentality. We, Pikulan and the Batu project, are all support parents, and play an important role in the future of weak and handicapped children. Our support can produce children with a strong faith and a good mentality who can help their fellow people.

Requests

- Could you raise interest in people in your network to become 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 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.

These children are still looking for adoption parents



Axl

This is Axl. He is 16 years old and he lives in Jakarta. He comes from a family with 5 children. The family is very poor. Sometimes there is not enough food. They rent a small room, 3 by 3 meters, in which the whole family lives. Axl and his parents hope that someone wants to help him by financially adopting him, so that he can finish school.



Alvito Stive

Alvito Stive was born on 22 Jan 2006. He started the first year of secondary school. He and his brother and mother live with his grandparents. The father left 2 years ago and that is why the mother is alone, with an income of around 40 euros a month. Who would like to give this child a future?



David Imanuel

David Imanuel was born on 7 Aug 2008. He is in the 5th year of elementary school in Batu. Both his father and mother work, but they don't make enough money. They live in a small contact house. David also has a younger brother. Who would like to support David?

Anggara sponsored during the tour



9 year old Anggara did not have an adoption parent yet. Until now Pikulan has paid for the expenses with the help of the Charity shop proceeds. One of our travel group members decided to sponsor Anggara on the spot, how wonderful! We could see the home situation right away, and everyone wanted to be in the picture.

Disaster struck Lombok

Because of the tsunami on Sulawesi, the attention paid to the disaster on Lombok may have become less. Yet the situation is dire, and Pikulan will help by donating 5000 euros via our friends from Kolewa Foundation. Sita, the leader of Kolewa, is regularly in touch with their contact over there, Romey. He is a nurse in an eye hospital. During his hours off he is very active socially for fellow human beings in distress because of the earth quake. Before, he taught English in a community centre in his free time. He has indicated that at this moment they don't need money for food etc., but they do need it for medication. He reported that most people are going back to work, if possible, and the children are going back to school. The schools are sometimes improvised venues. The board concluded from this that the help provided initially has been sufficient, but that money will be needed for reconstruction. We think we can say we have found a very reliable way to be able to help.