



NEWSLETTER

PIKULAN FOUNDATION

Pikulan Foundation aims to help continue and, if possible, expand the nine adoption and sponsored projects in Indonesia, inspired by and in obedience to the Bible, in close cooperation with the people involved.

November 2020

From the chair of the board

So much has happened since the last newsletter in May.

There were many changes in the board and the promoters, the charity shop had limited opening hours due to corona, meetings were cancelled or were limited to a small number of participants at a distance, the board had meetings with the board of Kolewa and Casey van 't Hart of Sjaki-Tari-Ut. "Pfff!"

A big compliment to all staff, who are organised so well, both the charity shop staff, project managers, promoters and board members.

We will continue working for our neighbours living in poverty in Indonesia, who suffer from corona much more than we do in The Netherlands.

When you receive this newsletter, the year will almost be over. Therefore:

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Donations:

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

Message from Bouke Baron

I am happy to write in the newsletter of Nov 2020. I had intended to give up the position of chairman end of this year after 13 years, and hand over to Roel Vriesema. The whole board was agreed. But because of my acute heart problems, everything went a bit faster and I have given up the position with immediate effect.

Roel Vriesema will be the chairman for the coming 6 months. After that the board and he will decide how to move on. I am very glad that Roel can take over. I wish him wisdom and strength to do this job.

I myself have enjoyed working for Pikulan. Willy and I hold dear memories, esp. of the times we visited Indonesia where we could see for ourselves what we were doing the work for, the grateful and happy children, the gratitude in the projects made a big

impression on us and gave us the energy to carry on.

Willy and I are extremely grateful that my heart operation was successful and that I am feeling better by the day. We hope and pray that my recuperation will continue. I would like to thank everyone for their sympathy. We were moved by what you wrote in emails, and by the prayers and cards, the flowers and the fruit. A warm thank you, it meant a lot to us.

I would like to thank everyone in Pikulan for their cooperation. Without your help I wouldn't have been able to be a chair for 13 years. The board has asked me to stay involved with Pikulan for a while as advisor, and I will certainly do that. I hope that after my complete recovery we can be of significance together for our brothers and sisters in Indonesia.

*Best regards,
Bouke and Willy Baron*



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 welcome 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.
- To all generous donors whom we don't know the name and address of: Many thanks!
- 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 cannot be transferred.

Introduction

My name is Roel Vriesema and I have been part of the board of Pikulan for about a year now. Because of the acute health situation of Bouke Baron, I will temporarily take over as chairman for the coming months.

I am married and I live in Surhuizum. For the past 20 years I was forest ranger, and I retired last year. I am also active in other areas, and a new challenge can also be very refreshing.

I say temporarily take over for a reason. I have doubted because I was not familiar yet with the various projects, and the current board has been 'in office' for a long time. Much of the knowledge is common for them, but for a newcomer this is all new. Unfamiliar names, a language barrier.

I see much enthusiasm and gratitude with the board and the promoters for doing this work, and this inspires me.

What do I consider my task in Pikulan? I will try to contribute to the board in a positive and creative way. I will work on gaining knowledge about the support of projects and the financial side of it. I feel a big responsibility because the money is raised with the help of many volunteers. I also want to learn more about the work of all the promoters and other volunteers.

My impression is that they do very useful work, which should not be overshadowed by the daily affairs on the business side.

I hope I may receive health and strength to take over from Bouke for the time being. I hope I can share some experiences at a later stage.



Covid-support

In the last newsletter we wrote about our intention to send an extra donation every two months to the projects that Pikulan supports, so that we can help families that lost their work because of Covid-19.

Indonesia is still in a strict lockdown and many people have been infected and fallen ill. Right before the corona outbreak, we received a sizable inheritance, and it is beautiful for us, friends of Pikulan, to see that it was so large we could make several of these extra donations with it.

In this way we experience that this is not our work, but is the project of the Lord our God that we may contribute to. We support around 400 children and next to that we are trying to help more children, paying parts of the tuition that the parents cannot afford.



At the end of Dec, the 6-month adoption money is sent away again, and combined with that we intend to send the extra corona aid. This will be a challenge. For this reason, we cannot send Christmas money unfortunately, because we have to make sure that we will be able to keep helping our friends in Indonesia for as long as possible, perhaps even as long as the corona virus is around.

With the help of the charity shop proceeds we can still do this, even though they have gone down. Our Lord Jesus encouraged us when he said that what we do for the least of our brothers, we do it for Him. And without your most needed help, we can't do this. Will you help? Here are some pictures of handing out the parcels.



Angel, Bagas and Manda

These are the names of the children that we have adopted financially. With € 20 a child a month we help the parents so that the children can go to school. At the moment this may seem less spectacular than food aid or humanitarian aid after a natural disaster, but because of the structural nature it is an investment in the development of the children. For that reason, looking at the future, we are very happy that a granddaughter of ours and her partner have followed in our footsteps and have also adopted a child financially.

We enjoy receiving a card or letter from our sponsor children every once and a while. But even if they didn't send us anything, we would still help with all of our heart. Their gratitude embarrasses us, because we can give freely without our daily expenses being affected.

It is commendable that the board allows sponsor parents and others to join what I call the 'board trip'.

We were able to join a few times and in this way meet our own sponsor children and

sometimes their parents as well. They were special experiences that we cherish.

Today, on Wed 4 Nov., many churches give thanks for the harvest of this year and for the jobs of people. We give thanks to God for all His blessings, large or small. A blessing must be shared in order to multiply it. That is the attitude we want to maintain at the core of our lives.

Once every other year (part of) the board visits all the projects in Indonesia, partially to



show commitment and to strengthen relationships, and partially to monitor if everything is carried out as agreed.

Nieuwe promotor voor project Triwindu

My name is Kees de Wit. Since Nov I have been promotor of our Pikulan project in Triwindu Solo, taking over from Nettie Ramos.

In Solo we support 34 children so that they can build a better future. I have become involved in Pikulan after our deacons had adopted 2 children. By the enthusiasm of the volunteers of the foundation and the charity shop I was inspired to contribute myself. Please be in touch if you would like to receive more information and/or a presentation about this project. The children need you.

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Nieuwe promotor voor project Usaha Mulia

Sinds mei van dit jaar ben ik promotor van Usaha Mulia. Daarmee heb ik de taak overgenomen van Sipke Scheepsma.

I am not new to Pikulan. I have been part of the board for over 23 years, first as treasurer, later as member of the finance committee. I am also involved in the daily affairs of the board and I coordinate the sales of Indonesian products at presentations. But, unfortunately, there are almost no more presentations.

I used to work in the old charity shop on Fri afternoons for some years, and since a short while I now work in the new Charity shop on Sat afternoons.

And now I have become a promotor as well. I was promotor of this project before, a long time ago, so I already knew Ibu Pilorobo and daughter Fiona.

The project has existed for many years. In the past, before the outbreak of the Gunung Agung (1963 and 1964), orphan children used to live with the Pilorobo family. Today, children live with their parents, grandparents or other relatives. Ibu Pilorobo has a gift for music and teaches the children singing or playing the anklung and kulintang, in the weekend.

There are still children on Bali that live in poverty, and aid is still needed very much. Lastly, I can tell you that my husband, Arno, draws up the annual report every year. It is fair to say that I have been infected with the Pikulan virus.

Hinke de Vries

We are looking for one more promotor

Bertine Knol-van Vliet is promotor of the Batulelling and the Tanjung Priok Warakas project. Two projects are a bit too much, she discovered a few months after her youngest child was born. That is why we are looking for someone who could take over the Tanjung Priok Warakas project (in Jakarta). This project is running smoothly again and there is frequent communication with the Suzana and chairperson Lintje. At this moment 24 children are sponsored.

Who wants to help? Please contact the secretariat or, directly, Bertine (her address details are on our website).



Okta

Okta, who just turned 9 years old (25-10-2011), in the 3rd year of the Christian primary school Klampok (Central Java, Talang Kasih Banyumas project). He lives with his parents and younger sister at their grandparents'. The school is 5km away from their house and esp. in the rain season this is a large distance. Closer to home are a few national, so Islamic, schools. The parents, being representatives of the small Christian minority in the region.

(3% Protestant en 2% Catholic, 95% Muslim) choose for this Christian primary education schools. The parents don't have a fixed income and it often just merely covers the monthly expenses.

The Christian minority normally and esp. during corona does not receive support from the local, Islamic, administration.

Who would like to support this boy and his family?

Promotor Sjouke v.d. Meulen



Novita

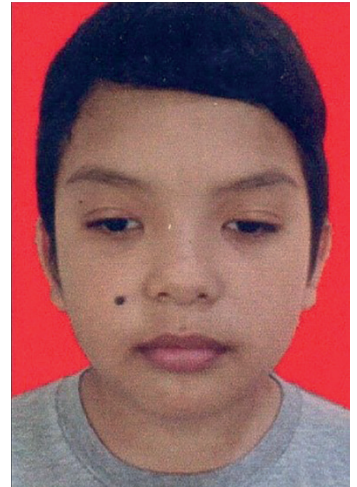
Novita is 8 years old and she lives in Jakarta. She is in the 2nd year of primary school. Her father is unemployed, her mother is a house keeper but has had no employment during corona. This family is very poor. They hope someone can sponsor Novita so she can stay in school. Promotor Bertine Knol



Zera

Zera, 24-08-2010, comes from Baturetno. Her parents work on call in Jakarta. Zera is raised by her grandparents and lives with them. The house is modest with only a few pieces of furniture.

Promotor Harry Folkerts



Yozabat

Yozabat Sadyajaya Andriyanto is 10 years old. He has one younger brother of 8 years old. He has had eye problems since birth and he has autism. His father and mother are poor and have no money to pay for school. Would you like to become his adoption parent? If you are interested, please contact Kees de Wit.

How is the Charity shop doing during corona?

Our whole society is shaken because of corona virus. Schools had to close, doing sports was no longer an option, restaurants and cafes were hit hard, museums, cinemas and theatres had to close. In the mean time we are trying to keep doing our work.

In the newsletter of last May I wrote an article about the charity shop. On 18 May we could open our doors again after 9 weeks. Our volunteers could welcome the customers again. Our customers were also happy to be able to browse the shop again. Keeping distance, around 50 people were waiting to get in on opening day, and until today they visit us.

It wasn't easy to meet all the corona rules. A limited number of people could be in the shop at the same time, shopping carts and baskets must be used

and were cleaned constantly, one way traffic in the shop, no coffee tables and a change in opening hours, goods supply in the morning and sales in the afternoon.

Because there are no coffee tables, the atmosphere is a bit different. Catching up

with the other volunteers while drinking coffee is also limited now. The morning shift can sit together at a safe distance because there are no customers, but the afternoon shift can't do this.

In the picture you see Anne van Houten, enjoying a cappuccino in the furniture corner. Everybody knows Anne because of the books, magazines, records, CDs, DVDs and postcards. But foremost, Anne is known because he was the first official chairman of Pikulan Charity shop foundation. He held this position from 1 Jan 2006 until 1 Nov. 2014.

Being the new chairman, I often consult him. By the way, if you were interested in the chair Anne is sitting in, too bad, it has been sold...

Arie Botter, chairman Charity shop

