



NEWSLETTER

PIKULAN FOUNDATION

Pikulan Foundation aim 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.

May 2021

From the board

Because of the corona pandemic our work as the board is hindered. Thanks to digital meeting opportunities, we have been able to stay in touch. The charity shop has been closed for a large part, which meant no income. Thanks to spontaneous efforts it has become possible to buy and collect by appointment.

Promoters have spontaneously started successful promotions to acquire adoption parents. Our compliments for both initiatives. Pikulan's work is hindered because of changes to the normal work pattern and the fear of the virus. But if we compare our situation with the situation in Indonesia, we must be grateful for everything that is better here.

The news we receive from our contacts in Indonesia is downright worrying. Large scale unemployment and poverty, no income due to corona.

Fortunately, several organizations distributed food packages to help people in need. Pikulan has contributed to this food aid for the last six months, from their reserves. Many thanks as well to all the adoption parents that kept providing support to give the children a chance.

We hope that the next six months will be better. We hope that the charity shop can re-open so that we can raise money and pick up new initiatives. We wish everyone good health and a blessed summer season.



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Requests

- Could you ask people in your network to consider financial adoption? The more adoption parents, the more children we can help!
- Donations are welcome at NL75 INGB 0009 1000 83. Please state the project or name clearly, so we will know who the donor is.
- Many thanks to all the generous donors who we don't know the name and address of!
- The adoption fee should be transferred to bankacc. no. NL43 INGB 0006 2734 00 of Stichting Pikulan, Surhuisterveen.
- Please fill in your bank acc. no., name and address clearly, so that the money will be received.

Semarang flooded, February 2021

Several parts of Indonesia are prone to natural disasters. In the first two months of 2021 there were floodings on the islands of Sumatra, Java, Kalimantan and Sulawesi.

The Indonesian government claim that the sudden floodings of Kota Lama (the old city) in Semarang and of the various other regions were caused by extreme rain fall and tidal floods. Based on precipitation and other hydrological data, it can be concluded that it is a 50-year cycle according to Basoeki Hadimoeljono, Minister of Pubic Services and Housing.

Three pumps were used to pump the flood's water from the area into the Semarang River.

Dr Darmayanti told us that due to the flood, water entered the houses in Semarang, so the families needed to move to a different place. One family of the adoption children had to be isolated. The grandfather who had cared



for the children had died of corona.

Almost 10 families can't work in the informal sector because the town is in lock down. With the flood, these families are hit extra hard. The town is in lock down, everybody has to stay at home. The water level is at the height of

50 cm. With the help of rubber boats, provided by the government, the families are moved.

We are grateful that we could help these families somewhat with the bi-monthly donations for the food packages.

From Mother Theedens, Batu – project:

Since April 2020 we have lived in fear of the corona virus in Indonesia. People are struggling because they have no job. Sellers can't sell because they have no money to buy materials.

We who believe in God are convinced that the Lord will not let his creatures suffer or abandon them (Psalm 34:9-10). What we can do to help them is not much. We pray that they may come closer to God and we tell them that they have to follow the health

protocol. Praise God that He opens His doors of love with the help of Pikulan Foundation. Extra aid will be provided to help the families with adoption children. From May 2020 until June 2021 each of these families can receive a food package. Each month we see tears



and gratitude for God's love and help via the Pikulan Foundation and the TBD-children's project. The food packages are God's answer to their confusion in this bad situation. God loves them and will not leave them. The Board of the TBD- children's project wants to thank the Board, promoters and all adoption parents for their cooperation, attention and the help that we may receive for the families. May God bless you all in your ministry, work and household.



Message from Batulelling Sulawesi

Maria, former adoption child and project manager for Pikulan in Batulelling now, asks the following.

There has been a house fire in a neighbouring village, and because of that one family of 13 no longer has a roof over their heads. At present they live under a big sail, held up by walls of pallets placed on their sides. This family was hit twice, no home now and the corona virus. It means no work, no income. With the help of an unexpected donation of

the cooperation of deacons of the Protestant Church Haarlem, Pikulan has been able to provide a good roof over their heads. At the moment they are building a new house for these people! You can see the progress in the pictures. Pikulan Foundation is grateful to help in this way.



Obituary Wilson Pilorobo

Last 20 February Wilson died in the Makassar hospital due to heart and kidney failure. He was buried two days later.

Fiona wrote that they had been hoping for his recovery, but that God had a better plan for him and for all of us. Wilson was the son of Mrs Pilorobo, our Usaha Mulia project leader on Bali. He was one of our board members, together with, among others, his sister Fiona. Wilson is survived by his wife and his son. He was only 45 years old. We got to know him as an enthusiastic young man, fond of laughing, with a big heart for children that are in need of help. He was in The Netherlands during the jubileum in 2009, together with many other project managers.

We wish the family much strength and God's comfort.

In the picture below Wilson is joining the fashion show.



Promotion for more sponsor parents

As you know, many children are sponsored by Pikulan by so-called adoption parents. At this moment 280 children. We are very grateful for this. The children find it wonderful to receive personal letters. We ask them to return a letter or drawing to the sponsor parents at least twice a year.

The financial aid, but also especially the contact with these sponsor parents, stimulates them to do their very best at school. Scientific research has shown that such children perform better.

But there are more than 100 children on a so-called waiting list. These children are already supported by Pikulan, from the net yield of our Charity shop, but these children are not yet connected with sponsor parents. We would like to change that very much, not in the least because our charity shop had to close and made less money, but also to create personal connections. Our promoters have started a promotion to find new sponsor

parents. Numerous emails have been written to esp. associations, and two regional newspapers in Friesland published press releases. We have already received a few responses.

For example, the Batu promotor could already re-assign all the children that were adopted by Mrs Jean from Jakarta. Mrs Jean died of corona. She sponsored 4 children via the TBD-children's project. In itself this is special, that children are sponsored by Indonesian parents. In Indonesia people keep it a secret as much as possible when someone has corona infection, because they feel it is a disgrace. TBD received the news via someone who knew the family well. We are glad that

the children have found an adoption parent in The Netherlands.

We ask all the readers of our newsletter: Would you like to become an adoption parent of a child or of another child? Or could you ask your relatives perhaps?

It costs 16 euros a month up to 12 years, and 20 euros a month up to 18 years.

Everyone with Pikulan deserves a Ribbon of Honour

But Gaelle and Frouke Dijkstra truly received one. They were taken by surprise when the mayor came round to give the royal ribbon to them.

The list of their volunteering activities is long. For all of those activities goes that they did them together. 'Volunteering is team work'. Every human has talents and united they can achieve many things. We are grateful for all the work that Gaelle has done for Pikulan, and we extend our congratulations to them!



Who would you like to sponsor?



Theresia

Theresia was born on 24 Oct 2010. Her father died and her mother sells things in the street, but that has become impossible due to corona. It would be really nice if an adoption parent could support Theresia, so she can stay in school. She has an elder sister and they live poorly in Semarang



Samuel

Samuel is 7 years old. He lives in Jakarta. His parents died. He lives with his grandma now. It is difficult for his grandmother to pay for his tuition.



Chiko

Chiko Adrian Pratma was born on 4 Nov 2010. He lives with his younger brother and parents in Baturetno in a simple rented house with little furniture. His father breeds catfish and his mother takes care of the household. This young family is struggling because of their irregular income.