



NEWSLETTER PIKULAN FOUNDATION

Pikulan 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.

May 2022

From the board

Even though corona infections are decreasing, people in Indonesia are still having a hard time to make ends meet. We as board are very happy that you keep supporting us financially, because this support is much needed still, unfortunately.

Because travel opportunities are limited we are glad that our liaison in Indonesia, Ismi, has tasked herself keeping in touch more frequently with the project managers. In the past 6 months, much has happened again in our projects. You can read about it in this newsletter.

After being closed for a few weeks, the Charity shop could open again in January, fortunately. We are very grateful for this because most of our money comes from the shop! The promoters here in The Netherlands are in good contact with the project managers in Indonesia, and are looking for more adoption parents for the adoption children.

We are still looking for a new chairperson. The candidate who was interested in this position has withdrawn himself after around 2 years of introduction. He was of the opinion that this was for the best for both parties.

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We are also looking for candidates for the secretariat, to take over from Nico and Antje Smits. They have fulfilled this position with much pleasure for 24 years, but feel it

Is time for 'fresh blood' in the board. Who can join the board and fulfill one of these vacancies? Of course we will explain in person what the positions entail. We look forward to hearing from you!

We wish you a blessed summer season in good health.



Making your own income again?

Many parents of sponsored children in Batu lost their jobs due to corona. With the help of extra donations they are being helped to generate their own income again.

In this way, Zefanja's father sells coffee and tea alongside the road. Zefanja's mother bakes cookies in the next street and sells them. Alfan's mother tries to sell food on the street, and the father sells face masks a little further in the street. Marita's parents work in a garden and take cuttings from plants to sell (see the pictures). A cutting from a rose, for example, is planted in a plastic bag. Once grown into flowering plants, they are sold. Can you help with a donation to provide starting capital? Many thanks in advance: Terima Kasih.



The promotor reports: “De Ferbining (De Verbinding)”, STT Diakonos

This Seminary STT Diakonos was once started as a small component of the *Mardikenya* - project (a Christian domestic science school in Purwokerto, founded in 1931). Since 2020 it has continued as an independent project STT Diakonos, Banyumas, with Pikulan.

It started with a modest contribution to the tuition of four poor students. Diakonos once started small, in rented study locations. As a Christian minority in the largest Muslim country in the world, it is difficult to hold yourself up. There is no rent protection, so a rent contract can be terminated without notice if the local Muslim community decides so (which unfortunately happened one time).

It is also difficult because when a school doesn't have their own location, the course will never receive the highest, A, rating from the government, even if it meets all the requirements for such a rating.

Pikulan wants to invest as little as possible in bricks, and as much as possible in people (training programmes etc.), but for the above mentioned difficulties donated money in 2010 so that land could be bought to build a new campus for STT Diakonos.

In 2012, during my vacation, my brother and I visited the last rented school location. During my vacation in 2013 I visited the new building site. A new road was built and the land was being leveled.



During the trip Pikulan made in 2014, we visited the building site again. The first construction work had started. Partition walls and slopes were built, and the first holes were being dug for the driven piles for the office building. The management of Diakonos was constantly seeking for funding to make the actual construction of the campus possible.

During the 2016 Pikulan trip, the students had just moved to the new location. The sleeping quarters were inadequate and were leaking. After this trip, the board of Pikulan decided directly to finance corrugated iron for the roof, so that

the students would at least have a dry place to sleep and to study during the rain season.

With the help of external Christian sponsors from Jakarta, the sleeping quarters for the girls could be opened in 2017, and the ones for the boys in 2018. During the Pikulan trip in 2018 the new location was visited again, of course.

In 2019, during my vacation in Indonesia, I stayed in a guest room in the boys section. It was quite an experience to see campus life from so close. I brought back to The Netherlands a proposal that was made to build a kitchen annex refectory / canteen, and necessary reinforcement and extension of the slopes. Pikulan decided to finance this in order to realise the plans. At the start of 2020, the slopes were reinforced and extended, and a start was made with building the kitchen annex canteen.

Despite the corona measures, the new building could be opened officially in March 2021. The building received the fitting name “Ferbining”. “Ferbining” is the Frisian word for connecting, it symbolises the connection of the Frisian foundation Pikulan and Indonesia.



In the meantime, thanks to a substantial donation from the Protestants Church in Haarlem as well, money was transferred at the end of 2021 so that additional library interior could be bought. Next to that, extra kitchen appliances and furniture could be bought, for the canteen to have adequate seating and tables. We started with supporting 4 students, and now we support 52 students in their study expenses. Next to that, 3 students receive a full study grant for the duration of their studies, made possible by the Protestant Church in Haarlem.

Pikulan also contributes to the food expenses of 60 students and to paying for the travel expenses of students from the poorest regions of Indonesia to the STT Diakonos - campus, in Banyumas, central-Java.

Our Lord keeps blessing his work, also in Banyumas. The corona pandemic and now the war in Ukraine show us that the situation in the world can change overnight from reasonably stable to chaos.

Helping our fellow christians in Indonesia, and in particular in this case STT Diakonos, remains very important.

On behalf of our brothers and sisters of STT Diakonos, we thank everyone who made a donation, either via their church or individually. Will you keep helping us to support them, so that they can keep the hope alive for a healthy and blessed future with the Lord?

Pikulan promotor STT Diakonos-project,



Goodbye Sister Genoveva - Welcome Sister Pauline

For nine years sister Genoveva has been our liaison in the Baturetno project. She had taken over from sister Tobia, who had been our project manager until she retired. This project is a mission post of the Catholic Church, and they have given sister Genoveva a new assignment now, in Lampung on the island Sumatra.

During the past 9 years, sister Genoveva has done great work together with her team members. Thanks to a big donation from churches in Haarlem, Pikulan could buy an ambulance for the clinic during that period (see the picture). Many children from poor families were supported financially to go to school.

Whenever she wasn't working in the clinic, she would be on the road visiting the poor families. She enjoyed all these social contacts and she could provide care in this way.

Pikulan also donated a moped, so that she could travel more easily in this wide area. Now sister Pauline can use this moped because she takes over this role, we are confident.

Sister Pauline has much experience in several clinics on Java, and with social work. She has been inducted well by sister Genoveva, and the communication (in English) with the promoters is going well.



Pikulan trip

There hasn't been a Pikulan trip to visit all the projects since 2018, because both the Netherlands and Indonesia were in lockdown, and because of the measures and limitations due to the corona crisis. At the moment we are tentatively looking into opportunities for some promoters / board members to visit Indonesia by the end of this year or the start of next year. The trip will probably be different from what we have done so far. Everyone who is interested in such a unique Pikulan trip can let us know before 10 June '22. Please be in touch with Harry Folkerts: henhfolkerts@live.nl

Who would like to sponsor one of these children?

On 1 January 2022, 507 sponsored children either have a sponsor parent or are supported with the proceeds of Pikulan's charity shop. This is over 20 children more than the year before.

We are constantly looking for sponsor parents for children, as for example the children in the pictures below. If you would like to help, we look forward to hearing from you. Let the promotor know or let us know via the secretariat. Knowing that a child has a sponsor in The Netherlands who cares for him or her financially but also wants to be involved personally via letters or prays for him or her, is an important reason for a sponsor child to experience hope. We also know from research that sponsored children, supported by correspondence, have a bigger chance to finish secondary and tertiary education, and to a paid job.

Franciscus Safawhidi was born on 30 January 2013. His father sells drinking water and has an insecure income. The mother is at home with the children. Franciscus is a quiet and modest boy and lives with four siblings in a very simple house in the Baturetno area. Harry Folkerts, promotor, can tell you more about Franciscus.



Gabriel Edward Ngahu from Jakarta was born on 5 June 2013. He goes to school and does his best. Gabriel is a quiet boy. The family consists of father, mother and five children. The father is a factory worker with a minimum income. The mother has no job and takes care of the children. The family lives in a simple rented house in the city. It would be very nice if you could support Gabriel as financial adoption parent. The family would be very grateful. Kees de Wit is the promotor of the Tanjung Priok project.

Efa The Talang Kasih Banyumas project on Central-Java still has a big group of children who don't have their own sponsor or adoption parents. Efa is one of these children. Efa was born on 9 April 2013 and lives with her mother, grandmother and a younger sister. Efa and her family are Muslims, but she goes to the Christian primary school SD Kristen Klampok. Her grandmother is very old, and her mother Adni is struggling to provide for the family.

Can you help this family so that Efa can continue going to school? Sjouke v.d. Meulen is the promotor of this project.



Novarieta

Novarieta is 13 years old and lives in Semarang. Her parents live in a small, poor looking house. Her father earns just a little money. Novarieta and her parents would be very happy if someone could sponsor Novarieta. Gerrit and Aagje Dijkstra are the promotors of the Semarang project.

Giro card is discontinued

We used to include a bank transaction form / giro card in the newsletter, for your convenience. But as of 1 June 2023 the giro card will be discontinued. We had a few left, and used it for this newsletter, but some of you may not find it enclosed anymore.

You can transfer an (extra) donation conveniently with electronic banking. In a next newsletter we will try to include a QR code, so that you can transfer an amount with the help of your smart phone.

A special present

A friend of Pikulan's had reached his retirement age and said goodbye to the company. Because of corona, there could not be farewell party for him. Instead he received a budget to be spent as he desired. He donated this amount to Pikulan, and this provides for 3 years of study for a child in the Batu project. How wonderful is that!

Requests

- **Could you ask people in your network to consider financial adoption? The more adoption parents, the more children we can help!**
- **Donations can be transferred to: 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 of whom we don't know the name!**
- **The adoption fee should be transferred to bank acc. no. NL43 INGB 0006 2734 00 In the name of Stichting Pikulan, Surhuisterveen.**
- **Please fill in your bank acc. no., name and address clearly, so that the money will be received.**