



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..

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From the board

Hielkje and Harry Folkerts and the Pikulan virus

It was around the year 2001 when Jaap van der Meer came to our company. He knew that Hielkje could work well with internet banking and wanted to ask if she could do this for Pikulan Foundation, "It won't be much work".

After some time to think – I would have to be able to do it next to my daily work – I said yes. At that moment, I, and many others, couldn't suspect that Pikulan would experience enormous growth. Back then, the charity shop was located at Vierhuisterweg. The shop grew as well and later moved to de Dellen, in April 2015.

The shop's turnover rose considerably, because of the good quality goods that were brought in and due to the work of the many great volunteers. The number of adopted children has also risen greatly.

At the moment, around 850 children receive help by being adopted and additional study help.

In 2001 I also travelled to Indonesia, the Emerald Belt, for the first time, among others with my father in law and co-founder of Pikulan, Geert Folkerts. I was deeply impressed by this tour. It made me realize what a privilege it is that I may live in The Netherlands.

It must have been around 2008 when Harry was asked to become promotor of the Baturetno project.

After the experience of the 2001 tour, and because of the many stories about Pikulan from Hielkje, and from home when I was a child, I accepted this promotorship.

Being a promotor means maintaining the contacts between adoption children and adoption parents, and holding presentations about the work Pikulan Foundation does. Pikulan. For holding a presentation I would gladly come to your association, church or organization. Let me know!



Meanwhile there are 87 adoption children who receive financial support from adoption parents and from proceeds from the charity shop.

We would also like to invite younger people to take a look at the work Pikulan does. It is hard to describe how fulfilling it is and how much gratitude you receive in return.

In short, being infected with the Pikulan virus is something to be proud of. We are grateful we can mean something for fellow human beings in Indonesia who live in poverty.

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From a promotor

A few years ago, I came in touch with Pikulan Foundation when I was chair of the Deacons in Lutjegast. Back then, the deacons of the church supported 1 child, and in the mean time 3 children are supported.

To find out more about how Pikulan works, we invited promotor couple Elzerd and Grietje for a presentation during a church evening for the congregation. Their presentation and enthusiasm were contagious and made me decide to become a Pikulan volunteer as soon as my pre-pension would start.

Two years ago that time had come, and I could start as a volunteer in the Pikulan charity shop in Surhuisterveen right away. I worked in the shop and as co-driver in the truck (pick up and delivery of goods). I was deeply impressed by the team of volunteers that time and again were working hard to make the shop a great success.

All of this was done for underprivileged children in Indonesia who would have a better start for the future through access to education with the help of adoption parents and our charity shop. I still had more time, and I heard that a promotor was needed for the

Triwindu project in Solo, a project in Central Java with 36 underprivileged children. The project's name has a great meaning. Literally translated: Health, Education, Economic Progress.

Since last year another project was added: Tanjung Priok, a project in the capital city, Jakarta. In various neighbourhoods and four schools people cooperate to support underprivileged children.

Every week we are in touch with the local project managers via whats app and e-mail. They are local people who are volunteers as well and supervise and monitor the projects. It is my great wish to visit these projects, and this is hopefully going to happen at the start of next year.

I am enthusiastic and I enjoy being a Pikulan volunteer. Unfortunately during Covid I couldn't hold presentations for new financial adoption parents, who are needed so much.

But I couldn't be stopped just like that. Via the charity shop, emails, personal connections, my paid job in a large hotel, I meet many people and I always like to explain who Pikulan are and what they do. I would like to invite you to take a look at Pikulan's website. There you will find more information. www.pikulan.nl



Warm regards, Kees de Wit.



Bank transfer

Previously we used to enclose a giro slip so that you could transfer a donation with it. Banks stop the the giro slip service. Instead you can transfer the QR-code below, but you can also transfer money vi internet banking: bank acc. no. NL75INGB0009100083. Terima kasih (hartelijk dank).



Letters and school report cards

An example of how the Mission Committee in Kollumerzwaag informed their church members about the correspondence with their 5 adoption children.

Report cards

Mid August 2022 I received letters and the school report cards of our adoption children via email. Below you see a part of one of the letters. Fortunately a translation in Dutch was added.

In the letters the children ask how we are doing. They write that they themselves and their families are doing well, and that they passed their school year. Esp. the older children write that they find online learning difficult and that they hope that the covid pandemic will end soon, so that they can go back to school in the coming year to follow the lessons.

Gregorius Risy writes: *I find it difficult to do homework with online learning. Once a week we have to show our homework at school. I hope that I can do 8th grade at school again, like we were used to, to learn together with my friends.*

They also thank us for our financial support for their school fees.

They wish us God's blessing.

Greetings from the Mission Committee



We are going on promotion tour again

Usually, we travelled to Indonesia every other year to promote the projects. Due to Corona, this was interrupted. A call for a new promotion tour was made in the newsletter, but only very few people responded.

This way of promotion seems no longer feasible. Yet, we think it is necessary to visit the projects in Indonesia regularly.

It is good to meet each other in person and to discuss the business side of things together.



Pikulan is growing, and we are grateful for that. At the same time we have to look critically at how we can cooperate even better. That is why it is necessary to go on a new tour to Indonesia.

A number of board members and promoters are prepared to go on this tour, start of 2023. It was decided again to visit all projects, as far as possible. Together with the boards of the projects the vision of the projects will be looked at, and a new financial format will be introduced and worked with.

Of course we will discuss other business as well and we are going to meet the adoption children as well. We will not get bored. We will inform you about the tour in the next newsletter, and we will also give updates via social media. Subscribe to our Facebook page and follow our website.

Healthy development for each child

Pikulan supports children aged 0 – 19, and sometimes older, and has a children's programme in nearly all projects. Food scarcity is one of the problems standing in the way of a healthy development of children.

With the help of your support the poorest children can go to school, receive medical care and the opportunity to get to know God personally in the project. This goes for both Christian and Muslim children. If

the parents receive financial support, there will be more space in the family for a good meal.

On our own we can't change the whole world. But we can start a change by supporting one child and offering him/her the opportunity to develop well and so help work on the long term.

These children are waiting for a sponsor:



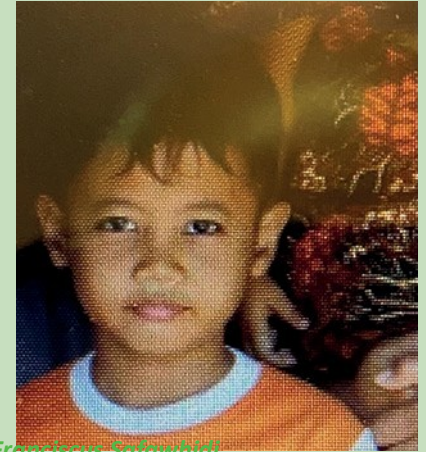
Anita from Kasihi Madiun

This is Anita (18-5-2010). She has been in the programme for a few years now., but she is sponsored from proceeds of the Charity shop. It would be wonderful if she could have financial adoption parents who she could write to. This would stimulate her even more to do her best in school. Anita is an only child. For 20,- a month she can continue school and after that find work to make a living and escape from poverty. The promotors Fokke and Tietie can give more information:



Joël from Semarang

Joel was born in 2009 and goes to a christian school in Semarang. He is in good health. His father works in a factory, but earns a small income. Joel has an elder sister and a younger brother. He would be really happy to have Dutch sponsor parents. Promotors Gerrit and Aagje have more information:



Franciscus Sajawhidhi

Franciscus Safawhidi from Baturnewwas born on 30 January 2013. His father sells drinking water and has an unstable income. The mother stays at home with the children. Francisus is quiet and modest and lives with his 4 siblings in a simple house in the Baturetno region. Harry Folkerts, promotor, can tell you more about him.



The Board of Pikulan Foundation wishes all of you a merry December month, blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2023. Hari Natal Memberkati dan Selamat Tahun Baru yang Sejahtera.

Requests

- Could you ask people in your network to consider starting 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 sponsors who we don't know the name of!
- The adoption fee should be transferred to bank acc. no. NL43 INGB 0006 2734 00 of Stichting Pikulan, Surhuisterveen.