



# 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.*

May 2023

## From the board

It is time for our newsletter again. We hope we can give you a good impression of how things are going with Pikulan Foundation. We will pay special attention to the trip to our projects in Indonesia of last Jan/Feb.

Due to Covid, it hasn't been possible to visit Indonesia the last couple of years. Despite the many digital meeting opportunities, it remains very important to visit our brothers and sisters in Indonesia to show our commitment in this way. The travel report in this newsletter shows the joy and appreciation in Indonesia, but also the continuing need for our support.

Next to this, the board has worked on updating the foundation's regulations from 1996 to the situation now. Much has changed in legislation in the past years, the 'Law governing supervision and legal entities' was introduced and has strengthened the accountability of foundations among others. Now the updating has been completed, we can focus on our main goal again, namely loving our neighbour, esp. in the shape of financial support to our brothers and sisters in Indonesia.

A few changes took place. A number of 'veterans' thought it was time to hand over their tasks. Bouke de Jong, Pikulan chairmen for many years, and Nico and Antje Smits, Pikulan secretariat for almost 25 years. We have said goodbye to them during our evening for volunteers, last April 15. Many thanks again to Bouke, Nico and Antje for all of their efforts for Pikulan. With their strong and warm commitment to Pikulan they have meant very much to the foundation.

The board now consist of the following members:

- Hielkje Folkerts, treasury
- Nynke Dijkstra, secretariat
- Gaele Dijkstra, on behalf of the charity shop
- Siebe Vlasma, on behalf of the project promotors
- Hinke de Vries, board member
- Sander Smids, chairman

We are involved in adoption of around 1000 children, directly and indirectly, and we don't think it should stop there. Thanks to adoption parents and volunteers we can (additionally) support more children and projects. New adoption parents are very welcome still.

The charity shop plays an important role in Pikulan and has made a nice turnover again this year, despite the adjusted

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### Adoption fees:

NL 43 INGB 0006 2734 00  
In the name of Stichting Pikulan Surhuisterveen

### Donations:

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

opening hours. We are grateful for and happy with the efforts of so many volunteers who keep the shop up and running. It has been said and written before, but we want to thank these committed charity shop volunteers very much for all their work. Thanks to your efforts we can do so much extra for people in Indonesia who need it so much.

*Best regards,  
Pikulan board.*



# Travel report Indonesia

In January 2023 a delegation of the board and a number of promoters made the trip to Indonesia. They visited the projects and spoke with the boards of the projects about their vision for the future of their project and the collaboration with the Pikulan Foundation. Of course, there also were meetings with the adoption children. Below is the report of this trip.

## Week 1

At the start of 2022, a Pikulan – group consisting of Kees, Annelies, Elzerd, Griet, Siebe, Feikje, Harry and Hielkje flew from Schiphol to Jakarta on Mon 16 Jan. We were welcomed in Jakarta by Ismi Purwati, our colleague in Indonesia, who was our tour guide for the whole trip.

On Wednesday we met the project management in Jakarta and visited Warakas and the school of Ibu Wisnu. On Thursday we went to Purwokerta on central Java where we were welcomed by Martha, project manager of Talang Kasih Banyumas. On Friday we visited the Christian Primary School Bina Harapan, and here we also met the adoption children of Klampok Christian Primary School. They prepared various performances for us which we really enjoyed!

After that we paid a visit to the STT Diaconos Seminary. With the help of Pikulan they built a kitchen and canteen that we could now see with our own eyes. They were really happy with them. We continued our trip to Magelang where Chris and Ali welcomed us. With the help

of proceeds from Pikulan's charity shop, students from the Seminary are sponsored here. We also met adoption children here, who sang a beautiful welcome song for us. On Saturday we traveled to Ambarawa and visited a school which is part of the school tuition project. Again we were welcomed warmly and were surprised with a beautiful show.

We then continued our journey to Semarang, where we visited the school for the blind supported by Pikulan. What a great job these people are doing. Two young girls played the keyboard and primary school children made a performance. After these school visits we went to the hotel where we had a meeting with Ms Darmayanti and the project management. There is a new new board with young people and they are enthusiastic and eager to start.

On the first Sunday in Indonesia we visited a church service in Semarang. Siebe sang a solo and after that we spontaneously sang the hymn 'Lichtstad met uw paalen poorten'.



## Week 2

On Monday we paid a short visit to the Triwindu school in Solo. After that we split up and Elzerd, Griet, Siebe and Feikje went to Madjun to meet with Rudia and Daniel. They travelled from there to Batu and made several visits together with Ms Theedens.

Kees, Annelies, Harry, Hielkje and Ismi first paid a visit to the Adiasa Kansius school in Wonogiri and from there went to Baturetno to visit the Pancasila clinic and to meet sister Paulien. On Tuesday they visited the Jamprit school and some adoption children who live close to the clinic. After that they also travelled to Batu to join the others again. We commemorate lovingly the founder of the project in Batu who together with mother Theedens gave everything wholeheartedly for the poor. The Batu project started with 16 children and today, together with adoption parents in Indonesia, there are a total of 141 adoption children! We stayed a few nights in Batu to rest a little. On Friday we travelled to Bali where we were expected by Syta in Gilimanuk on Saturday.

On Sunday we visited a church service in Maranatha church in Den Pasar. There was a lot of singing and some children were baptized as well. After the service we went to the Usaha Mulia project in Den Pasar. There is always a lot of music in this project, we enjoyed it during the nice reception, and we received a beautiful garland.

## Week 3

On Monday we visited Kolewa where we were welcomed by Syta, Peter and all colleagues from Kolewa. The deaf children performed a fashion show and we played a game of 'sjoelen' together. We met three children and their mothers.



These children were going to be operated the next day, paid by Pikulan.

Later that day we paid a visit to the school for the deaf, where the children are taught in sign language. In front of the school was a rusty swing, and after a proposal was made for this, a few days later a new swing was installed with the permission of Pikulan.

Unfortunately Elzerd and Griet had to leave the tour earlier due to family circumstances, and travelled back home. For the others Tuesday was their first

day off. On Wednesday we had a meeting with Maria, the project manager in Batulelling.

On Friday, Harry, Siebe and Kees visited Sjaki Tari Us. They met children with autism and Down syndrome, among others, who go to school in this project. Teacher Iluh explained how the project came into being and how the children are doing. We were very impressed with the project, it is wonderful that these children get an opportunity to go to school where the government doesn't provide it to handicapped children.

Friday evening we said goodbye to Ismi over dinner. We couldn't have wished for a better tour guide! After a couple of quiet days the tour was over again on Tuesday. Looking back it was an intensive but beautiful and worthwhile trip that gave us a good impression of the projects. We are grateful that we had the chance to be on this tour but were also looking forward to going home.

*The Pikulan tour group 2023.*

## Graduated!

This is Arif, from the leprosy village. He is a clever boy and received his degree in hydraulic engineering. He was sponsored by Pikulan for years, but due to his age the adoption had stopped and his family paid for his last year themselves. The graduation ceremony was on 20 Dec 2022. He is now working as ship supervisor in a ship yard.



### Who would like to sponsor Fiveten?

This is Fiveten. She is 6 years old. She lives in the leprosy village with her parents and little sister. Her mother is a housewife, her father recovered from leprosy and takes up jobs that he can get. Who would like to sponsor Fiveten?

More information is available from Bertine Knol-van Vliet, promotor, via email: [hoibertine@hotmail.com](mailto:hoibertine@hotmail.com).

### Would you like to become Victor's adoption parent?

Victor Surya Dwi Prasojo (24 June 2011) lives with his mother Tukini, elder brother and grandparents in a very simple small house in Baturetno. The father has left the family, and now the mother has to make a living for her family. Would you like to be Victor's adoption parent?

For more information you can contact Harry Folkerts, promotor, via email: [henhfolkert@live.nl](mailto:henhfolkert@live.nl).

## Requests

- Could you ask people in your network to consider becoming a financial adoption parent? The more adoption parents, the more children we can help!
- Donations can be transferred to: NL75 INGB 0009 1000 83. Please state the cause, project, 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 in the name of Stichting Pikulan, Surhuisterveen.



## Gifts

Would you like to make a donation? This can be done by scanning the QR code below or to transfer your donation to bank account number NL75INGB0009100083. Terima kasih (thank you very much)



## A promotor reports

My Pikulan story started in my childhood years. My parents took me to Indonesia two times, to the leprosy village. It was wonderful, we played with the children in the village and made friends for life. My father became promotor of the leprosy village, and I took over from him in 2007 and have been promotor since.

I have traveled to the leprosy village three more times after that, and I have shown it to my own children. In between I was also promotor of Usaha Mulia in Bali and Tanjung Priok in Jakarta.

At the moment, the leprosy village has 179 inhabitants, of which 37 people with leprosy, aged 34-70 years. The project

manager of the village is Maria, we have been friends for many years already and it is very nice to work on this together for Pikulan.

There are now 39 adoption children in this project. They receive their tuition from adoption parents in the Netherlands, so that they can go to school, and some even to secondary school and university. The past months, two adoption children graduated from university. With such a good diploma they can earn their own living and can help their family who all have to deal with poverty.

Every six months, Pikulan sends money so that we can buy rice for the villagers. Every family receives 6 kilos rice a month, and every 2 months they receive soap/shampoo. Last year the leprosy village also received a donation to spend on care for the elderly. Food parcels were handed out to people who needed them.

There are six children on the waiting list for an adoption parent. I hope to hear from you!

Kind regards,  
Bertine Knol -van Vliet

## Obituary Baukje van der Wijk

On 11 January last, Baukje van der Wijk passed away at the age of 96. She gave Pikulan its name, and was its first secretary back in the days. The Board met for the first time on 19 Aug. 1985. The name Pikulan can be explained as follows: The pikul is a stick that you carry over your shoulders, with at the one end Indonesia and at the other end The Netherlands. The workgroup back then, and today all volunteers, are the shoulders that carry the stick. Baukje visited Indonesia 1975 for the first time. After this visit, she and her husband Hays held presentations. We are very grateful to Baukje for what she meant for our friends in Indonesia.

## Change in the Secretariat

After Nico and Antje had staffed the secretariat for 25 years (!), I took over from them on 1 March 2023. I hope I can contribute to the beautiful work of the foundation in Indonesia for the coming years!

Kind regards,  
Nynke Dijkstra

