



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

This is the second and last newsletter of 2023. At the end of the year, it is good to look back what the year has brought, and it was a good year again.

We could finally travel to Indonesia again and visit our projects. We are grateful for all financial support we received in the past year. It has helped us do much for the people in Indonesia. We could offer the badly needed extra support with the ongoing good sales proceeds of the charity shop.

Much attention in this newsletter for children who are looking for adoption parents. Next to that, in our recurring section 'A promotor reports', promotor Bertine describes the visit that she paid to the leprosy village on Sulawesi, together with two of her children.

Enjoy reading!

Best regards, on behalf of the board,

Nynke Dijkstra, secretary.

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Graduated!

This is Julia. She lives in Batuleleng leprosy village on Sulawesi and is a Pikulan adoption child.

Julia was sponsored by a family for years. Thanks to this adoption, she could study Management and Economics at a university. She graduated last March.



Would you like to sponsor one of these children financially?



Lewi is 11 years old (18-07-2012), he was born on central Java. Lewi has an older sister, Angela. The mother is single and she works in the private sector. They live with Lewi's grandmother. Lewi is in the last grade of primary school Bina Harapan in Purbalingga. Would you like to become Lewi's adoption parent / sponsor?

For more information, you can contact the secretariat or promotor Sjouke van der Meulen (svdm@live.com).



Bernard Kent Santosa (27-08-2009). Bernard is a christian and he and his parents live in a small house in Solo. Bernard goes to secondary school and there he is doing his best to build a better future than his parents have at this moment. His father has a job and earns around 1 million rupia a month (60 euros). Bernard is eager to learn, but also very shy. It would be very nice if someone could financially adopt Bernard.

For more information you can contact promotor Kees de Wit, triwindu.in.solo@gmail.com



Jonathan Casey Purnoma (23-04-2018). Jonathan is a christian and he lives with his little sister and his parents in a small rental house (<50m2) without facilities or TV, in Solo. Jonathan has just started primary school and is very active engaging with the others. He is eager to learn but also very shy. His father and mother work at the market and together they earn around 1.5 m. rupia a month (90 euros). It would be very nice if someone would financially adopt Jonathan.

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Karolus Jaya Winurta lives with his father Ignatius Dwi Astanto and his mother Nurhayati in a modest borrowed house in the town Baturetno. Karolus has an older sister, Ceacilla Chals Winurta. His father works on the land, his income is unstable. His mother is housewife and she helps working on the land. Karolus has a good character and wants to help his parents. Karolus would like to have adoption parents.

H. Folkerts, promotor Baturetno project, henhfolkerts@live.nl



Agnes is 14 years old. She lives in Semarang and goes to secondary school. Her parents are having difficulty paying for her school. She also has a little brother. Would you like to support her?

For more information you can contact promotors Gerrit and Aagje Dijkstra, aagjedijkstra@hetnet.nl



This is Clara together with her father. Clara is 7 years old. She lives in Sulawesi, just outside the leprosy village. Her mother has left them, and Clara is raised by her grandmother. She needs financial aid for Clara's school.

For more information you can contact promotor Bertine Knol-van Vliet, hoibertine@hotmail.com



Pradita from Semarang is 9 years old. His father earns very little money. Are you the parent that would like to financially support him so he can stay in school?

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Kirilos from Semarang is 11 years old. His father and mother have very little income. We haven't found a sponsor yet. Who would like to support him?

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- A promotor reports -

Travelling to the leprosy village

Last 18 October, my children Teun (15) and Lisa (13) and I travelled to the leprosy village on Sulawesi. Our suitcases were full of children's clothing and shoes.

At the airport of Makassar, Maria, project manager of the leprosy village, was waiting for us. After a night's rest in the big city, we left on the local coach for Toraja, a 10.5 hr journey on the bus. In Rantepao, we were awaited by the welcoming committee. It was great to be there again. We stayed in a hotel at a distance of a few kilometers of the leprosy village. A beautiful week followed.

We visited the leprosy village regularly. We saw the things that have been renovated with the help of Pikulan, for example the small kitchen for the mother of Musa, a woman with leprosy. Ibu Elisabeth now has a toilet in her own house. She had much difficulty leaving her house because leprosy, so a toilet in the house was very welcome. She also got new wood for her deck so she can use her wheelchair there.

We saw how the rice from Pikulan is divided and we met almost all adoption children, who can pay for school thanks to adoption parents in The Netherlands. We saw the houses that were built by Pikulan years ago and have been renovated for patients with leprosy.



We saw the wells of Pikulan. They were almost empty due to extreme drought for many of the past months.

At this moment there are 185 inhabitants of whom 38 suffer from leprosy. Even last month a woman and her son were brought because they were cast out of her village because of her leprosy. Her health is poor, her son is caring for her as well as he can, and we place him in the Pikulan adoption plan. In the leprosy village we also saw many poor looking kitchens and toilets that need to be done up. Several people asked me to take a look at their house because the roof is broken or the bamboo walls are coming off. Grandmas and grandpas came to me and asked if their child can be adopted in the Pikulan adoption programme.

We discussed with Maria and her board over there what the next plans are where Pikulan's help is most needed. We see that people's lives are so different from ours. There is so much poverty. People and children sleep on mats, and almost no one could offer us a chair when we visited them. With a donation from relatives and someone we know, we could make a number of people and children happy with mattresses and chairs for their small house.

Teun and Lisa made friends with quite a few Pikulan children. Together we visited the tourist attractions in the surroundings, we learned a lot from the Toraja tradition. The children in the leprosy

village taught us how to wash our clothes in the river, very normal here but not for us. We visited three schools and we saw the difference between going to school in The Netherlands and in Indonesia. We had different children over in our hotel for an afternoon swim and a nice shower. What a joy!

Sadly, after a little more than a week in Toraja, we had to say goodbye. We travelled back on a local bus to Makassar where we spent one night before the long trip back to the Netherlands. Back home we feel homesick for this special place.

Bertine Knol- van Vliet



Batu adoption parents' meeting

On Saturday afternoon 7 October, Elzerd and Griet, promoters, opened their house for adoption parents and anyone who is interested in our Batu project. There were around 20 people. With the customary Dutch coffee, and tea, with green cake, the meeting started. After everyone was welcomed, we connected with the Theedens family in Indonesia via Skype.

Mother Theedens informed us how the screening of the adoption children takes place. First, the parents register, after which a conversation is held with the respective family. The composition of the family, age of the parents and children, living circumstances, income from work, religious beliefs, are looked at.

When the children are adopted in the project, the expectations are explained. The children should join the activities faithfully, and the parents should join the parents' activities. The parents should also sign a form that states they agree with the Christian principles of the project.

Every month, members of the board visit the respective family to see how things are going. To avoid tunnel vision, the teams that visit are mixed every visit. In most cases, the child stays in the project until the age of 18, and then they start to work. In some cases, children will continue to study and then the adoption

parents are asked if they want to keep supporting the child.

After this explanation of the process, there was time to ask questions. Several people had met Mother Theedens before, and it was nice to meet again. All in all it was a wonderful meeting of parents and board of our project.

After the conversation, we watched the slides of our Pikulan-tour of the start of this year and photos of Batu, especially.

Everyone got a good impression of how things are done. In the meantime, we enjoyed a variety of delicious Indonesian snacks that one of the guests had prepared and brought. At the end there was time for an informal chat and some rice dishes. It was a special and blessed afternoon.



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!

Would you like to support our work in Indonesia? Donations are welcome! You can either scan the QR-code, or via internet banking make a donation: NL75 INGB 0009 1000 83.

If you would like to support a specific project or child, please state the project or the name and number of the child clearly.

Terima Kasih! Many thanks!



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