



NEWSLETTER

STICHTING PIKULAN

(Pikulan Foundation)

Inspired by and in obedience to the Bible, and in good consultation with those involved, Stichting Pikulan aims to actively contribute to the continuation – and where possible, expansion – of around ten adoption and donation projects in Indonesia.

May 2025

From the Board

You are reading our first newsletter of 2025. We hope it gives you a good impression of what we are doing at Stichting Pikulan.

In this newsletter, we gratefully look back on the wonderful anniversary we were able to celebrate at the end of last year.

We are also pleased to announce that Piet Kooger and Eelkje Dijkstra are willing to take over the role of treasurer from Hielkje Folkerts-Veenstra, who has fulfilled this position for many years. They will be readied for the job during the upcoming period.

This newsletter also includes plenty of space for children who are still looking for a sponsor. In addition, in our regular column "A Promoter Reports," promoters Fokke and Tietje Zijlstra share about their projects.

Happy reading!

Warm regards on behalf of the board,

Nynke Dijkstra
Secretary

Wanted: Volunteer for Sponsor Administration

Do you have a keen eye for numbers and organization, and a warm heart for the children in Indonesia? We are looking for someone to take on the role of managing our sponsor administration.

What does it involve?

You will be the central figure in the administrative network surrounding our sponsored children.

You will track incoming contributions, update our sponsorship database, inform the board and our promoters, and keep all records up to date.

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In addition, you will participate in meetings with the promoters (about four meetings per year).

What are we looking for?

You are accurate, committed, and comfortable working with (digital) files. But most of all: you are passionate about making a meaningful contribution to our wonderful foundation!

Interested, or want to know more?

Feel free to contact the current administrator via the email address: adoptie@pikulan.nl. We'd be happy to tell you more!

Secretariat:

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Adoption contributions:

IBAN: NL43 INGB 0006 2734 00
Made out to Stichting Pikulan, Surhuisterveen

Gifts and donations:

IBAN: NL75 INGB 0009 1000 83
Made out to Stichting Pikulan, Surhuisterveen

Would you like to receive the newsletter in your inbox?

We offer the option to receive the newsletter digitally (in your email inbox) instead of by post.

If you would like this, please notify the secretariat at secretariaat@pikulan.nl, including your name and address.



A Look Back at the Anniversary Celebration 40 Years of Pikulan



On November 24, 2024, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of Stichting Pikulan. The word 'gratitude' was mentioned frequently during the celebration in Surhuisterveen.

Sister Christella praised the work of Stichting Pikulan: "They know what it means to share." Together with Sister Reinalda and Sister Tobia, she expressed thanks by singing the song *Terima Kasih* ("Thank You") in harmonious a cappella.

"Photos, music, and personal stories brought sponsors closer to the children who now have a future thanks to Pikulan."

A sponsor shared that, during a visit to the projects, he was deeply moved by how grateful the children and their parents were for the support from Stichting Pikulan. "It's important that the projects are visited from time to time," he said. Sister Tobia echoed this sentiment: "The people of Stichting Pikulan should also visit the children's families."

The festive anniversary concluded with a special choir of eleven men who sang a song of thanks in both Dutch and Bahasa, the language of Indonesia.

Gratitude was expressed not only by the foundation itself, but especially by the local contacts from Indonesia, who gave

heartfelt thanks for the forty years that Stichting Pikulan has been active there. Pikulan ("carrying the burden together") supports a dozen projects in Indonesia, offering children the opportunity to receive an education, medical care, and assistance for the poor.

The celebration was initially planned to be held at Zalencentrum 'De Lantaerne', but due to the large number of registrations, the venue was changed to 'De Flambou'. "Amazing, such great interest—beyond our expectations," said Harry Folkerts, one of the foundation's promoters. He praised the commitment of the local contacts: "They do excellent

work for Stichting Pikulan, and we are very grateful for that."

Attending sponsors, donors, volunteers, and all those with a heart for Stichting Pikulan were taken on a journey through a photo presentation of the projects supported by the foundation—bringing the children closer to the sponsors.

Frederika Theedens joined via Skype to offer her congratulations and shared how the bond with Stichting Pikulan has grown over the years.

Isma Purwati, who was present in Surhuisterveen, is the project leader of the education program. She explained how the program works. Both conveyed their heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the children.



Would you like to sponsor one of these children?



This boy will soon be able to attend secondary school, which also brings additional costs. He would love to be sponsored. His father and mother both work and together earn €80 per month.

Who would be willing to sponsor him for €20 per month? For inquiries, you can call Tietje Zijlstra: 06-82818983



*This is **Joice**, 10 years old. Joice lives with her mother and four older siblings at her grandparents' home. Her mother is a single parent and supports the family by selling cakes and snacks. She takes care of both her parents and her children. Thanks to sponsorship, her youngest daughter now has the chance for a better future.*

For more information, please contact promoter Kees de Wit: triwindu.in.solo@gmail.com



*This is **Arfan** Naufal Rasya (born 26-11-2017). He lives in Belikurup, near Baturetno. His parents are divorced, and his mother, Ernawati, works outside the city to provide for the family.*

Arfan has an older brother, Kevin Erdianto (born 25-06-2009). Both brothers are raised by their grandparents, and live with them in a very modest and simple home. Their mother has no fixed income, and they struggle to make ends meet and pay for school fees. Arfan is a cheerful and healthy child who also enjoys helping his grandparents.



***Agnes** is also looking for a sponsor. She is 16 years old, easygoing, and has a younger brother. Her mother works at a clinic, and her father makes flowerpots.*

For more information, please contact Jettie Tichelaar Dijkstra, email: trijntjejetske@hotmail.com



***Aorist** is looking for a sponsor. He is almost 12 years old and lives in the Semarang area. He is diligent, intelligent, responsible, and obedient.*

His school is far from home. His parents are evangelists with irregular income.

For more information, please contact Jettie Tichelaar Dijkstra, email: trijntjejetske@hotmail.com

Who would like to help this boy and his family? Harry Folkerts is the promoter of the project in Baturetno and is happy to visit you (without any obligation) to provide more information. You can contact him via email: henhfolkerts@live.nl

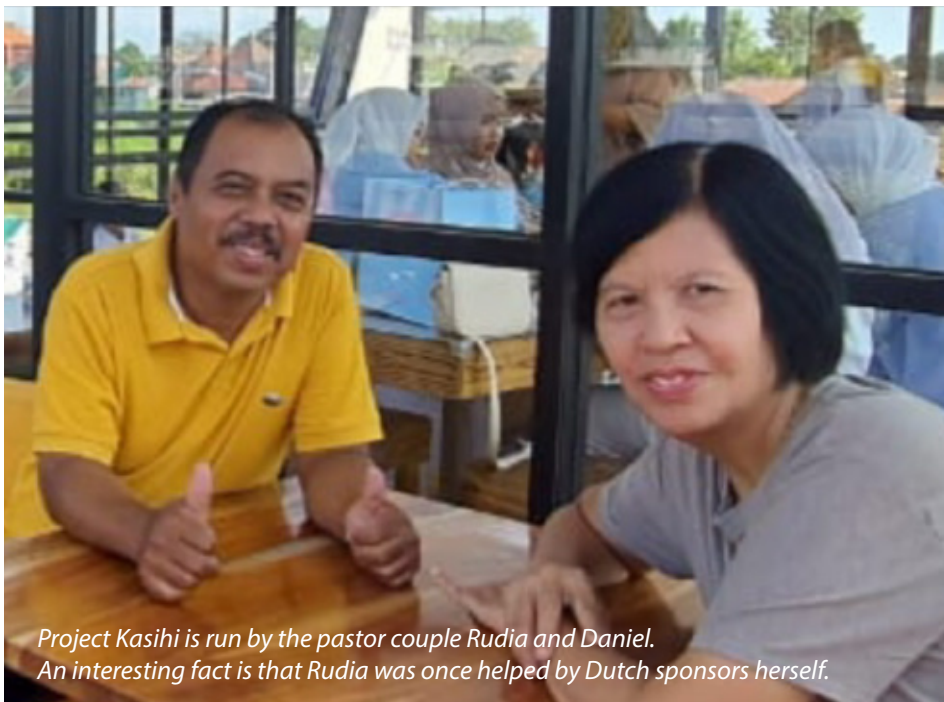


*This is **Thea**, 6 years old. Thea lives with her parents and younger sister. Her father and mother both work as employees at a company. They live in a house owned by family members. Thanks to sponsorship, Thea now has a chance for a better future. For more information, please contact promoter Kees de Wit: triwindu.in.solo@gmail.com*

There are several more children in the Semarang project—mainly aged 13 and older—who are still looking for sponsors. They are eager to continue their studies. For more information, please contact Jettie Tichelaar Dijkstra, email: trijntjejetske@hotmail.com

- A Promotor Reports -

Since the 1990s, we have been in contact with Stichting Pikulan. Geert Folkerts told us about it (it is hard to stop talking about a topic that one feels so passionately about), and we became sponsors. First we sponsored a child from Bali, then one from a leprosy village in Sulawesi. During our trips to Indonesia, we have had the opportunity to visit all Pikulan projects and meet the sponsored children.



*Project Kasihi is run by the pastor couple Rudia and Daniel.
An interesting fact is that Rudia was once helped by Dutch sponsors herself.*

Appeals

Sponsors

Would you ask others in your neighborhood to sign up as sponsors? With more sponsors, we can help even more children!

Donations

Would you like to support our work in Indonesia? Donations are very welcome! You can scan the QR code below to give.

Alternatively, you can transfer your donation via online banking to the account number:
NL75 INGB 0009 1000 83.

If your donation is intended for a specific project or child, please mention the project and/or the name and number of the child.



Terima kasih (Thank you very much)!

We are currently promoters/coordinators of a project in Madiun, East Java, run by the pastor couple Rudia and Daniel. An interesting fact is that Rudia was helped by Dutch sponsors in the past. Notably, a woman is in charge at all the different projects!

The name of the project is Kasihi, which means love. There are about 30 children who are financially supported from the Netherlands. These children have parents who earn very little and can hardly clothe or feed their children. From time to time, we receive letters and/or photos, which we forward to the sponsors.

The project also cares for the elderly, in the form of rice provisions and education about hygiene and health, sponsored by the Moluccan church in Zwolle. Pikulan has also provided funds for microcredit. This has been very successful. Many small entrepreneurs make use of the microcredit to provide for themselves. The low interest they pay is used by Rudia to support children as well.

What is especially important, is that we organize gatherings where the Gospel is central. Fortunately, the relationship with the Muslim population is good, and even some sponsored children come from Muslim families.

We are also the contact persons for a project in Magelang, led by Ati and her husband. They have no Dutch sponsors but receive a fixed contribution from Pikulan, which they use to sponsor children and support 10 theology students.

Fortunately, Indonesia's economy is steadily improving, and the political situation is stable. Except for a few regions, it is a moderate Muslim country.

But help is still needed. If you would like to sponsor a child (up to 12 years old €16 per month, and thereafter €20 per month) or want more information, you can call or WhatsApp us at 06-82818983 or email fzijlstra@hotmail.com.

Fokke and Tietje Zijlstra

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