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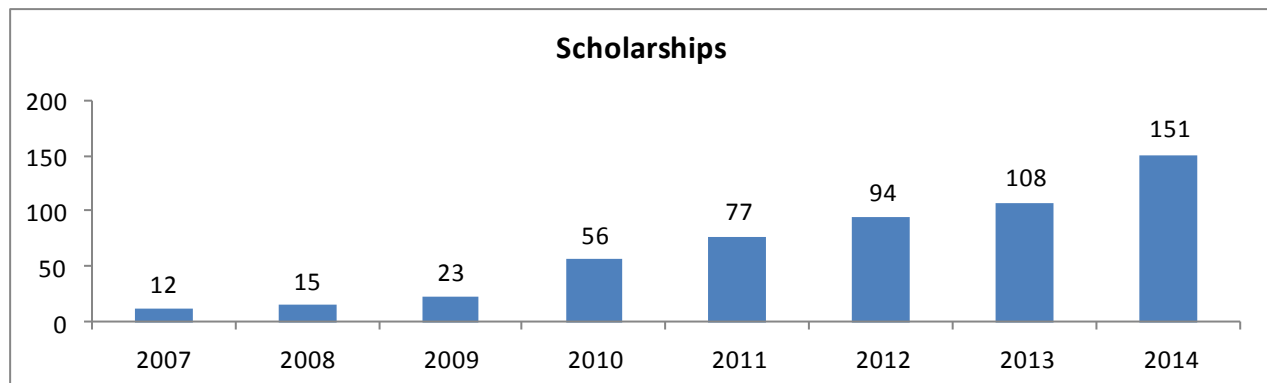
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THIS YEAR: A RECORD OF 151 SCHOLARSHIPS!

Since we started our program in 2007, we have this firm determination to increase the number of scholarships from 12 students (in 2007) to 100 students within 5 years. Our persistence pays. Last year we were able to provide 108 scholarships to our adopted students in 16 school affiliates. This year we continue the uptrend by providing 151 scholarships. The following chart illustrate the matter.



The increasing number of scholarship given is attributed to the intensifying demand for scholarships, and is supported by the growth of donor participation. The donation we received has been utilized at its maximum capacity. We did this by practicing the philosophy of “one dollar collected, one dollar given away”. Directors, officers, and staff are unpaid volunteers and we rigorously exercise transparency of our operation through internal audits, annual financial reports, publication of ADOPSI and PKKA’s website www.EducateIndonesia.org

The intensifying demand for scholarships requires us to be innovative in addressing the students’ need.

- Our original “Adopt-a-Student” program is uniquely planned because our scholarships are given until the students graduate from school. It is not a one-time charity event, but a sustainable effort to help built future leaders.
- Our “Connect-2-Schools” initiative is designed for our students from junior high that wish to continue their studies at our vocational school, to automatically obtain scholarship at the new school. This way, PKKA can escalate its scholarships by focusing more on vocational schools.
- For our students from the junior high that wish to continue their studies at selected non-Christian vocational schools (in case Christian vocational school are non-existence at their home village), they can obtain scholarship to the new school too through our “Extend-Our-Hands” initiative.
- This year we are implementing “Save-Our-Schools” initiative by providing scholarship to all Class I students entering a junior high. We believe that the more we recruit Class I students, the better chance that the respective school will survive from being closed.

This year our “Connect-2-Schools” initiative is able to provide scholarships to 3 students. The “Extend-Our-Hands” results in 4 scholarships, and the “Save-Our-Schools” initiative is successful in recruiting 12 students. Three new schools (vocational, junior high school, and high school) in Ketapang will receive a total of 15 “Adopt-a-Students” scholarships. Ketapang is our first school affiliate in the island of Borneo.

If you are interested in investing your money to this good cause, please write a check to “PKKA, Inc.” and mail the check to PKKA, Inc. 1955 W. Baseline Road, Suite 113-330 Mesa, AZ 85202.

CHRISTIAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 1 SALATIGA Our 1st Recipient of “Save-Our-School” Initiative

This school was established in 1949. For the past few years it has significant difficulty in recruiting new students to enter the school due to a number factor, notably, severe competition with the public and non-Christian schools. In 2007-2008 the school was able to recruit 18 students. Since then the number went down, and at one point only 7 students were interested and accepted to enter the 1st grade.

During the past 2 years, this school has been at the brink of being closed. Because of this reason, PKKA determines to save our Christian Junior High School 1 through our scholarship program.

So far, the school has survived even though with difficulty because of the assistance from the supporting churches, individual local donors, donations from its alumni, and the scholarships from PKKA. Since 2007, we have been providing scholarships to this school. We have an excellent working relationship with the school principal Drs. Andrias Suwarno, M.PD. Such good relationship is critical to the success of our scholarship program.



How do we save the school? The school's operational expense is about \$ 650.00 per month and part of it (\$ 400.00) is covered by the tuition fees. The remaining \$ 250.00 is covered **barely** by a government assistance program which is calculated based on the number of student bodies. This picture clearly explains that the existence of the school relies on (1) the tuition fees and (2) the government assistance program. Both are dependent on the number of students the school has. Based on this fact, we postulate that as the number of students increase, the chance of survival will be improved.

For the school year 2014-2015, PKKA provides 20 scholarships to this school. We also support the school effort to recruit new students (1st grade students), resulting in an additional 12 scholarships for the newly accepted students. Two incentives are offered to the new students:

- A guarantee scholarship will be given until they graduate from this school
- An additional scholarship will also be given to these students, if they are interested in pursuing a higher level education at vocational schools affiliated with PKKA

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The above photos display the scholarship recipients of our 1st “Save-Our-Schools” initiative. All of these 12 students have a uniform request: “we hope that this scholarship will be given until we graduate”. It is an honest request and we are committed to fulfill our promise to give the scholarships until graduation. This can only happen with the commitment and continuous support of our generous donors.

THE TWO ASPECTS OF OUR “SAVE-OUR-SCHOOL” INITIATIVE:

The initiative is aimed at schools at risk of being closed by doing the following:

- Every year PKKA will provide scholarships to all of the 1st grade students of a junior high
- The scholarships will be given until graduation (= 3 years of study)

This special initiative is designed to solicit Arizona corporations interested in providing sponsorship:

- Assuming the scholarships are given to 15 students, to pay \$89 tuition a year, for 3 years
- The total funds needed to sponsor is \$ 4,005

We urgently need a sponsor with commitment to fund our initiative to save our school.

If you are interested, or you know somebody interested to be the sponsor of this initiative, please contact us, or write a check of \$ 4,005 to “PKKA, Inc” and mail the check to PKKA, Inc. – 1955 W. Baseline Road, Suite113-330, Mesa, AZ 85202.

THREE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN BORNEO: Our Latest Affiliates

St. Augustinus Junior High, St. Peter High, and St. Peter Vocational are the 3 schools that receive our 2014-2015 scholarships when we adopted a total of 15 students from these schools. The three schools are located in Ketapang, a small town 400 miles south of Pontianak, the capital city of the West Borneo Province.

Ketapang lies at the bank of the Pawan river. The river connects the town with the other hilly inland human settlements. Flat, swampy beaches can be found north of the town. Statistically, the town has a population of 427,000 in 2010. The largest three ethnic groups are the Dayak, Melayu, and Chinese.

The St. Peter High School and the St. Peter Vocational School were almost closed two years ago because of the inability to pay for their operational expenses. Most of their students come from the hinterland and rely heavily on scholarships they can get. PKKA is proud to be the sponsor of these needy schools.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND The 7TH Annual Benefit Concert

The benefit concert this year will be conducted on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Resurrection Lutheran Church – 4930 East Greenway Road in Scottsdale. The event will be conducted from 4 PM to 6 PM (door open at 3:30 PM). Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. Tickets: \$ 25.00, Indonesian refreshments included.

The concert will feature Indonesian performances of music, songs, dance, and angklung. A wayang kulit presentation (traditional Javanese puppet show) will be added this year to enhance the spirit of the concert. Childcare will be provided during the concert for free.

All proceeds benefit the PKKA Adopt-a-Student program. For information and ticket orders, call Lanny Soesilo at 480-838-9716 or info@EducateIndonesia.org.

If you like to adopt a student, please write a check to "PKKA, Inc" and mail the check to:

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1955 W. Baseline Rd, Suite 113-330

Mesa, AZ 85202

Please include your mailing address, phone and email address

Please note that the tuition cost that we paid for each student is only \$89 for the entire school year.

Any amount of donation is greatly appreciated