



ADOPSI

Supporting education in Indonesia ... one student at a time

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FINANCIAL OUTLOOK LOOKS BRIGHT – BUT COULD BE BETTER

Our November 8, 2014 Benefit Concert resulted in a net income of \$ 3,342.00. PKKA also received a total of \$ 10,814.00 in donations from August 2014 through December 2014. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, our financial outlook looks bright but it could be better when we receive more donations to fund our growing program.

One of the major concerns of our students regarding the PKKA scholarship is about the continuity of the program. In their words, “we hope to continue receive the scholarship until graduation”. Their hope represents a challenge to all of us. We are committed to help them graduate. We are committed to help them become the future leaders of Indonesia. It is this firm commitment that makes PKKA strong.

For the rest of this newsletter, we would like to give report of some of our initiatives, which we hope to give you some insight on the implementation and the level of success of the PKKA programs.

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

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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

The following pictures were taken during last concert, depicting the atmosphere of the concert. The audience was pleased with the variety of the program while obtaining more detailed information about PKKA, its mission and its current initiatives.



OUR GRADUATES FROM PAPUA

PKKA's first initiative, called an "Adopt-a-Student" program is uniquely designed. Scholarships are given until the students graduate from school. It is not a one-time charity, but a sustainable effort to help build future leaders. The donations we received have been utilized at its maximum capacity by practicing the philosophy of "one dollar collected, one dollar given away".

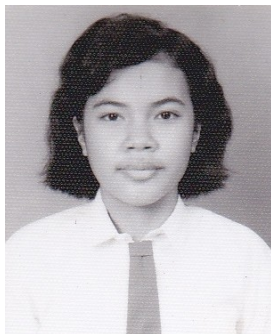
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Since 2012 we have been providing Adopt-a-Student scholarships to Emmanuel Kegiye (ID#178) and Natalis Bukega (ID#179) who were studying at the YPPK Adhi Luhur High School in Nabire, Papua. In 2013 we gave a similar scholarship to Mira Sandriana (ID#228). These three students graduated last year.



The dream of Emmanuel Kegiye is to be a university professor in Physics. After graduating from "Adhi Luhur" in 2014, he applied and was accepted at STTNAS University in the City of Yogyakarta, Central Java, in Civil Engineering. Emmanuel is now closer in achieving his dream.

Natalis Bukega wanted to be a physician. After his graduation he did not go to a medical school, instead he applied and was accepted at the Udayana University in the City of Denpasar, Bali, to study Tourism. Natalis has found his new dream.



Mira Sandriana has a dream to become a pharmacist. After graduation, she applied and was accepted at the graduate school of Akademi Farmasi Putra in the City of Malang, East Java to continue her studies to be a pharmacist. Mira is closer than ever in achieving her dream.

The above highlights show that PKKA students have aspirations. They have dreams and they work hard to achieve them. Financial hardship is the major obstacle in realizing their dream, therefore, our "Adopt-a-Student" scholarships mean a lot to them.

Realizing a dream is particularly difficult for young Papuans. Papua Province of Indonesia shares its eastern border with Papua New Guinea. It is a province rich in mineral resources. The native Papuans, however, are mostly subsistence farmers. Because of poverty and nutrient inadequacy in their diets, many young Papuans are having problems with their health condition and have to struggle real hard in their effort just to keep up with the pace of education.

PKKA is proud to sponsor these three individuals who continue to pursue their noble dreams. In spite of all the challenges they have to face, they excel and their hard work will certainly pay off.

EXTEND-OUR-HANDS INITIATIVE

An update of students' academic progress

As we announced in **ADOPSI Edition 9 (Summer/Fall 2013)** the school that is involved in our other initiative, called Extend-Our-Hands, is the Vocational School "Brantas". It is a technical school located south of the village of Peniwen.

Peniwen is a small Christian village in East Java surrounded by a large Muslim community. The young villagers of Peniwen go to the Peniwen Christian Junior High. This is the highest level of educational facility in the village. Since 2011 we have been providing scholarships to this school. If the graduates want to continue study to a vocational school, "Brantas" is the nearest school, a private school run by an electric power company.

After talking to the Peniwen School Administrators and obtaining an assurance that "Brantas" inspired its students the responsibility of being a positive force in their society, we were encouraged to launch our Extend-Our-Hands initiative. The new initiative provides scholarships to the Peniwen students accepted at the "Brantas" Vocational School.

The management of the scholarship became the sole responsibility of the Peniwen school administrator. It includes the disbursement of funds, evidence of annual tuition payment, reporting to PKKA, and monitoring student academic progress. In 2014, four Peniwen graduates received scholarships to continue their studies at the "Brantas" Vocational School. They are: Mulyo Setiono (ID#229), Redy Yulian Pradani (ID#230), Teguh Wahyu K. (ID#250) and Zakaria Murahadi (ID#251).



Mulyo Setiono feels comfortable with his new school. He currently has an internship with the school to work in its machine shop. He plans to have the next internship outside the school, so that he will gain more skills for his future career. More than ever, he is committed and continues to be a responsible person.

Redy Yulian Pradani is doing well at school. He acknowledges that thanks to PKKA for the scholarship that enables him to reach his dream and help his parents with their financial hardship by helping out with the expenses for his studies.



Teguh Wahyu K. also plans to have the next internship outside the school and was concerned about financial obligation related to the internship. After graduation he decided to work so that he could help his parents by having a reliable job. He said that "he wants to make them happy".

Zakaria Murahadi really enjoys being a student at "Brantas". He has good friends, helpful teachers, and most importantly, a complete machine shop at the school. He also has concerns over financial obligations related to the internship. He plans to enter workforce directly after graduation.



LOOKING AHEAD

In our operations, we respond to local needs promptly and anticipate future social changes that may affect our operation. PKKA is a dynamic organization, always looking for continual improvements in carrying out its mission. As such, we have been successful in implementing Adopt-a-Student, Connect-2-Schools, Extend-our-Hands, and Save-our-Schools initiatives. In looking to the future, we are trying to plan for a significant event that may happen for the years to come.

History reveals that during the Dutch occupation in the 19th century, Christianity was able to spread to several areas in Indonesia. One of the notable phenomena during this time period is the emergence of the local churches. Under the administration of these churches, Christian communities were formed in several rural villages. Known as the Christian villages, these communities maintain their unique religious life style, blending Christian faith with local customs.

In 2011, PKKA got a chance to establish a bond with one of the Christian villages when we adopted students from schools administered by the East Java Christian Church (GKJW) in Mojowarno. During our visit we recognized that the school was facing financial hardship and was losing students. Because of that, this year we are planning to increase our scholarships to this school.



The school is located a mile from an East Java regional highway. Other than the school and the office buildings, there is a hospital owned and managed by the GKJW located just across the road from the school. A church is located next to the hospital. This is a perfect layout to start a community development program.

Currently, GKJW and some charity organizations are in the process of building a vocational school in the field of nursing within the hospital complex. We have expressed our interest to participate in the project by providing scholarships for the students studying there. We anticipate that it will take some time for the project to materialize, but PKKA is ready for the new challenge and opportunity. We will keep you informed.

REST IN PEACE ANDY

On the 22nd of May 2015 at 10:55 pm Arizona time, our beloved and well respected chairman and main innovator of PKKA has passed on. He is now with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He finished his race and we are sure that he heard "Well done, My good and faithful servant"; yes indeed his life was that of service, always there to help those in need. Indeed Andy has finished the draft of this 12th Edition of ADOPSI and so it will be the last issue edited under his direction. He even taught his last class at ASU two days before he went home to heaven. We also found out that he had already completed the syllabus for this whole course.

His love for teaching and educating was the driving force behind his dream and legacy of giving needy students in Indonesia the opportunity to receive an education in Christian schools, regardless of their religion. He always believed of unity among ourselves and of never giving up but trusting in the guidance of our Lord in our mission. As the board we will continue Andy's legacy. He will be greatly missed, but with God's guidance we will prevail in our mission.

