



ADOPSI

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

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ARE WE ADOPTING THE RIGHT STUDENT?

PKKA's Adopt-a-Student Program is intended to help our adopted students to be successful in their study, achieve a Christ-like life and become the development catalysts for their communities. Although it is not easy to measure whether we truly have reached our mission, every piece of good news associated with our adopted students is a good sign that PKKA is moving in the right direction.



Maria Kudiai is a student at Adhi Luhur High School in Nabire, Papua. She is a recipient of the PKKA scholarship (ID# 0022) for the school years of 2008- 2009 and 2009-2010. On January 7, 2010 she wrote us the following email:

"I would like to share with PKKA some great news regarding myself. I have been selected as a scholarship recipient to further study at the university level in Jakarta (the capital of Indonesia – editor), and this opportunity would be not possible without the assistance of PKKA. Please accept my immense gratitude and thanks to PKKA donors in sponsoring my high school studies for the past two years."

The Provincial Government of Papua is offering a yearly scholarship to 100 native Papuans. Of those 100 recipients, four students were from the Municipality of Nabire. By receiving this government scholarship Maria has shown her competitiveness and accomplished something that is beyond her dream. When she received our PKKA scholarship in 2008, her aspiration was: to be a teacher or work in the mining facility. PKKA is proud and happy to have Maria Kudiai as one of its adopted students.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the November 2009 Concert generated an income of \$ 4,015.40 to the PKKA. Other than revenue from the concert, the total of donations received in 2009 was \$ 3,400 resulting in the total revenue of **\$ 7,415.40.**

This level of revenue enables PKKA to adopt 56 students in 2010, located in 12 schools in Central Java, East Java, South Sumatra, South Celebes, and Papua. The numbers represent a significant increase because in 2009 we were only able to sponsor 23 students.

On behalf of our students, PKKA would like to thank you for your donation and for your prayers.

Success of PKKA's program depends very much on whether or not we are adopting the right students. In the adoption process, PKKA employs a number of vehicles to reach for students who have a strong desire to succeed and are in monetary need. One method is to solicit proposals from our affiliated schools. Maria Kudiai (highlighted on page 1) was recommended by her school principal, Reverend Aria Prabantara, SJ. To observe the recruitment process of our school affiliate in Solo, in January 2010, PKKA President Tabut Torsina visited Vocational School of St. Mikael. His report is provided on page 3.

This report indicates that the school has in place a selection protocol that ensures the scholarships are given to students with a strong motivation to succeed and are in need of financial help.

PKKA believes that local pastors, local Christian educators and social workers, church councils and board members play a pivotal role in assisting our recruitment process. This is because of their association and acquaintance with the prospective students. Recently, with the recommendation of the church council in Mojowarno PKKA has been provided with the opportunity to offer four scholarships to SMP Kristen Mojowarno for the school year 2010/2011. The award was delivered on May 22, 2010 by Dr. Benjamin Lumantarna. In Klaten PKKA obtained a list of candidates provided by Reverend Tri Setio Buwono, a local pastor. Ms. June Sumolang visited Klaten and Salatiga in May 2010 to deliver scholarships to seven schools there. The scholarship deliveries for these three towns will be reported in the next edition of ADOPSI.

This year PKKA is expanding its program to the southern part of the Sumatra Island. The two schools, which will be our newest school affiliates are Mardi Wacana Christian Elementary School and Mardi Wacana Junior High School. Each of the school receives six scholarships for the school year 2010/2011. PKKA decision to reach out these two schools was based on the recommendation of Dr. Peter Suwarno, an ASU professor and a member of the PKKA Board of Directors. In June 2010, Peter himself hand delivered the scholarship monies to the school principals. Here is Peter's description about the schools:

"The two schools are located in a small village, 25 miles from Martapura, the nearest town and a new municipality. The village was established four decades ago as part of the relocation of poor families from Java to Sumatra, known as the government sponsored transmigration program. Compared to other parts of Indonesia, the villagers are considered low income people. They mostly are subsistence farmers.

There are 152 students studying at both schools, 98 students at the elementary level and 54 at the junior high. The schools do not have any computer, but Mr. Yulius Suciarno, the school principal of the junior high is going to create an email address and go to the nearest town to send documents. He can do this as often as twice a month."

Our scholarship solicitation effort combined with the constructive response from our school affiliates in Indonesia, results in the right selection of needy students with strong motivation to succeed. As our organization is moving forward, we are confident that PKKA is heading in the right direction. With your support, prayers, and the blessing of the Lord, we will accomplish our mission in bringing the much needed developmental catalysts and Christ-like leaders in Indonesia.

Please Mark Your Calendar for Our Next Fund Raising Event
"The 3rd Music for Education Benefit Concert"
Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 4PM to 6PM
Resurrection Lutheran Church
4930 E. Greenway Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

January 15, 2010 Trip Report: SMK Mikael, Solo

By Tabut Torsina, PKKA President

Despite my parents' suggestion to leave house at 5 AM due to the chronic traffic, I left Jakarta about 6 to catch 7:30 flight to Solo. The short flight was uneventful as I was sleeping almost the entire 1-hour flight due to lingering jetlag as I arrived 2 days earlier from US.

I was greeted by Frater Mahatma and Pak Margono, who immediately said that they were expecting someone older (maybe the wrinkles around my eyes vanished in humid climate). They drove me through the streets of Solo to SMK Mikael's campus. The school is a polytechnic vocational school specializing in industrial machining. Currently they only accept male students. Graduates are equipped with necessary skills to directly enter workforce.

Upon arrival, Pak Margono, the financial aid director, gave me a tour of the facility, introducing me to the available faculty, as well as visiting classes and presenting me to the students. I had been under impression that polytechnic students tended to be unruly, especially when this is an all-male school. But not here. Students behave very well and show respect. They must've done something right. When I asked Pak Margono, he said there were 2 practical reasons: students are kept busy and strict rules. Fighting is not tolerated with immediate consequence of being expelled. Cell phones are not allowed during school hours. Those who don't make the grades will be expelled from the school.

There are 5 students from this school that PKKA adopts for 2010: Adhe Christian Ashari, Albertus Ariyanto Adi, Antonius Christanto Tri Atmojo, Franciscus Praba Sudrajat, and Ricky Pramana Putra. I was briefed about their situation, why each of them needed financial help. Then they're called to meet and greet me. We chatted a bit, and it's time for lunch.

I told Pak Margono that I would like to take them to lunch. Good thing he had a class to teach, so I asked him to drop us off in a restaurant. I really would like this opportunity to talk to these students alone without school officials' presence. It turned out they opened up, shared aspirations, and asked a lot of questions. Most of them want to establish their own businesses to help their families. They asked about life in America. They also asked about guidance on leadership. I was impressed with their questions, coming from high school students.



Left to right: Tabut Torsina, Adhe Christian Ashari, Albertus Ariyanto Adi, Antonius Christanto Tri Atmojo, Franciscus Praba Sudrajat, Ricky Pramana

The next agenda was to visit one of the student's home. **Apparently the school does routine visits to check on the students and provide reports to parents.** This time, it was Ricky's turn.



One of the students' home

We had to go through some small alleys to get there. My heart sank when I saw the condition of the house. There was no flooring, and four families live in this small hut. For toilet or bathroom, there was a separate structure nearby. The first question that popped into my mind was how someone could study in this condition. **It was a sad sight to see, however the fact is, Ricky is a year away from graduation and has been doing well in school.**

And PKKA is proud to have adopted him.

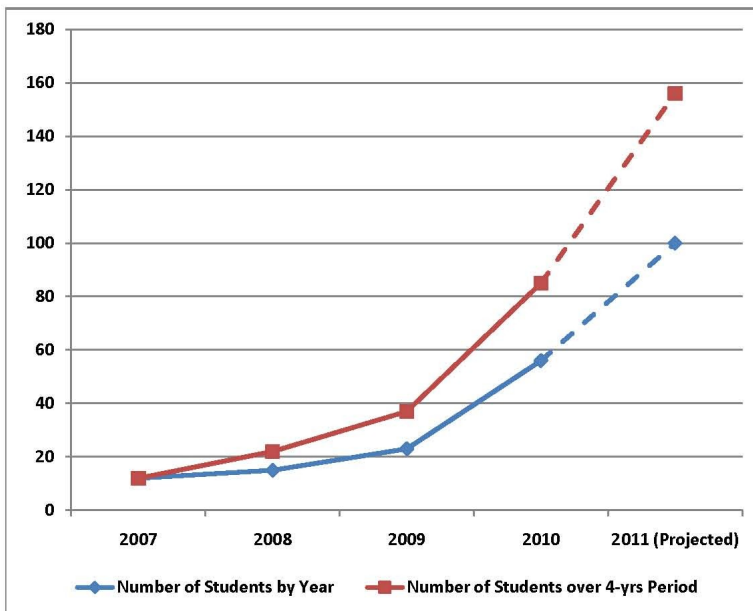
RLC SCOTTSDALE STRENGTHENS SUPPORT TO PKKA

In a meeting on May 12, 2010 between PKKA and Resurrection Lutheran Church (RLC), the Outreach Ministry of RLC is committed to strengthen its support to PKKA. It will actively promote PKKA's adopt-a-student program to the church community and will seek a more vigorous role in assisting PKKA conducting its annual fund raising activities. PKKA acknowledges thanks to Dr. John Geske, the Church Pastor, who is very instrumental in this collaboration.

OUR 5-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: NUMBER OF STUDENTS ADOPTED BY PKKA

Since its inception in 2007, PKKA scholarships have been given to students studying at parochial schools in Indonesia (who are in financial need and have a strong desire to succeed) without regard to any religious background. Our 5-year plan is based on the real demand for scholarships and the generosity of our PKKA donors. Please keep PKKA in your prayers and continue your generous donations.

Scholarship Recipients 2007-2010



- The graph indicates the increase in the number of PKKA students
- As of 2010, the total number of students adopted by PKKA is 85
- PKKA plans to adopt 100 students in 2011

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

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Please include your mailing address, phone, and email address

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