



ADOPSI

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

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IMPACTS OF THE PKKA SCHOLARSHIP TO ITS RECIPIENTS

PKKA’s Adopt-a-Student Program was initiated in 2007. It is intended to help the “adopted” students to be successful in their study, achieve a Christ-like life and become the development catalyst for their communities. PKKA believes that it can help build future leaders by providing scholarship. When you donate to PKKA, you are putting into motion a chain of events that begins with the student whose education you are directly supporting, and ends with every person that student will touch in his/her lifetime.

Specifically, PKKA scholarships are provided to students who attend Christian schools in Indonesia. The current makeup of the recipients is 37% Protestant, 31% Catholic, and 32% Non-Christians students. We focus our scholarship program only to Christian schools for a good reason.

As Christian schools aren’t teaching their students to create values for themselves only, but also to be a force for the good in the world, PKKA believes that Christian education is developing good leaders for the next generations to come.

In the ADOPSI Edition 3 last year, we reported that our scholarship solicitation efforts along with the assistance from our school affiliates in Indonesia gave way to the right selection of needy students possessing strong motivation to succeed. To know more about the families of our adopted students, in the months of March and April 2011, Prof. J. Andy Soesilo, one of the PKKA volunteers visited our school affiliates in Java, met and talked with the adopted students and their parents. This is what he reported.

A mother with tears in eyes expressed her gratitude to the PKKA donors for the scholarship her son received. Her son who was in a traffic accident and hospitalized for a few days, depleted the money supposed to be used to pay for his tuition. She was able to save every week \$1 or \$2 at the most, to pay the school in installment for his tuition of \$89 per month. The scholarship her son received was really God sent.



Christian Vocational School 2, Klaten



Acknowledgement of thanks to PKKA donors



Parents and principal

In another school our volunteer was approached by a mother whose daughter received the PKKA scholarship. She expressed her appreciation and thankfulness in the following story. For the past few months the family had been in a deep financial hardship. She prayed every night for the Lord to help her find ways to pay for her daughter’s tuition. Tearfully she said God has answered her prayers for financial help when she got the news that her daughter was chosen to receive PKKA’s scholarship.



Parents and students



Expression of thanks for an answered prayer



Faces of grateful mothers

During this visit Prof. Soesilo reaffirmed that education represents the highest priority of need for an Indonesian family. A parent will sacrifice everything in order for the children to get a better education. One parent he talked to said that they had to sell the only cow the family owned just to pay off their child’s tuition of the previous years. This really shows the ultimate sacrifice. PKKA is grateful to be able to provide a scholarship to this child this year, and thus reducing the family’s financial burden.

The PKKA scholarship impacts not only the future of our adopted students, but it clearly impacts the life of the parents of the students as well.

In East Java, PKKA was able to provide 12 scholarships to a school in a rural setting at the edge of a small town. The school and a hospital next to it are managed by a Christian foundation. Like any other Christian schools, however, the school is facing hardship financially and is losing students. With the 12 scholarships to the school this year, the school board uses this in their marketing effort to attract more students.



Poor condition of school entrance



School office



School building



PKKA volunteer and scholarship recipients

Our scholarship program apparently strengthens new hope to our school affiliates which are losing students. This is an area where PKKA will focus more when planning the scholarship disbursement in the future.

Commitment to help our school affiliates which are losing students necessitate us to enlarge our funding sources. This is where your monetary assistance is greatly appreciated. As our officers, directors, and staff don’t receive any pay and funds are delivered directly to students by our volunteers, PKKA is able to use 96% of funds solely for scholarship. The remaining 4% is for printing and mailing which runs about \$460 per year. Volunteerism is PKKA’s business model and PKKA ensures that your donations are fully utilized for its intended purpose only. Since its inception in 2007, PKKA has always been striving to achieve zero administrative cost and to carry out its basic strategy: “one dollar donation collected, one dollar given away as scholarship”.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Thanks to the generosity of you donors, for the 2011/2012 school year, PKKA is able to provide scholarships to 76 students. The amount of scholarship given this year is \$ 7,081.00. The core to our adopt-a-student program is our commitment to provide for the tuition fees of the adopted students until they graduate. As of the date of the publication of this newsletter, our balance is \$ 3,643.95, which is reserved for the 2012/2013 scholarship year.

The tuition fee of our affiliated schools ranges from \$50 to \$100 for the entire school year. Where possible we plan to increase the number of scholarship to 100 students next year. The continuing decline of the U.S. dollar against the Indonesian's currency represents a serious challenge for PKKA. But we are confident that with your financial help and the blessing of the Lord, we will accomplish that goal.

OUR SHINING STAR AFFILIATE

This year PKKA is happy to continue sponsoring 5 students of St. Michael Vocational School in Central Java. It is a prestigious and well run school that provides its students with knowledge and skills in the area of industrial machinery. Each year, after graduation day, companies are queuing to recruit new graduates from the school. This is a guarantee that each of the students will get a job after graduation.



Our students



Improving skills in industrial machinery



Workshop class



Sample products

If the school itself is considered affluent, it is not necessarily the case for the students. Many young people are trying to enter the school but their financial condition hinders the realization of their dreams. It is in this niche that PKKA is playing its role, finding the scholarship candidates with the assistance of the school principal.

In the ADOPSI Edition 3 of last year, PKKA President Tabut Torsina reported his visit to Ricky's house. Ricky was one of the PKKA scholarship recipients of this school for the school year 2010/2011. Tabut's heart sank when he saw the condition of the house - the condition that reflects poverty and need. It was sad and disturbing but the fact remains that Ricky was only a year away from graduation and had been doing well in school.

The fact that PKKA provides scholarships to young people who will enter the work force right after graduation, makes us proud. In addition, another positive fact is that many of the graduates of this school currently hold managerial positions in a variety of corporations in Indonesia. All these strengthen our belief that PKKA is moving in the right direction in helping this young generation to be the future leaders of their country.

[You are Cordially Invited to Attend](#)
“The 4th Music for Education Benefit Concert” featuring Indonesian songs, dances and music
Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 4PM to 6PM (doors open at 3:30PM)
Mission Del Sol Presbyterian Church - 1565 E. Warner Rd, Tempe.

Tickets: \$25.00, Indonesian refreshments included. Childcare will be provided during the concert.
All proceeds benefit the PKKA adopt-a-student program. Please plan to join us. Thank you for your support. Information and ticket orders: info@EducateIndonesia.org or call 480-838-9716.

To Dream and to Fight for the Dream

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 insufficiency in their diet, many young Papuans are having problems with their health condition and have to struggle real hard in their effort to keep up with the pace of education. Regardless, these young Papuans have noble dreams and they have to struggle realizing it (From “Melangkah ke Dunia Luas” by J. Supriyono – “Stepping into the Wide World”, editor).

Our High School affiliate in Nabire, a small town in Papua has been facilitating young Papuans to reach their dream through education. PKKA is currently sponsoring 3 Papuan students and will continue to do so in the future.

To us, communication through email is not so uncommon. But to young Papuans the email experience is something that fascinates them and opens their horizon about the world outside Papua.

Maria Kudiai (one of our scholarship recipients since 2009) sent her first email ever to PKKA through the school computer acknowledging thanks to her donors. When we responded, she opened it with her school principal's guidance. The principal was so touched to see the excitement in her face, an expression of disbelief that she actually was able to communicate with somebody in the USA, some 9,000 miles away from Papua, instantly, with just a “click”.

Maria's story is a story of recognition about the world outside Papua. This recognition is triggering a new motivation, a new dream that can change Maria's future. As we reported in the ADOPSI Edition 3, on January 7, 2010 Maria wrote us, “I have been selected as a scholarship recipient to further study at the university level in Jakarta” (the capital of Indonesia, about 1,500 miles away from Papua – editor). Maria's new dream has become a reality. PKKA donors are proud to have sponsored Maria and be part of the young Papuan life in Nabire with such big dreams.



Young Papuan studying at “Adhi Luhur”
High School in Nabire

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