

ADOPSI

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WITH A STEADY PROGRESS PKKA IS ENTERING INTO ITS 6th YEAR

When we celebrated our 5th anniversary last year, we reported the deliverance of the PKKA scholarships to 77 students. This year we are able to increase our funds to \$ 8,705.67 for the disbursement of 94 new scholarships .

We are happy to inform that PKKA has distributed an increasing number of scholarships every year since its inception in 2007. Currently 277 scholarships populate our database.

Where does our scholarship go?

1. To the general education schools (52%), mostly to the junior high schools, hoping that our students will eventually go to vocational schools.
2. To vocational schools (business and technical schools) for the remaining 48% of the funds.

What is the geographic distribution of our scholarships?

1. We have 14 school affiliates. One is located in the island of Papua, one in Sulawesi , two schools in Sumatra, two schools in East Java, and eight schools in Central Java. Central Java is dominant because historically we started our program in that province. The Central Java schools are located in three towns: five schools in Klaten, two in Salatiga, and one in Solo.
2. The number of students in each schools in any particular year ranges from only three students (in Papua, the most expensive area of the country), to 12 students (in rural villages).

- As we can see, the pattern of scholarship distribution is intended to ensure that once graduated from the respective schools, each of the students will be able to work directly in the field and become a vital income source for his/her family.
- Geographically, PKKA also ensures that scholarships are distributed fairly between rural villages and small towns.

In the following pages the readers are being introduced to three of our 14 school affiliates. Notice that each of the schools has its own unique characteristics. The faces of the PKKA students studying at those schools are also highlighted. Hopefully this introduction will provide a better understanding about our scholarship program and reinforce your confidence that PKKA is moving in the right direction in helping build future leaders by providing scholarship.

OUR NEWEST SCHOOL AFFILIATE IN SOUTH SUMATERA Xaverius II Elementary School, Batuputih, Baturaja

Batuputih is a small village at the bank of Leng kayap River, a tributary of Ogan River. Located 7 miles south of the town of Baturaja, the village has a population of 2200, known as the Ogans. The Ogans have always led a simple life. They very much rely on home produce and practice subsistence agriculture. Some villagers do seasonal work for others, but most of the times many are without any meaningful income. Often they go to the nearby forest to collect wild berries and other edible forest fruits.

Needless to say that economically they are considered very poor. This makes it very hard for them to send their children to school.

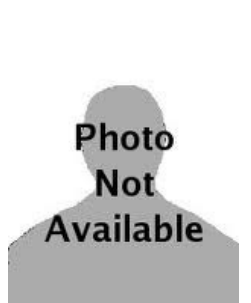
The existence of a Catholic Church and school in the village is unique because it existed not as a result of work by missionaries but because of the local people's desire. In the early 1940s, four local community leaders met with the Baturaja Authority asking for religious information. They were sent to Palembang (North of Baturaja, about 5-hour drive) to meet with Bishop Mekkeholt who then assigned Father Th. Borst SCJ to work in the village introducing Catholicism to the Ogans. The religious teaching started on March 16, 1948. On October 31, 1948 a total of 24 people from five families were baptized.

Since then, Batuputih has been a place where many became followers of Christ. This is special because it is very rare for native South Sumatrans to become Christians as the area is dominated by a large Non-Christians community.

We are glad to inform our sponsors that starting this school year PKKA will have a chance to help the Christian community by adopting 10 very needy students from the Xaverius II Elementary School in Batuputih. Each student is guaranteed to receive a scholarship until they graduate from the school.

One note from the regional priest, Fr. Ignas Putrasetiahati, that pulls our heartstrings is: "it is so hard to choose 10 needy students as almost everyone here is needy"

The following pictures display the hopeful faces of our adopted students (PKKA ID# 150 through 159.) One common thread of these children share is their high motivation to get education to better their future. PKKA is sponsoring these children because they will be the future leaders of the Ogan community.



ANOTHER EAST JAVA SCHOOL BECOMES PKKA AFFILIATE

Junior High School East Java Christian Church, Peniwen, Malang

During the Dutch occupation in the 19th century, Christianity was able to spread to several areas in Indonesia such as those in Ambon, Flores, Timor, Papua, and Ternate. 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 in East Java, Batak, and Minahasa.

Currently known as the “Christian villages”, these communities maintain their unique religious life style, blending Christian faith with local customs. They lead quite simple life not as much exposed to the modern ways of thinking and living.

Last year PKKA got a chance to establish a bonding with one of the Christian villages when we adopted 12 students from two schools administered by the East Java Christian Church (GKJW) in Mojowarno to which we added two more students this year. For the 2012-2013 school year, PKKA extended its scholarship program to a school in another Christian village, i.e. the village of Peniwen, Malang, located some 50 miles south east of Mojowarno - also under the GKJW administration.

The following pictures show the six Peniwen students who received the 2012-2013 PKKA Scholarship (PKKA ID# 139 through 144.) It is interesting to know that they all share their love for sport: soccer, basket ball, volleyball, and badminton. In terms of their ambitions, however, they all have different dreams from being a pastor, joining the armed forces, to being an automotive technician, a nurse, a physician, and working in business.



PKKA CONTINUES TO SPONSOR STUDENTS OF EAST OGAN KOMERING ULU

Mardi Wacana Christian Elementary School and Junior High School

In the 3rd Edition of ADOPSI (Summer/Fall 2010), we reported that two years ago PKKA started to give 12 scholarships to students studying at an elementary school and a junior high school in East Ogan Komering Ulu at the southern part of the Sumatra island. These schools are located in a small village which was established four decades ago as part of the relocation of poor families from Java to Sumatra. The villagers are considered low income people and mostly are subsistence farmers.

Six students from Mardi Wacana Christian Elementary School and six others from Mardi Wacana Christian Junior High School will continue to receive scholarships for the school year 2012-2013 (PKKA ID# 074 through 079, 128 through 130, and 192 through 194.) Of these 12 PKKA adopted students, 10 are Non-Christians.

It has been PKKA policy to give scholarships to the needy and motivated students regardless of their religious background. We provide the scholarships through select Christian and Catholic schools because we believe that they teach their students values for themselves as well as inspire them the responsibility of being a positive force in their society.

These are the faces of our adopted students studying at the Mardi Wacana Christian School:



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
The 5th Annual Music for Education Benefit Concert**

The event will feature Indonesian songs, dances and music. The traditional angklung musical instruments from West Java will be played by a group of PKKA volunteers.

- Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Saturday, November 17, 2012 from 4PM to 6PM (door open at 3:30PM).
- The venue: Resurrection Lutheran Church, 4930 East Greenway Road, Scottsdale.

Tickets: \$25.00, Indonesian refreshments included. Childcare will be provided during the concert for free. All proceeds benefit the PKKA adopt-a-student program. Information and ticket orders: info@EducateIndonesia.org or call Lanny Soesilo at 480-838-9716.



These are our students of the two school affiliates that recently joined our program. Six Peniwen students with the PKKA directors Dr. Okky and Mrs. Vicki Oei (left) and 10 Batuputih students (right). Please help us in providing the scholarships for the PKKA students by attending our upcoming November concert.



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