



ADOPSI

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

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*“Give them fish - they will not be hungry for the day
Teach them to fish, and they will not be hungry for the rest of their lives”*

TEACH ‘EM TO FISH

Since we initiated our Adopt-a-Student scholarship program in 2007, our goal has always been to help provide our students with the necessary skills to enter the working force immediately after graduation. Currently 48% of our scholarship recipients are in the business or technical schools in various localities. The percentage reveals that we still have the opportunity to optimize our capacity to help build the future of our students and their families by escalating our scholarships focusing on vocational schools.

This year, PKKA introduces a new initiative called “Connect-2-Schools” program. After talking to our school affiliates, we are convinced that this initiative will be a successful undertaking because our affiliates have expressed their enthusiasm about the program and are committed to support this.

Our “Connect-2-Schools” program is designed for our students from junior high school that wish to continue their studies at our affiliated vocational school, to automatically obtain scholarship at the new school.

In Central Java, three of our eight schools are clustered in a small town of Klaten. In relation to the framework of our “Connect-2-Schools” initiative, we notice that one of the schools, i.e., Pangudi Luhur Catholic Junior High, can function as a “feeder” to provide its qualified graduates to the other two schools: Leonardo Technical Catholic School or SMK-2 Christian Business School for further study.

This year our student Yuniar Selly Eka Saputri from Pangudi Luhur (PKKA ID#041) has been accepted to continue her studies at SMK-2. PKKA is happy to continue supporting her by providing a scholarship for her study at her new school as part of this “Connect-2-Schools” program.



Yuniar Selly in 2010

Yuniar Selly received the PKKA scholarship in 2010 while studying at Pangudi Luhur Catholic Junior High. She decided to continue her studies at SMK-2 Christian Business School because her dream is to work in the field of accountancy immediately after she graduates. Yuniar Selly is grateful to our “Connect-2-Schools” scholarship in realizing her dream.



Yuniar Selly in 2013

Our “Connect-2-Schools” program will work nicely when a junior high and a vocational school both are clustered together in one locality. For some of our junior high schools that are located in small villages without any Christian vocational school in the surrounding area, the program will be difficult to implement. This particular scenario becomes a challenge that need to be addressed by PKKA.

Peniwen is a good example. It is a small Christian village in East Java surrounded by large non-Christian communities. The young villagers go to the Peniwen Christian Junior High. That is the highest level of educational facility in the village. Last year we provided six scholarships to this junior high school. If the graduates want to continue study to a vocational school, there is a technical school located south of Peniwen, called SMK Brantas. The school is a non-Christian vocational school.

After talking to the Peniwen School Administrators and obtaining an assurance that SMK Brantas inspires its students the responsibility of being a positive force in the society, we are encouraged to launch an additional category of PKKA scholarship program.

Our “Extend-Our-Hands” program is designed for our students from a junior high school level that wish to continue study at selected local non-Christian vocational school to obtain scholarship to the new school.

Under the program, the management of the scholarship is the sole responsibility of the respective junior high school. That includes the disbursement of funds, evidence of yearly tuition payment, reporting to PKKA, and monitoring student academic progress.



Mulyo Setiono



Teguh W. Krisdianto

Four Peniwen graduates will receive our “Extend-Our-Hands” scholarship to continue study at SMK Brantas this year.



Redi Yulian Pradani

These students have all the same expectation, i.e. to be successful in their study and start earning an income to support their parents and siblings.



Zakaria Murahadi

Our “Extend-Our-Hands” and “Connect-2-Schools” programs are indicative of our innovative attempts to help build future leaders through education. We believe that each of the two programs encourage our students to pursue studies at a vocational school level which will provide them with skills needed for immediate work after graduation.

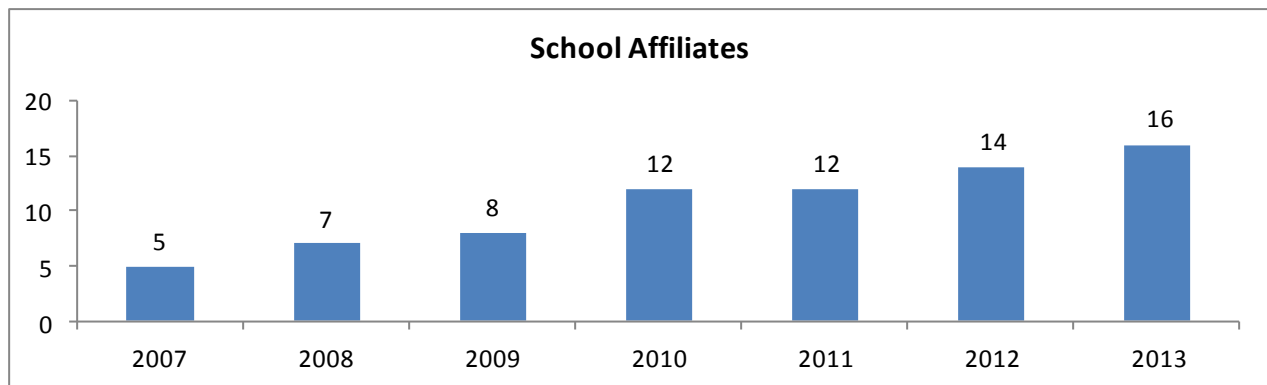
BREAKING THE MAGIC NUMBER

When we started our program in 2007, PKKA was only able to grant scholarships to 12 students. We had a firm determination, however, to increase the number of scholarship to 100 students within 5 years. Our persistence finally pays when this year we are able to break this magic number by providing 108 scholarships to our adopted students in 16 school affiliates. The following chart illustrates the steady growth of our scholarship program.



This success can only be attributed to the increasing number of donor participation and that the donation we received has been utilized at its maximum capacity. We maximize the use of donation by practicing the philosophy of **“One Dollar Collected, One Dollar Given Away”**. Directors, officers, and staff are *unpaid*, which enable us to use 96% of funds for scholarship and 4% for printing and mailing (about \$460 per year). We rigorously exercise transparency of our operation through internal audits, annual financial reports, publication of ADOPSI and PKKA’s website www.EducateIndonesia.org.

The increasing number of scholarship given is also accompanied by the increasing number of school affiliates. In 2007 only 5 schools are affiliated with PKKA. Currently, we operate in 16 schools in small towns and rural villages in four different islands of Indonesia. The chart displayed below shows the historical growth of our affiliation with the participating schools.



Our school affiliates carry a significant role in recruiting the needy and motivated students for PKKA. They help us monitor the progress of the students and provide suggestions to accelerate accomplishment of our goals. As stated in the PKKA-By-Laws, our program is to provide scholarships to students who attend select Protestant and Catholic schools in Indonesia. We believe that our scholarship is one of the ways to help build good leaders for the next generations to come.

Our Indonesian counterparts concur that PKKA’s “Adopt-a-Student” scholarship program is unique because the scholarship is given until the students graduate from the school. It is not a one-time charity event, therefore, they believe that this type of continuous financial support will help the students to concentrate more on learning at school, be motivated and thus enable them to graduate on time.

INTRODUCING OUR TWO NEW PROGRAM AFFILIATES

Horizon Presbyterian Church and St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church

We are happy to announce that Pastor Ron Hawkins of the Horizon Presbyterian Church and Rev. Bruce Jackson of the St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church have both agreed to endorse PKKA. We are grateful for their support and we will have a sustained working relationship in the years to come.

Horizon Presbyterian Church is located at 1401 E. Liberty Lane, Ahwatukee. The office phone is 480-460-1480. Pastor Hawkins can be reached through his email: pastor@horizonchurch.com. The church website is www.horizonchurch.com.



St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church is located at 4102 W. Union Hills Drive, Glendale. The office phone is 623-582-5449. Rev. Jackson can be reached through info@stjohnsaz.org. The church website is www.stjohnsaz.org.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

The 6th Annual Music for Education Benefit Concert

Saturday, November 2, 2013 from 4PM to 6PM (door open at 3:30PM)
The Venue:
Horizon Presbyterian Church, 1401 E. Liberty Lane, Ahwatukee, AZ 85048

The event will feature Indonesian songs, dances, and music. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. 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 Joseph Soesilo at (480) 838-9716