



YAYASAN GUNUNGUNAN

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The First Newsletter

Yayasan Gununggunan is a charitable organization based in Solo, Central Java, Indonesia. The organization was established on 21 June 2006 with the purpose of helping to relieve the suffering of destitute, abandoned and abused children in Indonesia, through the provision of a Children's Refuge Centre and related personal and professional development facilities.

The Organisation's policy is to help all those children and young people who are in need, regardless of religion, nationality, race, class, age and circumstances.

Since we started in the middle of 2006, we have been actively involved in providing emergency aid, trauma relief and reconstruction work for victims of the earthquake on 27 May 2006 which devastated large areas of Central and Southern Java.

We have established a Charity Shop in Solo City. Excess and reject stock is donated by local manufacturing companies for sale in the shop and all the profits are donated to the Children's Refuge Centre.



The shop also serves to provide disadvantaged young people with the opportunity for work training and experience.

We distributed over 600 handmade Teddy Bears to the orphans of Central Java. The Teddy Bears were generously donated by a group of over 100 knitters in Ipswich, UK.

And, in July 2007 we received the first children to stay at our own Refuge. Seven in total, 4 girls and 3 boys, Chandra, Lilys, Nita, Sri, Siti, Wid and No.

Now we have the first of what we hope to be many quarterly newsletters. Here we will aim to keep our friends and supporters up to date with the activities of the Organization and happenings at the Refuge. Very many grateful thanks to you all.

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Children's Refuge Logo

Kid's Day Out

The children at the Refuge had been promised a day out for some time now, especially if they did well in their mid-semester exams. As the school report cards came in, it emerged that more than half of them ranked in the top 4 in their classes at school. We are all very proud of them and a day out could not be delayed any further.



To join a rafting trip organized by the Solo Expats Association seemed the perfect opportunity to relax and forget about school-work for a day. So after an early start, we arrived after a 2 ½ hour bus journey at the river's edge, excited and ready for adventure.

The guides from Jogja Adventure Center soon had everybody fitted out with life jackets, helmets and paddles. We were then (continued on page 2)

Kid's Day Out (continued from front page)



divided into the four teams that would battle the white water rapids of Central Java, each one headed by a local expatriate.

After detailed instructions the teams felt properly prepared for whatever might come. We said our goodbyes and pushed off.

For hours the teams traveled down the tropical river, fighting the wild rapids, blistering sun and torrential rain. (slight embellishment for story telling purposes – the age limit on this run was 5 years)



At last, halfway down the river, a quick snack-stop was called for. A tropical 'Drive Through' with fresh coconut on the menu.

No-one escaped a dunking and by the time we arrived at the finish 2 hours later, everyone was totally soaked to the skin – but very very happy having truly enjoyed a most excellent day-out.

Very many thanks to the Solo Expats Association and Jogja Adventure Center for a very safe, professionally run and enjoyable day out. It will be a day that many of us will remember for a very long time.

Extra-Curricular Activities



As well as the regular extra computer and English lessons, the children also enjoy other extra-curricular activities. The most recent activity to be added is making imitation flowers from old waste plastic. The results are quite amazing.



Name Board



After receiving Government approval for the Children's Refuge Operating Permit we could officially put up the name board in front of the house.

Although "Panti Asuhan" directly translates to "Orphanage" we have chosen to use the term "Children's Refuge". This is because some of the Children at the Refuge may not be pure orphans, as some still have one or both parents living. However in co-operation with the Government Social Department and the child's parents, extreme special circumstances dictate that they need to be cared for at a separate location.

Run Richie Run Richie, Run Run Run



On 4th January 2008, Rich Frost was informed that he was among the winners of the Lu-cozade Video challenge and had won a place in the 2008 Flora London Marathon. He very generously nominated Yayasan Gunung to receive the funds raised from sponsoring him, which will be used to help support the children at the Refuge.

Rich did a superb run and finished the grueling 26.2 miles in 4 hours 26 mins 26 secs. In doing so he managed to raise more than £1,500 for the children which is amazing. Very many grateful thanks to Rich and to all those who sponsored him for your support.

You can read Rich's blogg and watch his hilarious video that started it all, by going to <http://www.realbuzz.com> and entering "Rich Frost" in the search box.

Land Donation



Very many thanks to Nova Furniture, a local furniture company, for donating over 2,200 square meters of land to the Yayasan. This will be the location to start building the new Children's Refuge Center hopefully later on this year. It is a beautiful location in the country overlooking a peaceful lake, but conveniently within a short bus ride of Solo City.

The first buildings to be constructed will be the Organization's main office and 3 Children's Family Houses, along with a small farm, warehouse and sport & activity areas. In the coming years we then plan to build more Family Houses up to a total of 12, eventually with a total capacity for approximately 120 children. After that we hope to construct a senior citizen's retirement home as well as a halfway house for women in distress.

It is an ambitious plan, but one that can be taken in manageable steps over a number of years. Hopefully the Center will provide a safe, relaxed and stable environment for all who stay there while making available many professional and personal development opportunities.

For more information about the building project please write to us at info@gunungan.org

Latest Support

Latest support for the Refuge has come from a number of areas as follows:

The Solo Expats Association (SEA) continue to run a number of regular fund raising events with the proceeds going towards the Children's Refuge. Previous events have included auction nights and organic rice sales.

The British Community Committee in Jakarta (BCC) began to generously send regular monthly amounts to help cover the Children's living and schooling costs.

Nova Furniture in Solo and Cirebon continue to be significant donators of furniture stock for the Charity Shop with the proceeds going towards the Refuge.

Absormatic Indonesia, manufacturers of the humidity absorber 'Absordry', have set up a customer donation plan, where a fixed amount from sales to certain customers, who agree to be enrolled, is donated on their behalf to the Refuge. Five local export companies have signed up for this plan so far.

Very many grateful thanks to all of you for your help and support, and also to all those who are not mentioned above but who have also helped. It is all very much appreciated.

Current Work

Currently we are preparing for a new intake of children at the time of the new school year in July. The target is to have a total of 20 children at the refuge by the end of 2008. Every week we receive new applications to enter the Refuge, and the following month will be full up assessing each child's individual circumstances, visiting them as necessary, and deciding which are in most need.

Other recent furniture donations have included a large number of unfinished and broken items from P.T Rumah Masa Depan (Deco France). We are currently in the process of setting up a small carpentry and furniture finishing operation with workers from the local disabled community, in cooperation with a local furniture manufacturer called Armada Orient. It is hoped that this will provide work training, experience and employment for local disabled people who might otherwise have difficulty finding work, as well as providing stock to be sold in the Charity Shop. Hopefully a continuous supply of unfinished and broken furniture can quickly be established so that this project can grow and provide a significant and long term service.

A charitable organization called "The Tree of Life Foundation" has been set up in UK with the object of supporting children in need in Indonesia. This organization will undertake fundraising events in UK and Yayasan Gunung will be one of its main beneficiaries.

Financial Report

Presented below is the summary financial report for Yayasan Gunung for the year ended 31 December 2007.

(Note, approximately: 1USD = IDR 9,000 , 1GBP = IDR 18,000)

Statement of Financial Activities	IDR
Incoming Resources:	
Voluntary Income (see below)	166,996,941
Resources Expended:	
Education	(14,746,170)
Food & Consumption	(20,820,421)
Household	(35,566,449)
Refuge Staff Salaries	(30,635,000)
Property Rent	(11,000,000)
Administration Staff Salaries	(15,600,000)
Administration Expenses	(11,434,670)
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	27,194,231

Balance Sheet : 31 Dec 2007	IDR
Fixed Assets:	
Office Furniture & Equipment	3,792,000
Vehicles	21,466,667
Current Assets:	
Cash at Bank & in Hand	5,845,759
TOTAL ASSETS:	31,104,426
Funds of the Charity:	
Previous Year Funds	3,910,195
Current Year Funds	27,194,231
TOTAL FUNDS:	31,104,426

Voluntary Income	IDR
G0001	1,003,000
G0002	84,346,671
G0003	50,693,470
G0004	21,300,000
G0005	2,883,800
G0008	2,320,000
G0012	200,000

Voluntary Income (continued)	IDR
G0013	200,000
G0014	500,000
G0015	3,550,000
TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME	166,996,941

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