



YAYASAN GUNUNGAN



Making the Movie

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Please Remember:

We need all the support we can get.

There are only a few regular Donors and the current monthly Refuge costs are not yet being met. If we are to expand and provide a home for 50 - 100 children then we really need help to do this.

If you know anyone who might be interested in helping to support this project please pass on our contact details.

Thank you very much.

Donations can now be made online through the Organisation's website.

Using Paypal, one-time or regular monthly donations can easily be made in a choice of currencies direct from your credit card. Please visit:

www.gunungan.org/donate.html

Or contact us at:
info@gunungan.org
for other payment methods

Well its not 'Slumdog Millionaire'.....

But over the past few weeks we have been trying to make a short promotional video about the Children's Refuge. When it is finished, we hope that it will provide a direct insight into the lives of the children at the Refuge, as well as giving an idea of where they have come from and where we are all going together. It's taking a little longer than expected to finish, but when it is complete then it will be available to watch direct from the Organisation's website.

Very many thanks to Mas Malik and friends from 'MAXI Video' for generously donating their time and equipment to make this video.

Scenes from the Film



BEFORE - Begging at the lights



AFTER - Off to school

Updates

- We are overjoyed to announce that a generous donor has agreed to pay for Lilis and Nita to go to University.
- Another donor has generously offered to set up a fund from which the girls may borrow to help cover living expenses during their courses. The loans will be due to be repaid to the fund after they get jobs, and then be available for future students to benefit from.
- Steve has fixed up the bicycle and has lost 7.1kg so far.

Making the Movie (continued)



Filming Computer Lessons



Filming Playing Football



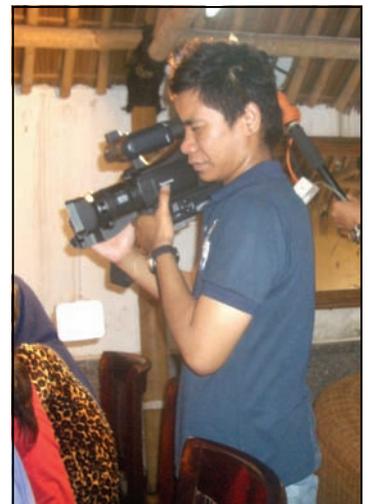
Filming Doing Chores



Filming



"I'm gonna be a Star !"



Filming



Filming House Meeting



Filming Cooking Lessons



Filming Waiting for the Food



Filming a Sing-a-long



Close-up Filming a Sing-a-long



See you later !

New Charity Shop

“YOU BUY — YOU DO SOMETHING CHARITABLE”

is the (almost) famous logo of the first, and still the only, charity shop in Solo. (It's reads much better in Indonesian; “Anda Membeli = Anda Beramal”)

So, after 2 years in a nice but small and ‘out of the way’ shop, the principle had proven that it could work. There were enough generous companies prepared to donate enough stock to provide a reasonable turnover. Sales were enough to cover the rent and also to give full time employment to four young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. There was even enough profit left to provide an average donation of US\$200 per month towards the running of the Children’s Home.

It was now time to take the next step and move to larger premises in a much more strategic location.

So at the beginning of February we started moving all the stock over to new premises in the center of the city, and officially opened one week later. The old shop was about 75m² and the new one is 500m² , loads of space to store and fix up stock ready for sale. At the same time the shop has taken on one more employee, Mas Kodok (the Frog) to help with stock keeping and deliveries.



MURAH - 'CHEAP'



A veritable 'Aladdin's Cave'

With the continued generosity of local people and businesses donating stock for sale, it is hoped that more Charity Shops can be opened providing more job training, work experience and employment opportunities for the local disadvantaged young people, as well as a much needed source of income for the Children’s Home. Thank you very much to all involved and special congratulations to the Charity Shop Team for working so hard to set up and make the shop such a success.



The Charity Shop Team - Kodok, Emy, Monik, Mul & Eko

The TV's Bust !

At precisely 20:37 on Tuesday 17 March, disaster struck the House. It was totally unexpected and no disaster recover programs had been put in place beforehand to respond to such a terrible catastrophe. Signs of life could still be heard, but the screen had become a total blank. No matter of pressing buttons, turning on and off or bashing the side of the TV could bring a picture back to the lifeless screen. Confusion and panic reigned. The younger kids were screaming and crying while the older ones were starting to blame each other for the tragedy. The cook had already deserted the House and was well on her way down the road to a friend's house, in time to watch 'Sinetron'.



TV - gone but not forgotten



No more laughter.....no more smiles



Ayu mourns the loss

To date the TV remains broken. The children have settled down to life without the box and have been focused on their local school and national exams over the past few weeks. However, now the exams are drawing to a close, the issue of a working television begins to surface again.....or indeed any other items that can help entertain and occupy their minds. The House lacks much in the way of entertainment and games for the children. Perhaps the kind reader, reading the list below, might feel moved to donate something that can help bring smiles and laughter back to their poor unhappy faces....

Gift	Price / Rp	Price / US\$	Price / GB£
School Bag / Shoes / Books	50,000	5.00	3.33
Volley / Soccer Ball	75,000	7.50	5.00
Standing Fan	150,000	15.00	10.00
Badminton set	200,000	20.00	13.33
Printer for Children's Computer	450,000	45.00	30.00
Sewing Machine	750,000	75.00	50.00
Child's Bicycle	1,000,000	100.00	66.67
Karaoke Sound System	1,500,000	150.00	100.00
Table Tennis set	2,000,000	200.00	133.33
Television	3,000,000	300.00	200.00
Children's Computer	4,000,000	400.00	266.67

Donations can easily be made online by credit card - just go to <http://www.gunungan.org/donate.html>

Or by direct transfer to the Organisation's bank account:

ACCOUNT NAME : YAYASAN GUNUNGAN

ACCOUNT NUMBER : 405 - 01 - 00230 - 00 - 7

BANK NAME : CIMB NIAGA

BANK ADDRESS : Jl. Slamet Riyadi 136, SOLO, 57131, CENTRAL JAVA, INDONESIA

SWIFT CODE : BNIAIDJA

Just drop us a line to info@gunungan.org advising us of your donation and for which gift you'd like to give the children.

All Donations will receive a personal email 'Thank You' photo from the children - Thank You.

Birthdays

There was a time that birthdays were just a yearly affair. Now they seem to be almost daily.

So, rather than celebrate their birthdays individually, which all fall within a few days of each other, Mas Mul and Mbak Anik from the Refuge, as well as Mas Eko from the Charity Shop decided to treat the children to a steak dinner at a local restaurant. The kids were treated to find that they had reserved tables, although for almost all it was the first time using a knife - being more accustomed to a fork and spoon or even just a clean right hand.



'Zona' the zone for great tasting steak



Hand written card reads:
"Meja ini sudah di pesan"
"This table has already been ordered"



Two young ladies of etiquette and distinction



Deep in concentration....



Hey, it's not as easy as it looks



All those lessons in table manners at school paid off for someone.



Compliments to the Chef(s)



Thanks guys, and...



...Happy Birthday to you all

