



YAYASAN GUNUNGAN



3rd Quarter 2009

Living it up at the Hotel Novotel



Many thanks to a certain regular supporter of the Gunungan Children's Refuge for inviting the kids to an afternoon swimming (+ ice cream!) at the local Hotel Novotel.

....and many apologies to the poor unsuspecting patrons of said hotel, who had a peaceful afternoon by the pool most rudely interrupted by a deluge of energetic young bathers.

The kids had a most excellent time splashing around, learning to swim and playing water polo, tug-of-war across the pool, and gladiator pugil stick duels using bolster pillows instead of pugil sticks while sitting on a slippery bamboo pole.

After the great success of this day out it was decided to make swimming a regular event, so now every second Saturday afternoon is given over to swimming (although at the local public pool this time, to help save on costs and also allow for the continued patronage of the Novotel).

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National Children's Day

To celebrate National Children's Day the Solo City Mayor invited children from the local schools to a day of events at one of the city parks, "Taman BaleKambang". The invitation was for 7am sharp, and as the clock ticked down thousands of children, including a bunch from the Gunungan Children's Refuge, waited expectantly for the arrival of the Mayor himself.



Just time for a quick Team Photo before the Mayor arrives



The stage is set...just need the Mayor now...
Reads: "I am a child of Indonesia, creative, innovative and superior in facing future challenges"

And that's just what the kids had to be, creative, innovative and superior in the face of challenges, as for the next 3 hours they waited 'patiently' for the Mayor to arrive. There was, however, an added incentive for them to remain patient - as 6 brand new mountain bikes stood tantalizingly in front of the stage waiting to be claimed as competition prizes.



The Kids - Still Waiting Patiently



Tantalizing



Photo Op with a local Kindergarten



- Puput -



Rofi, Ayu - Anik



Dewi, Ayu - Puput, Anik

National Children's Day (continued)

Eventually, at approximately 10:15am rumors began to circulate that the Mayor was arriving. In anticipation, the performance began...



Now for the moment that everyone had been waiting for.....And we mean WAITING for....

The DEPUTY Mayor (as it turns out the Mayor had been unavoidably detained) stood up and announced that the brand new mountain bikes would be given to the six children who could best sing a song. "First come - First served" (he would very soon regret these words, as a giant tidal wave of approximately two and a half thousand children crashed down upon the stage).

....And....in the midst of all the pandemonium, was our very own Puput, pushing her way to the front with a quiet purposefulness.



Head down.....girl on a mission.



Success !

That bike is as good as mine !
All that remains is to sing the song



Disaster !

Didn't know the words to the song.
And That Boy just sang it Perfectly.
So Close....but no mountain bike....



Almost there - quick smile for the camera

Breaking the Fast

What a month! - Before the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan this year we had changed the Children's Refuge signs in the road to be a little bit bigger and more obvious to passers-by. What a difference it made! The children ended up receiving invitations to fast breaking events for every night of the final two weeks of the month. And some nights they were even double booked! It was really great to see the local community take such an interest in the Refuge and the kids had a wonderful time making new friends, playing games, receiving presents and eating some great food.

Here are just a few scenes from the hundreds of photos taken:-



Mas Eko & Friends



Town Hall Friends Charitable Foundation



Local University Economics Faculty



Local University Pharmacy Faculty



McDonalds



THR



Irma



Putra-Putri Solo



Sandi Putra



Local University Technology Faculty



Solo Slankers



Remaja Pasar Kliwon

Independence Day

17 August once again saw games and competitions in celebration of Indonesia's Independence Day.
Merdeka - Merdeka - Merdeka.....Freedom - Freedom - Freedom !



Get the pencil in the bottle
No cheating Dewi !



Marble and Spoon race
Watch out for the camera-man



Eating Prawn Crackers on a String



Soccer in Sarongs - Goal Action !



Transferring coloured water by spoon
That camera-man is getting in the way again



Not tired yet...



Gunungan Grandmaster
Chess Championships

A hard fought tournament of chess held over two days of intense competition.



Gunungan Grandmaster - Grand Final

Mas Mustophya aged 11 (IND)
vs
Mas Steve aged > 11 (UK)



In a best of 3 final challenge, Steve easily took the first game, then fell foul to over-confidence, loosing the following two in quick succession, to give Mas Mustophya the overall victory and prized title of 'Gunungan Grandmaster'

Latest News

In August the house next door to the Children's Refuge house became available for rent. This was a great opportunity to expand the Refuge which could not be ignored. As a result, a certain Sunday morning in September saw a ramshackle group of young lads lug- ging beds and wardrobes and tables and chairs and all manner of things backward and forward between two houses in a quiet back- street of Solo city. We bashed a hole in the wall between the two houses (and put a door in) to allow direct access. So now the boys have a whole house to themselves and the girls have the old house all to themselves. The total capacity of the Refuge has been increased to approximately 30 children and more importantly we now have double the number of toilets than we had before.

GUNUNGAN ADVENTURE !

Introducing, the latest project to emerge from the Gunungan stables - **GUNUNGAN ADVENTURE**.

.....or the embryonic beginnings anyway.....

of what we hope will eventually become an adventure and outbound program which will provide a wide range of personal development activities for the children at the Refuge.

Eventually the plan for the project is to incorporate such activities as; hill walking, camping, wall/rock climbing, abseiling, assault courses and canoeing.

In addition, we hope to turn this into a viable business whereby short adventure holidays will be sold to local schools, businesses and tourists to help raise funds for the Children's Refuge.

The first step in establishing the project is to start getting some of the required equipment together. To this end, 'production' recently began on construction of a fleet of plywood canoes....



The virgin tropical waterway, with a hint of pollution from local batik industry, just waiting to be explored.

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New Kids on the Block