



# YAYASAN GUNUNGAN

## So Very Sorry for the Silence

2nd Quarter 2010

I really am very sorry for the delay in getting this newsletter out. Opportunities to establish new projects as well as expand on existing ones keep coming up, and they are impossible to say 'no' to. It means that I have been so busy with new things that I have been failing in my existing responsibilities to report on our activities through the website and newsletter. I am very sorry and here offer a bumper(ish) edition newsletter by way of apology....

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Oh, and by the way - "Happy New Year" Hope it's been a great one so far...

## So what we have been doing....?

Yayasan Gunung was established to provide support and assistance to those who were considered to be in most need, helping them to become independent and self reliant. The organisation itself would also be as self sufficient as possible, not relying entirely on outside support but also undertaking business ventures to provide an income to help support the organisation's charitable activities. In addition these business ventures would provide work training and employment opportunities for those in need.

The Charity Shop was the first project started in April 2007. The shop receives furniture and handicraft items donated by local companies and individuals and then sells these, with all the profits going towards the charitable activities of the organisation. Since beginning it has provided a total of more than US\$ 10,000 for the organisation, and has provided work training and employment to seven young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Gunungan Children's Refuge then opened its doors to the first children in July 2007. It now provides a stable and loving home to 22 children in need, and has already seen 2 of its first graduates be accepted to study at university.

In December 2009, Yayasan Gunung launched 'Sehati' or 'One Heart' to address the issue of the disturbingly high number of children and young women suffering as victims of commercial sexual exploitation and abuse in the area. It is this that has been the recent focus of our work and has taken up so much of our time over the past few months.

Below are the current operating divisions of Yayasan Gunung.



Gunungan  
Adventure



## Yayasan Gunungan 4th Anniversary

21 June 2010 saw the 4th anniversary of the Gunungan Organisation. The teams from the Charity Shop and SEHATI joined the staff and children at the Children's Refuge for an evening of fun and celebration. Local friends, neighbours, supporters and government officials also joined the event which included a Batik Fashion Show, Singing, Dancing, a Theatre show, Speeches (of course) and the cutting of the cake (or in this case the cutting of the rice mountain). A great evening, bringing together the different divisions of Yayasan Gunungan.







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## Tree Planting in the Park

12 June was Indonesia Earth Day and the kids from the Refuge were invited to the Balekambang City Park for a tree planting event with Gendhis, a student group from the local university. More than 50 children joined the event from schools all across the city, each one bringing with them a tree sapling each. The saplings were presented to the local government for planting in the city park and, in addition, the Refuge was presented with 10 saplings to bring home and plant at the Refuge (and I am pleased to be able to report that all are still alive!). Other events on the day included creating useful things by recycling rubbish. The kids made bags and rubbish bins among other things. Then there were games and competitions, to make hats from leaves and pick up coins using chop sticks. All the kids had a great day out and learned about respecting and looking after the environment.



## New Children 2010

We are very pleased to welcome the following children to the Refuge as of June 2010



Agita aged 8



Akhsan aged 13



Ana aged 15



Cahyo aged 15



Yati aged 15



## Visit by Explorations Academy (USA)

Explorations Academy is an experientially-based secondary school located in Washington, USA. At the beginning of this year a group of 10 students with 3 staff from the school made the long journey to experience Indonesia for 3 weeks. We were lucky enough that as part of their trip they asked to stay at the Children's Refuge for a week. Foreign visitors to the Refuge are usually adults, so it was wonderful to have the opportunity for our kids to meet and interact with children of the same age from another country. We all had a great time during their stay, from the very first question when they arrived of "so where can I buy some Coca-Cola?", .....to, by the time they left, scoffing down boiled chicken's feet with hardly a second thought - Yum!



*"What stands out in my mind, truthfully, was our whole orphanage stay. I loved getting to know the children and everyone involved with them. It was an eye-opening experience that I'll never forget. Living in a room with all the girls - plus a few ants and other bugs - bothered me at the time. But now as I look back at it, it wasn't that big of a deal. As we are now about halfway through our expedition, I have to say that that part was my favorite. I especially recall the day it had started to rain and we ended up having a huge water fight with the kids. It was wonderful."* - Claire (Explorations Academy Student - <http://explorationsacademy.wordpress.com/page/2/>)



Off to work the paddy field



Team Photo



Aku juga ikut Mas



## White Water River Rafting 2010

With very grateful thanks to Michael Micklem and the Solo Expats Association (SEA) we were once again able to enjoy a great day of white water river rafting down the tropical rivers of Central Java. This was the first time that we split into two groups, with the older children and adults from SEA taking on a more challenging river while the younger children and first-timers.....and Steve, stuck to the basic entry-level route. This was also our first opportunity to wear the new Refuge T-Shirts.



Many many thanks to all the SEA members who helped organise the trip and who generously contributed towards the cost of this event. As you know, this is the highlight event of the year for the children and without your help it would not be possible.

## Nita & Lilis Update



Remember Nita and Lilis ?

Last year they became the first 2 girls to graduate from the Children's Refuge. We were so proud when they were both accepted to continue their education to university and overjoyed when some sponsors generously offered to make this possible by funding the university fees.

Well, one year on and both the girls are still enjoying their courses, and working hard of course. Nita is doing an Information Management course which requires almost constant use of a computer - which she does not have. All this time she has made do by borrowing a friend's computer when they were not using it themselves. Even with these extra challenges Nita managed to finish this first year with a top grade score of 3.10 out of a possible 4.00. We are very proud and pleased for her, and now even more pleased to be able to announce that her sponsor has very generously offered to also provide her with a new lap-top computer for the coming semester, as well as providing for the university fees and some additional living expenses.

Incredibly, Lilis has not only been undertaking full-time study for her nursing degree, but has also been working in the evenings 6 hours every day over this past year to help cover her living costs. At the end of the first semester Lilis was top of her class with a score of 3.60 and second overall on campus. At the end of the second semester, and the end of the first year, she scored an incredible 3.92 which made her top of her class again and this time first overall on campus. Her sponsor has also offered to provide Lilis with a second hand motorbike to help her get to and from her courses, as well as providing for the university fees and some additional living expenses.

Thank you so very much to the sponsors for all your generous support.



# Yayasan Gunung SEHATI

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## Supporting victims of sexual exploitation & abuse

If we consider the type and level of suffering of people in Indonesia, in truth there are other countries in the world that have much worse cases of poverty, hunger and sickness. However there are people that endure a different kind of suffering here, that if you meet them and hear their stories direct, you can't help but have a very very deep reaction to. I am talking about the thousands of women and children who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation, trafficking and abuse. Everyone should have the opportunity to hear direct from the girls themselves their stories of incredible abuse and incredible strength.

Try to imagine a young girl sitting opposite you, tears streaming down her face, explaining how her own father took her out on the night-time streets to sell her virginity at the age of just 13, to help pay off his mounting gambling debts.

Another, who went to work as a child prostitute to help pay for her younger sister to go to school - "Just so that she doesn't end up like me!" she cries as she explains the feeling of being dead inside, with no meaning to her life and no future.

All you can do is give the highest respect to these girls for their incredible strength and be thankful for not having to have endured such abuse yourself.



The Children's Refuge provides a safe and stable home to children who for some would otherwise have been at very high risk of falling into the world of prostitution. To try and provide some support to the women and children who have already fallen into this world, in December 2009 Yayasan Gunung established 'SEHATI' or 'ONE HEART'.

The purpose of SEHATI is to work at ground level, locating and building relationships with victims of sexual exploitation and abuse, then helping them each on an individual basis to climb out of their current situations and start rebuilding their lives.

To help accomplish it's aims, SEHATI'S operations are split into 2 halves. The first half is the Social Work side, where field workers go out and locate the target groups. They then start to build trusting relationships and work with the young women and children to address the specific issues and problems relating to the individual. Each field worker has a client list who they work with and are responsible for from the first meeting until the time that the individual feels they no longer require support from SEHATI.

Within the Social Work side SEHATI will also offer a free clinic for health checks and midwifery services, psychological counseling, legal rights service and a drop-in center where the women and young girls can relax and find support. Finally, this division will also be responsible for ongoing research, data collection, reporting results through varied media and advocacy work.

The second half recognizes that one of the main reasons for becoming a commercial sex worker is due to economical problems. To this end SEHATI will run a number of vocational courses, including a sewing course, a hairdressing & beauty course, a cooking course, an English language course and a computer course, and most importantly, providing support right through to either finding full time employment, starting their own small business or working within one of SEHATI'S related businesses.

### PROGRESS SO FAR:-

52 young women are currently registered with SEHATI.

40 girls aged under 18 are currently registered with SEHATI.

A Sewing course has been running since January 2010.

A Beauty Salon & Hairdressing course has been running since April 2010.

A Short Documentary is currently in the process of being filmed.





## Sewing Course

A sewing course has been established which is free of charge to Sehati's target groups. There are 4 classes currently running with 16 attendees in total. The program issues official certification to graduates of the course, and it is hoped that the Sehati certification will eventually become a well known and respected qualification within the area. As the program grows and expands it may be opened to the general public, although they will be charged a market rate fee to attend. All funds raised from course fee income will be fed back to help cover the operating costs and expansion of the program.

The clothing business has started, in just a very small way initially. The sewing classes are currently running in the afternoons, which leaves a few mornings free for the 2 instructors. During this time they are able to produce a few items for sale through channels already opened with the local batik market.



## Beauty Salon & Hairdressing Course

A Beauty Salon and Hairdressing course has been set up and running since the start of April 2010. The course is free of charge for SEHATI'S clients and it is hoped to develop to the point where the SEHATI Salon certification becomes a well known and respected qualification within the area. It is hoped that the course can eventually help to cover its own costs by opening to the general public. 11 clients have already signed up and started the course. The program is almost entirely practical and all the attendees seem to enjoy themselves while learning the trade. As others come and see the course the interest appears to be growing quickly. Indeed, after the daily lessons are finished, people are staying behind asking for hair cuts, cream baths and colourings etc. so the instructor is now very busy splitting her time between teaching and working. This additional income should help, in a small way, to cover some of the operating costs of the program and form the embryonic beginnings of what we hope will later become SEHATI'S own Salon business. This business will provide employment opportunities to graduates of the course and a reliable income for SEHATI'S charitable operations.



## GUNUNGAN ADVENTURE - Update

Towards the end of 2009 we reported on the plan for Gunungan Adventure. 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.

Since then we have now finished construction of 6 canoes. After a quick float test, we started taking them out on explorations of the local lakes and rivers, and have already enjoyed a couple of days out canoeing with the Refuge kids. The plan is to start setting up the canoe day trip business within the next couple of months and hopefully launch this with a great river canoe race event at the beginning of next year.



Ready for the test launch at Cengklik Dam



Float / sink test



'Controlled' capsizing test



And away we go...



Refuge Kids prepare for their first trip



Look - no hands !



Land Ahoy Cap'n !



Let's just take it easy...



Race On !



Exploring deserted islands



"Can't seem to get a signal out here...."



# Financial Report 2009

Presented below is the summary financial report for Yayasan Gunungan for the year ended 31 December 2009.

(Note, approximately: 1USD ≈ IDR 9,000 , 1GBP ≈ IDR 14,000)

Statement of Financial Activities	IDR
Incoming Resources:	
Voluntary Income (see below)	349,058,765
Bank Interest Revenue	885,788
Resources Expended:	
Refuge Staff Salaries	(58,550,000)
Food & Consumption	(55,803,938)
Education	(49,836,570)
Property Rent	(20,833,333)
Household	(26,528,240)
Electricity	(7,366,120)
Excursions	(2,351,665)
Telephone	(7,211,011)
Administration Staff Salaries	(8,400,000)
Administration Expenses	(9,653,521)
Fixed Asset Depreciation	(3,892,250)
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>99,517,905</b>

Balance Sheet : 31 Dec 2009	IDR
Fixed Assets:	
Office Furniture & Equipment	13,618,417
Vehicles	16,866,667
Current Assets:	
Cash at Bank & in Hand	56,146,093
Prepaid Expenses (Rent)	64,500,002
Other Receivable	1,685,674
Current Liabilities:	
Other Liabilities	(5,380,182)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES:</b>	<b>147,436,671</b>
Funds of the Charity:	
Previous Year Funds	47,918,766
Current Year Funds	99,517,905
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>147,436,671</b>

Voluntary Income	IDR
G0001	434,000
G0002	11,194,899
G0003	33,757,800
G0004	19,029,066
G0005	50,050,000
G0006	4,125,000
G0009	36,000,000
G0011	7,425,375
G0018	675,000
G0019	100,000
G0025	15,758,000

Voluntary Income	IDR
G0029	25,605,410
G0030	362,628
G0031	472,902
G0032	150,000
G0033	334,760
G0034	11,628,200
G0035	87,026,662
G0036	28,780,463
G0037	8,007,800
G0038	100,000
G0039	2,000,000

Voluntary Income	IDR
G0040	1,450,800
G0041	400,000
G0042	205,000
G0043	100,000
G0044	1,300,000
G0045	200,000
G0046	50,000
G0047	50,000
G0048	300,000
G0049	1,985,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>349,058,765</b>



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### Children:

Agita	Irvan	Panggih	Uki
Akhsan	Joko	Puput	Vina
Ana	Mira	Rofie	Widoyo
Ayu	Mustofa	Santi	Yati
Cahyo	Ngatno	Siti	
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