



# YAYASAN GUNUNG

## All work and no play...

2nd Quarter 2011



Inside these pages are a few highlights from the past year.  
Here's a photo of what we actually spend most of our time doing.....

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We are extremely grateful at the Refuge for everyone who helps so much in so many different ways. Of course we will always need the financial support, but we are also so very grateful for the material support such as rice and other household essentials which so many of the local community regularly bring to the Refuge. We are also very grateful to the people and groups who set up events with the children. Whether it be a trip to the beach or a meal together, these are always thoroughly enjoyed by the kids and they are also able to make many new friends. Thank you all very much for your support.

In an attempt to try and raise some additional funds, 2011 saw the very first "Gunungan Charity Boat Race". A day of canoe racing down the mighty Bengawan Solo River interspersed with funny boats which included a full sized antique 4 poster bed! Unfortunately we did not raise any funds from the event directly, but it had a fantastic effect of spreading the name of the organisation, and we hope that in future years the event will become increasingly bigger and eventually provide a source of revenue for the Refuge.

Unfortunately 2011 also saw the close of the Sehati program for young women who are victims of sexual exploitation, trafficking and abuse, due to lack of funds. Hopefully the program might be re-awakened in the future when suitable funding is available. Thank you so much to all the people who supported the project during these 2 years which helped a number of young women successfully retrain in sewing and hairdressing.



"Gunungan Charity Boat Race" gets front page of the local newspapers as well as national TV coverage.



## Yayasan Gunungan 4th Anniversary (2010)

To further celebrate the anniversary of the Gunungan Organisation, to help strengthen the bonds between the different divisions and to give everyone a well deserved (and educational) break, a day trip to Jogja was arranged for 11 July. The trip started with a tour of the ancient Prambanan Hindu temple complex. Constructed in the ninth century, this is the largest Hindu temple in Indonesia and one of the largest in South-East Asia. In the central complex stands the 47m tall Shiva temple flanked on either side by temples honouring the gods Vishnu and Brahma. For a couple of hours we explored the complex, took photos and made new friends with a number of poor unsuspecting foreign tourists trying to enjoy a peaceful day out.



The bus left early morning from the Orphanage. However a few people were not quite ready to wake up just yet....



For those that were awake, games and singing passed the 2 hour bus trip to Jogja



Arrival at the ancient Hindu Temple complex of Prambanan. As legend has it, 1000 temples built all in a single night.



Mbak Rofi adds an atmosphere of deep contemplation to the photo as she watches an airplane pass overhead.



Poor unsuspecting tourists, were cajoled into posing for photos with the kids, and having English practiced on them.



See previous caption, and slant head slightly to the left...



Team photo. The pink brolly was an essential fashion accessory, not for fear of rain, rather fear of darkening skin.



At the entrance to one of the temples.



Another team photo with the full splendor of Prambanan Temples in the background.



## Yayasan Gunung 4th Anniversary 2010 (continued)



On the road again. Next on the agenda, the conical dome of the Jogja Kembali Monument.



On the steps of the memorial and entrance to the monument museum



The shallow moat surrounding the memorial gave the opportunity to ride in a blue duck.

The Jogja Kembali Monument was built on 29 June 1985 to commemorate the recapture of Jogja by the Indonesian National Army, and eventual withdrawal of the Dutch from the country's then capital on 29 June 1949.



For the slightly more adventurous, being set loose inside a sealed air-tight balloon.



Inside the museum Mas Topik is overcome with a feeling of patriotism.



And for those that know no fear (and weighing less than 65kg), flying over the memorial on a zip-line.



Sukarno, the first president of Indonesia meets the Dutch to ask for Independence.



Malioboro Street, Jogya

The last leg of the tour was to visit the vibrant Malioboro Street in the center of Jogja. In the early evening, this street comes alive with small road-side restaurants and street vendors selling a full range of tourist delights from batik clothing, rattan ornaments, and leather puppets to silver goods and cheap watches. The kids, still with loads of energy, ran about looking for things to spend their pocket money on.

The adults, completely exhausted, looked for a small restaurant to sit and relax in. Eventually, it was time to return home. We all boarded the bus and settled down for the long trip back to Solo.



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## Mbak Dewi Jamboree

We were all extremely proud when we heard that Mbak Dewi had been selected from thousands of junior high school applicants to represent Solo City at the Indonesian National Pramuka (Scout & Girl Guide) Jamboree in Teluk Gelam, South Sumatra. Mbak Dewi was the only one from her school selected, and one of the 30 children chosen to represent Solo City. The week long Jamboree included many activities such as Painting, TV Presenting, Gardening, Fish Keeping, Herbal Medicine and of course Knot Tying.



The 3 day journey by bus and ferry



2 days in and still going strong



At long last at the Jamboree site



The accomodation



New friends, from all across Indonesia



Mbak Dewi in full Jamboree

## New Children 2011

We are very pleased to welcome the following children to the Refuge as of June 2011.



Vani aged 12



Deny aged 8



## New Course—Sewing

The kids at the Refuge already receive extra English Language and Computer lessons. With the generous donation of a few sewing machines, a sewing class has now been added to the courses available. Both the boys and girls have been enjoying cutting patterns and sewing together basic clothes, starting with pairs of shorts....



Mas Topik concentrating hard



Mbak Santi carefully getting the job done



Mas Joko "it's all too easy!"



Not bad, though I do say so myself!



Mbak Ning turning the corner



\$5 who'll give me \$5 ?



Getting to grips with calculating and cutting designs



Maybe not the biggest fashion statement, but a fashion statement non-the-less



## New Roof

Between the front offices and the children's rooms at the back is the communal living area which sits under a wonderfully traditional bamboo and banana leaf roof. As construction materials go, we should probably be happy that it lasted as long as it did. But the time eventually came that the one time drip, drip dripping leaks had turned into full-on waterfalls. Each time it rained, there were not enough buckets, bowls, cooking pots and cups in the whole place to hold back the flood. Something had to be done!

Thankfully, a generous sponsor agreed to cover the cost of rebuilding the communal roof. And in early 2011, as the rains had finally stopped, work began in earnest.



Out with the old to make way for the new



Full health and safety considered as a worker maintains 3 points of contact with the rotting bamboo supports at all times



Why use a ladder, when a wobbly old chair balanced on top of a table will do just as well...



Can't wait for an end to "Flood Clean-Up Duty"



Bamboo weave ceiling keeps the traditional feel of the place



Varnished.....



And we're ready to entertain again.



## Old Palm Tree



At the entrance to the Children's Refuge proudly stand 2 huge palm trees either side of the gate. During the wet and windy rainy season they sway violently, threatening to fall over onto the local government office building opposite. During the dry season the huge dry palm fronds fall down onto the electricity power lines below, causing spark shows and blackouts for the immediate vicinity (picture opposite).

For a number of days there had been a rising smell coming from around the front of the Refuge building.

Was there a dead body in the open drainage channel that ran along the front of the building?

Had the septic tank overflowed?

It turns out that when a palm tree dies, the smell given off is something akin to all of these and more! There was no choice, we had to call in the experts. We asked everywhere but no-one was willing to come and help cut down the tree. It turns out that of the half a million inhabitants in all of Solo, there is only one expert. Only one man who is experienced and brave enough to cut down a palm tree. The 70 year old, Pak Suhar agreed to step out of retirement and help us.



Ever conscious of Health & Safety, Pak Suhar checks his bamboo ladder for woodworm



Safety rope carefully slung over his shoulder, Pak Suhar is ready to ascend



Left over right, right over left....  
Or was it the other way around?



No fancy gizmos for Pak Suhar  
Real men go barefoot and use a hand axe.



"No worries, I'll shimmy up from here!"



Just a few more hacks...  
"Hey, I can see my house from here!"



And away she goes !



All down, safe and sound.

Many thanks to Pak Suhar for coming out of retirement especially for us, and getting the job done without incident.

The stench of rotting palm pulp eventually cleared up in the weeks to come and life returned to normal once more....



## Widiombo Beach Trip

Every year we aim to take the children from the refuge on two outings if we can. The first of the year has traditionally been the white water rafting trip and the second, usually around September/October time is different each year. This year, with the help of Michael Micklem, the kids were treated to a fantastic tropical beach holiday. PT Sritex, a large local textile company, very generously supplied a bus complete with driver and fuel for the 3 hour trip to Widiombo beach, a beautiful small cove on the south coast of Java. At the beach, someone had built some bamboo huts and they very generously allowed us to use them during our stay. After unpacking all the gear, the kids attacked the beach and sea and pretty much stayed there for the rest of the day. They swam, had sandcastle competitions and buried each other in the sand, then as the sun went down, took artistic photos of themselves to add to their facebook profiles.





## Widiombo Beach Trip (continued)

That evening, after everyone had washed off the salty sea-water we gathered on the beach for a bonfire. The kids baked potatoes, cassava and sweet-corn in the fire's embers, sang songs and relaxed after a hard day of swimming in the sea. The following morning, after a hearty breakfast, we set off to visit some caves which were close to the beach we were staying at. Near one of the caves was a small Hindu temple on top of a hill, which also gave a beautiful view of the scenic landscape around. As it started to rain we all raced for the bus, to return to the beach for a final night before the long journey back to solo in the morning.





## Barbeque in the Park

On 3 October 2010 the Solo Expats Association (SEA) invited the children from the Refuge to a Barbeque at the local Balekembang park. It was a full fun family day out with many of the expats bringing their children as well. After filling up on sausages and burgers it was time for games and riding the park zip-line. Many thanks to the SEA for putting on the event and all the expats who sponsored the cost of the children - it was a great day out.



Bangers and Burgers for all



The kids dig in



The Expats dig in



Yes Mas Steve !



Walking on coconut shells



Walking on hands



Walking with an egg & spoon



Prize giving by SEA president Anne



Another team photo



Up.....?



Up !



And Awwwwaaaayyyyyyyyyyyyyyy.....



## Mbak Anik's Wedding

Mbak Anik was one of the first Care Givers to join the Children's Refuge when it began in 2007. During her time at the Refuge she also worked part-time as a nurse at a local hospital, which is where she met Mas Darmanto a security guard there. Looking after a bunch of rowdy kids somehow didn't put her off wanting to start a family of her own, and on 15 May 2011 Mbak Anik and Mas Darmanto were married. We all wish them both a very happy, healthy and long life together. Here's just a few photos from the glorious 'red themed' event:-



Here comes the Bride



The Groom's party arrives



Father of the Bride speech



Bride & Groom and Gunungan Staff



Bride & Groom and Gunungan Girls



Bride & Groom and Gunungan Boys



## Breaking the Fast 2010

Once again we have been very fortunate at the Refuge that so many groups have arranged fast breaking events with the children during the month of Ramadan. Almost every evening there was something going on and the children are sure to be treated to fun and games, some great food, and maybe even some presents if they're lucky. Here are just a few of the groups that arranged events this year:-



Kemronggo Youth Community



UNS University Computer Students



Bebe Family



Mbak Putri &amp; Friends



UNS University Farming Students



Amal Sahabat Foundation



'Paper Plane' Youth Group



Sragen High School Graduates 2008



Zona Steak Restaurant



Indosolo Motor



UNS University Psychology Students



UNS University Politics Students



## Graduation

This year we said a very fond farewell to Ning, Mira, Uki and Vina as they graduated from school and the Children's Refuge, and started a new chapter in their lives. We wish them all the very best for the future and hope they all have happy and fulfilling lives.



**Ning** was one of the first children to join the Refuge in 2007. After leaving the Refuge Ning got a job at a Reflexology Center as Cashier.



**Mira** was the first Christian child to join the Refuge. After leaving, she got a job in administration at a Sony Service Center



After leaving the Refuge **Uki** got a job in sales at a local electrical appliances shop.



**Vina** was accepted in a sales position at the newly opened mall "The Paragon Center" in the large home furnishings supermarket "Informa".





# GUNUNGAN ADVENTURE - INTRODUCING, THE....



## GUNUNGAN Charity Boat Race

Having already taken the canoes on a few trips to the local dams and lakes, and explored the unexplored rivers of Central Java, it was time to step things up. With months of planning beforehand, eventually on 27 February 2011 the first ever 'Gunungan Charity Boat Race' was held on the mighty Bengawan Solo River. The main purpose of the race was to introduce more people to the work of the organisation and hopefully raise some additional funds for the Children's Refuge. We also hoped to bring attention to the under utilization of the Bengawan Solo river and the opportunity it offers for many water sports and activities, as well as bring attention to the terribly polluted condition of all the rivers around Solo.

February being towards the end of the rainy season meant the river was flowing fast and high, perfect conditions for the 4.5 km race. Spectators turned out in their thousands, lining each side of the river from start to finish and as the races started, the crowds were shouting: "Dayung! - Dayung! - Dayung!" (Paddle! - Paddle! - Paddle!)



12 race canoes ready for action



Opening ceremony and briefing



Competitors equipped and ready to go



Competitors board their canoes



3...2...1...GO !!!



And they're off...



# THE GUNUNGAN CHARITY BOAT RACE (continued)



"Dayung!.....Dayung!...Dayung!"



Almost at the Finish Line, a railway bridge



Local SAR team bring their own canoe...



Big part of the race - The Funny Boats



4 poster bed with full Gamelan orchestra



The bed on its way - Merdeka !



Muddy, wet, but happy at the finish



Mas Mul gives interviews to the media



"Is this thing on.....?"



Prize giving ceremony

As it turned out, many of the local foreign expatriates took part, which gave the race a real international feel. Competitors from Australia, Denmark, Canada, China, England, Holland and of course Indonesia took part. Over the next couple of days, news of the race appeared on front pages of local newspapers and also national television. We are also very proud to report that the Mayor of Solo, Pak Jokowi, invited the Gunungan Charity Boat Race to become one of the official events to celebrate the city's Anniversary next year. Many thanks to the companies and individuals who so very generously sponsored the event. Without your help the race would not have been possible. Also many thanks to all the members of the Race Committee who worked tirelessly for months beforehand preparing everything and for their hard work on the day to run it all.





## Financial Report 2010

Presented below is the summary financial report for Gunungan Children's Refuge for the year ended 31 December 2010.

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

Statement of	
Financial Activities	IDR
<b>Incoming Resources:</b>	
Voluntary Income (see below)	266,944,599
Bank Interest Revenue	1,722,050
<b>Total Incoming Resources:</b>	<b>268,666,649</b>
<b>Resources Expended:</b>	
Refuge Staff Salaries	(65,650,000)
Food & Consumption	(64,170,002)
Education	(64,090,825)
Property Rent	(30,000,000)
Household	(17,784,616)
Electricity	(10,170,805)
Excursions	(4,929,431)
Telephone	(4,720,441)
Administration Staff Salaries	(11,050,000)
Administration Expenses	(10,564,402)
Fixed Asset Depreciation	(6,158,250)
<b>Total Resources Expended:</b>	<b>(289,288,772)</b>
<b>NET OUTGOING RESOURCES</b>	<b>(20,622,123)</b>

Balance Sheet	
31 Dec 2010	IDR
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>	
Furniture & Equipment	13,258,917
Vehicles	14,566,667
<b>Current Assets:</b>	
Cash at Bank & in Hand	49,427,557
Prepaid Expenses (Rent)	34,500,002
Other Receivable	15,683,417
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>	
Other Liabilities	(622,012)
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS:</b>	<b>126,814,548</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity:</b>	
Previous Year Funds	147,436,671
Current Year Funds	(20,622,123)
<b>TOTAL NET FUNDS:</b>	<b>126,814,548</b>



## Financial Report 2010 (continued)

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Voluntary Income	IDR
G0003	5,785,306
G0004	13,084,415
G0005	21,510,000
G0006	2,025,000
G0008	3,550,000
G0009	24,000,000
G0011	1,925,000
G0018	625,000
G0019	200,000
G0034	10,982,880
G0035	70,971,140
G0036	1,573,253
G0040	7,751,524
G0044	1,300,000
G0050	2,993,000
G0051	420,000
G0052	6,500,000
G0053	50,000
G0054	1,175,000
G0055	250,000
G0056	2,814,600
G0057	9,336,300
G0058	300,000
G0059	225,000
G0060	100,000
G0061	50,000
G0062	200,000
G0063	400,000
G0065	100,000
G0066	500,000
G0067	100,000
G0068	1,000,000
G0069	1,805,000
G0070	200,000

Voluntary Income	IDR
G0071	75,000
G0072	75,000
G0073	150,000
G0074	150,000
G0075	75,000
G0076	300,000
G0077	250,000
G0078	150,000
G0079	100,000
G0080	90,850
G0081	450,950
G0082	200,000
G0083	100,000
G0084	400,000
G0085	60,000
G0088	7,283,060
G0089	1,302,393
G0090	200,000
G0091	100,000
G0092	250,000
G0093	200,000
G0094	21,900,000
G0095	137,376
G0096	343,441
G0097	151,230
G0098	4,742,656
G0099	336,915
G0100	134,766
G0101	269,532
G0102	404,298
G0103	404,298
G0104	269,532
G0105	673,830
G0106	269,532

Voluntary Income	IDR
G0107	336,915
G0108	336,915
G0109	202,149
G0110	404,298
G0111	673,830
G0112	250,000
G0113	425,000
G0114	250,000
G0115	220,000
G0116	300,000
G0117	100,000
G0118	100,000
G0119	400,000
G0120	100,000
G0121	500,000
G0126	710,907
G0127	716,674
G0128	4,442,622
G0129	2,841,212
G0130	17,832,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>266,944,599</b>



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“ Just try and hold us back! “

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