



# NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

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## Dear Friends - Indonesia Panas!

*Indonesia is hot! - Since the children on our compound started using this as a greeting a few weeks ago, rather than "Apa kabar?" (How are you?), I guess it must have been really hot, even for them.*

Recently the provincial weather bureau warned about the effects of El Nino for this region - exceptionally hot temperatures and possibly drought for the next few months. I looked at the weather charts for Sanggau to find out what that means in figures – During the day in the mid thirties and at night cooling down to just below 30°. There was one diagram about perceived temperature and humidity, and for the whole year there are two colors only. Orange – labelled oppressive; and Red – labelled miserable.

We thank God that up to now we still have enough water, after its major rehabilitation, the big storage pond at the bottom of the compound is still keeping filled from a little creek that by now already only flows underground; and our borehole produces enough water for drinking, cooking etc. Another three weeks and most of the children will be going to their villages for the school holidays. They come back end of June/beginning of July (still dry season) , but that is tomorrow’s worry, and Jesus tells us:

**“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious about itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (MATTHEW 6:34)**

I talked with a few boys a couple of weeks ago – they were expressing their worries about the upcoming exams. Together, we tried to apply this verse and one thing that came up was this: there are two kinds of worries, the ones one simply can do nothing about (what will the exam questions be?) and the ones where one can do something and might actually be responsible to take action today (like sitting down and studying), and by that way at least reduce the worry or anxiety about tomorrow.

The verse before in Matthew’s gospel of course says: “Seek first the kingdom of God ...”

What also helps in times of anxiety and trouble is making God the foundation of our lives. That sets us on solid ground. Some of our children did that in a very special way on Easter Sunday in our wonderful resurrection service. At the end of it, nine girls got baptized. What a joy to see them take this step of faith and obedience and expressing their commitment to follow Jesus wholeheartedly.

*Thank you for your love and care for the children and staff here at New Hope, for your prayers and your support.*

*Wolfgang & Heidi*

Wolfgang & Heidi (for all staff and children of NHM)



### PRAY FOR

- The wedding of our staff members Alton and Ayu on June 17.
- God’s protection for all children and staff during the holidays.

### PRAISE GOD

- Jasima has finished her degree in education and is back serving at New Hope.
- His provision of enough water up to now and (in faith) in the coming dry season.

### CHILDREN’S THANK YOU CARDS

We have just sent out the thank-you letters all our children have written via Indonesian air mail and hope all reach. If you sponsor a child and don’t receive a letter by latest mid July, kindly let us know.



## APPRECIATING EACH OTHER

Living as a big family in a boarding home has its challenges as it is easy to rub someone up the wrong way, but it also creates opportunities to find creative ways of appreciating one another.

A new trend has started recently: Some children put their pocket money together, buy all the ingredients needed for a birthday cake and then together with Tante Heidi bake it for their friend. Then they sit together, often in our living room or on the veranda before the house and enjoy the special treat, complete with birthday song, candle, and sometimes a small common gift.

Meanwhile, some hungry boys have figured out that there isn't even need of a birthday for baking cake and enjoying it ...

## LEAVING THE NEST

In April, our nine class XII students had their final exams; and all of them passed well. While they were mostly excited and looking forward to going out and to venture into life, more than a few also expressed their anxieties and feelings of not being ready to "leave the nest". No wonder as most of them stayed here for six years, two even for twelve.

After a two-year break, we were again able to have a boot camp for them, two weeks of teaching and exploring together themes and topics helping them to chart their future course of life successfully. Laying the right foundations, Making good choices, Setting goals and pursuing them, Choosing good company, Guarding your heart and your faith – those were some of the themes.

We also did some fun activities together, like a day trip to the local waterfalls with a barbecue. In the end we had a big graduation ceremony - a joyful and tearful farewell celebration!.



## FIFTY FOR FIFTY AND FORTY FOR HUNDRED

In last year's September newsletter, we already shared about the need to renovate one of the girls' dormitories – a two story building currently housing more than forty children. Due to rot of the wooden frame structure just above the ground, this needs to be done urgently; before the structural integrity of the building gets compromised further. The floors of the ground level will have to be broken out, the foundation points reinforced, the ground beams and floor replaced.

Of course, while work is going on, the girls will need to be housed in other buildings on the compound.



We need beds as well for that, as the old inbuilt wooden bunk beds are not salvageable. After renovation, the girls will move back together with the new beds.

*A big project, and we really need some help for this. We have to reinforce fifty foundation points (about fifty Dollars each); and need twenty new bunk beds at two hundred Dollars each for 40 children (or 100 Dollars for each sleeping space).*

***Would you be willing to join in and help with this project?***

You can [donate online via the World-Outreach website](#), or via the same means you have been using before (please mark your donation "New Hope Foundations/New Hope Beds"). Or please contact us for further information.

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