

Rehabilim Trust At Work

Rehabilim Trust member Paul Garrett from Carterton put his DIY skills to very good use on a recent visit to Bali. Here's his story:

We travelled up the coast for about 2 hours to Amed a small town on the north east coast of Bali to Ibu Susan's house, built by the people from Puspadi Bali. We had learnt that Ibu Susan had injured her back as the result of a serious accident and was confined to her bed. Her daughter was forced to give up school to not only look after her mother but to also get water each day for the house. The water well was over two kilometres away taking most of the day to make the return trip.

With the help of Ibu Susan's son, and the team from Puspadi Bali – our driver Wayan and field officers Gunung and Kepae, we layed a water pipe from the street to the house, a distance of about 60 metres, connected it to the plumbing in the house then connected it to the water pipe out on the street. Ibu Susan now has running water in her new house.

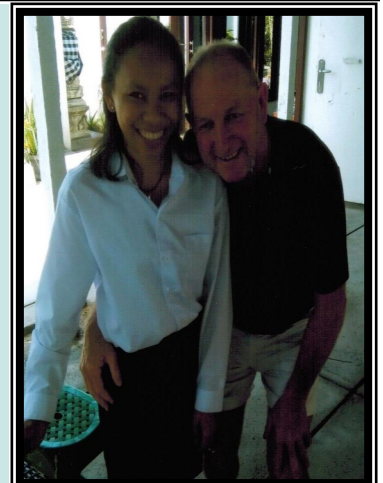
A wonderful thing for the family and especially her daughter who can now go back to school. I would like to acknowledge the generous \$350 donation from the Rotary Club of Carterton which went towards the materials.

Day 2; Wayan picked us up from our accommodation and we went to another home up in the forest where there are only dirt tracks to the houses. We met up with Latra, the Director of Puspadi Bali, Gunung, and Kepae and built a concrete ramp to the house to help a man in a wheel chair to get better access to his house. The house was about one metre off the ground and his family struggled to get him in and out of the house. The concrete was all mixed by hand and carried to the ramp in little buckets. Boy, was it very hot work!!

Day 3, we went to Nusa Dua to visit a young girl, Arik Widyastuti, who had finished a 3 year scholarship provided by Rehabilim Trust for an IT course that she passed with good results.

Arik became physically disabled when at ten months old she fell out of bed. The hospital said there was nothing wrong with her. However as she grew she developed problems with her legs and was unable to walk properly. At the age of sixteen she was provided physiotherapy treatment by Puspadi Bali, which resulted in only minor improvement. Arik planned to leave school after junior high school because her parents could not afford any more education. The Rehabilim Trust scholarship changed all that.

She is now at a school called Baliwise that caters for females between the ages of 18 to 30 years old. They spend 3 months in a classroom learning english and then get 3 months on-the-job training which is usually at hotels or offices. 95% of the women get permanent work out of it. They are also taught about land and ecology and that recycling is very important. Arik is doing very well according to her teachers, she is hoping to make a career in the travel industry.



Chairman's Chat



Recently a French Film crew came to Wellington to do a documentary film about life in Wellington. For some inexplicable reason, they chose to film our street on the Saturday when we had a neighbourhood BBQ as part of "Know your Neighbour Week".

We had closed off the street and had BBQs set up. As it was also Easter, we had children's egg and spoon races, The Great Easter Egg Hunt and a Jaffa race down part of our steep street.

As one of the self-appointed BBQ chefs, I was busy cooking when the camera man came over and asked me a few questions.

He asked me why do you do this, and how much do you get paid for doing it, and how much do you charge the residents? When I told him that it was pot luck, that we all pitched in and it was free

to all including him, his priorities changed to sampling the marinated Lamb Chops !! End of questions. The film is to be shown on French TV and I saw the promo trailer of it and with an introduction by Hon. Jo Goodhew Minister for Community and Volunteer sector, who commented that New Zealanders do more volunteer work per capita than any other country.

This is reflected in the makeup of the Rehabilim Trust Inc. I and two others have been on the board for more than 20 years, with the rest of the Trustees having served 10 year to 15 years each. In all about 140 years of service.

The stories you see in this issue of Rehabilim News about some of the young people Rehabilim and the Colin McLennan Trusts have helped over the years makes great reading and keep us all motivated. Your generous support is vital to the welfare of children with disabilities in Indonesia. We thank you for that support.

Our first Colin McLennan scholarship candidate has completed her studies, and is now looking for a job. She has done well and has

benefited from her IT study. Currently we are calling for more applications, as we want to grow the numbers of recipients. Our support of YPAC Malang in central Java has seen the start of batik production and a building renovation programme completed. YPAC Malang have shown they are keen to encourage our support. All the early indications are very promising as they keep us up to date with regular reports and we have been delighted with the way they have got on with the renovations, as you'll see from the photos in this newsletter.

We are making a difference.

Ambassador's visit

Rehabilim Trust maintains an ongoing relationship with the New Zealand Embassy in Jakarta keeping the Ambassador and his staff up to date on the Trust's presence and activities throughout Indonesia.

Earlier in the year Ambassador Trevor Matheson visited the YAKKUM centre in Yogyakarta. The visit is important to not only see where the support from New Zealand is bringing results but also ensure the local government is kept aware of the work being done by organisations such as Rehabilim in helping those with disabilities.

The Ambassador was impressed with what is being achieved. So much so that he bought several items of craftwork produced by disabled people in the centre. Much to the delight of the staff and local officials.

Cattle help fund community initiatives

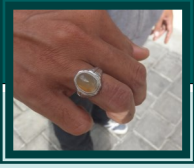
Several years ago Rehabilim Trust Board member Noel Reid and his family kindly donated money for the purchase of cattle to be used in a breeding programme as a fundraiser for YAKKUM Bali. We are pleased to report the project has been helping to fund community projects in Bali through the sale of calves born to the original herd.

Funds have been used to purchase two motorcycle delivery vehicles to take reading and learning materials to schools around the island.

Also a car has been bought to collect disabled people to take them to medical and treatment appointments.



Catching up with two Rehabilim beneficiaries – Jon Neilson



On my trip to Bali in June I caught up with two young men who had been helped by the Rehabilim Trust and YAKKUM Bali (now Puspadi Bali).

Eight years ago my wife Carol and I met a very unhappy young man who had just had his leg amputated as the result of a motorcycle accident. His friend, who was driving, died in the crash. His future looked very bleak. He came from a poor family who were unable to pay for any rehabilitation. His prospects of employment were minimal.

We were able to assure him and his family that the Rehabilim Trust through YAKKUM Bali could change his life, and so began a speedy recovery and a brighter future.

Today, Wayann Muantara, now 30, married with his first child on the way, is all smiles.



Wayann's dream was to own his own silver shop and sell his handcrafted jewellery. The crash changed all that. But thanks to Rehabilim

and YAKKUM Bali he has been able to relive his dream. He hasn't got the money yet for the shop but is determined to one day make that dream come true.

Once a week he travels, on a motorcycle, from his village near Karangsem in north eastern Bali to Keraboken near Denpasar to collect his materials and sell his jewellery.

He has had three new prostheses over the years and says each one has been an improvement with the changes in technology. "The old technology was simpler to use. Now I just have to adjust and control the new leg. But it is much better."



I first met Gede Suantaka when I interviewed his sister Nengah Widiyasihi, now a Paralympic weightlifter, back in 2009. The story featured in the November 2009 issue of Rehabilim News.

Rehabilim and YAKKUM Bali heard about Gede and his sister thirteen years ago in a village up in the Bali highlands. The family was poor, barely making a living out of a couple of cows and growing crops on leased land. Both children had suffered the effects of polio from birth. Nengah was only able to crawl around on the dirt floor and did not go

to school until the age of ten, while Gede, who had one leg six inches shorter than the other, went to a local elementary school.

YAKKUM Bali took Nengah in to their care. Gede went to YAKKUM after finishing elementary school and saw the amazing progress his sister had made while under YAKKUM Bali's care.

With support from Rehabilim, both young people were provided with surgery, physiotherapy and educational programmes and eventually graduated through high school.

Gede, now 29, has been working for the last three years as a trainee manager in the Purchasing section at the Mercure Hotel in Nusa Dua and one day hopes to employ and manage staff. He has a diploma in Computer Accounting and earns around \$NZ360 a month. He says if the hotel has a good season he'll get a bonus. Out of that comes his rent for a room in Nusa Dua and his living expenses.

With an operation to lengthen the tendon to give flexibility to his knee his leg has grown and he now only has a very short prosthetic foot to help him walk normally.

His sister Nengah competed at the 2012 London Paralympics and is currently training hard for next year's Rio Paralympics.

To see what these young people are now able to achieve after suffering physical disabilities is truly amazing and provides those of us who support the work of Rehabilim – and that includes you, our very important and generous donors - with a real sense of pride that we are all able to make a difference in this part of the world.

My big thank you to the Kloeten family and Rehabilim Trust

Let me introduce myself, my name is Farid Setyawan but my friends usually call me Farid. I live in Kantongan Wetan, Daerah Istimewa Yogyakarta. I live with my parents and my one year old younger brother (Muhammad Farhan Nur Arsyad). My father works as a labourer in a garment factory in Tamansiswa, for 20 years, and my mother is a house wife. My father gains a barely adequate income every month and he uses it to pay our daily needs and my school tuition.

I am now in my third year of my formal education in socio-economic agriculture under the faculty of agriculture of Gadjah Mada University. I am very happy, enthusiastic and always want to give my best. Unfortunately I also face obstacles during my study. One of them is the lack of money to buy the supporting books or

gaining material from the lecturer which brings impact to the result of my study.

Early in my 4th semester, I had a phone call from Pusat Rehabilitasi YAKKUM, Yogyakarta, asking me to come to their office. They told they had recommended me for a scholarship from the family of Klaas Kloeten through the Rehabilim Trust. I am very happy and so grateful that I received RP25. 000. 000, 00 to support my school tuition. It means so much to me, since I can relieve my parents' burden and I can get the material that I need for my study. I can now buy books and pay for handouts I have to copy to support my study. I also use the money to pay the Operational Tuition and Education Contributions for each semester. Now, I can obtain the best results in my study. It can be seen from the significant improvement in my achievement index.

When I was on my 4th semester (before I received the scholarship) I only got 3, 04 and on my 5th semester (after the support from the Kloeten family) I successfully increase my grade to 3,75. I am convinced that it is because I have no problems in providing all books and other necessities for my study.

Finally I would like to say how grateful I am to the Kloeten family and the Rehabilim Trust in giving me the opportunity that brings such a major impact in my life. I would also like to give my gratitude for the education staff, Bu Rumi, Mbak Ocha and others who have helped me obtaining the scholarship. Once again I would like to give my biggest gratitude to the Kloeten family and all those who bring big changes in my life.

Kiwi donations for renovation at YPAC Malang

Here's proof of the impact of Kiwi donations. In our last newsletter we mentioned the then New Zealand Ambassador in Indonesia, David Taylor, had made a large donation from his Head of Mission Fund to YPAC Malang following his visit to the centre. This was also supported by a contribution from the Rehabilim Trust.



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panti anak manula rawat,
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Voluntourism - an idea for a school trip !!!

Follow this link :

<http://www.puspadibali.org/programs/voluntourism/>

to see a school team, ages ranging from 14 – 16, from Europe who decided to volunteer for a house building project in Bali overseen by Puspadi Bali.

May be this is an opportunity for a New Zealand school who is looking for an overseas experience.



The Rehabilim Trust Inc

The Rehabilim Trust was established originally to support the YAKKUM Rehabilitation Centre in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Founded by New Zealander, the late Colin McLennan MBE, the Centre provides assistance to disabled children and young adults to enable them become independent and self reliant by learning and using income-generating skills.

The Centre is part of "Yayasan Kristen untuk Kesehatan Umum" (YAKKUM) - the "Christian Foundation for Public Health" - and helps all children regardless of religion. The Centre is often referred to by its Indonesian name Pusat Rehabilitasi YAKKUM, or PRY.

The Rehabilim Trust Inc endeavours each year to raise \$20,000 to support PRY and similar organisations caring for the disabled in Indonesia.

Rehabilim Donation Form

I wish to support young physically handicapped Indonesians.

Enclosed is my cheque, made out to "The Rehabilim Trust", for \$ _____

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