

Successful visit to NZ by director of YPAC Malang

by Duncan Graham



The visit by Ibu Endang Haryani was an outstanding success, largely because of the organisational skills and hospitality of Rehabilim members. The Wesley and Reid families didn't just offer beds and meals – they added friendship. Consequently Endang was able to visit other places, see how Kiwis live and appreciate the values we hold dear.

Staff at schools, churches, workshops, offices and even Tranz Metro welcomed our interest and spent considerable time answering questions. They shared their successes and concerns and showed interest in the situation in Indonesia.

As a result Endang has returned with full notebooks and electronic albums of photos to help lift services for the handicapped in her homeland.

Not everything she saw will migrate successfully. For example there's no compulsory no-fault insurance system in Indonesia so ACC-funded resources, like the high-tech vehicle modifications undertaken in Carterton by John Braiden, are rare.

So are the amenities available at places like the Wilson Centre in Auckland and Kimi Ora in Hutt. These are impressive and demonstrate what's possible in a caring society where citizens have the power to hold governments to their responsibilities – but unlikely to be replicated in Indonesia anytime soon.

However some therapies and initiatives can travel. Endang was keen to garner everyday tips developed by experienced educators and administrators. There are effective therapies which don't need expensive equipment. Masterton's King Street Art Centre is a splendid example of a popular and effective low-cost community service.

We were told of an international network of teachers of the handicapped that uses Skype to exchange ideas. However all members are part of the Anglosphere so the forum is useful only to fluent users of English. On our return to Indonesia we will try to help YPAC get access to this group.

It's important that the energy generated through Endang's visit doesn't slip down the gears. She is preparing a Power Point presentation of her trip for YPACs in East Java and, we hope, other provinces. We look forward to hearing about her progress and achievements as her busy schedule allows.

We have made contact with the Kea NZ ex-pat network and the ANZA Jakarta Club. Both have agreed to help find engagements for Endang over the next few months.

There is much work to be done to make a difference in the lives of those coping with physical disabilities and who struggle to earn enough to live on.



Web site upgrade

The Trust is upgrading its website www.RehabilimTrust.org

We also have a Face Book page Rehabilim Trust inc

Have a look and spread the word.

Chairman's Chat



This past three months have been very busy for many of our Trustees organising the visit of the Director of YPAC Malang Ibu Endang Haryani. This visit generated a large amount of satisfaction and interest.

NZ can be pleased and proud of it's recognition of disabled citizens, yet we need to keep supporting those people who have drawn a bad card in the game of life.

In Indonesia, attempts are being made to get a better deal for disabled people, and to change people's thinking that because you are disabled, you cannot contribute to society.

I need to acknowledge the support we received for Endang's visit: His Excellency Jose Taveres the Indonesian Ambassador who supported this visit and made facilities at the Embassy available for

meetings; to Duncan Graham and wife Erlina, whose brainwave it was in the first instance, and who continued to see the whole project through to completion; to Laurie and Barbara Wesley of St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Birkenhead who hosted and arranged visits to various institutions; to St Andrews Presbyterian Church on The Terrace in Wellington for allowing us to address the congregation, and to the Mayor of Wellington for giving up her valuable time, and then writing a letter of support for disabled people to the Mayor of Malang.

If I was to list all who had been involved, I would almost fill this newsletter, so to all who attended functions and who made the visit the success it was, a very big thank you. Somehow that seems inadequate.

Riding for the Disabled (RDA) has been established in NZ since 1962 and has 55 branches. It is now in 44 countries, but not in Indonesia. Endang Haryani was most impressed with the benefits of RDA when she visited the Kenepuru branch in Porirua. The Rehabilim Trust will be making

endeavours to see if it can lobby a partner to set this up in Indonesia, and already some progress has been made. Our Trust will not be involved other than to promote the benefits of RDA to the yayasans (charities) we support in Indonesia. Watch this space for progress...hopefully !

Stop press !!!

As this newsletter goes to print The Rehabilim Trust Inc has forwarded to the Rotary District Governor in Surabaya a proposal to establish RDA in Indonesia. It carries endorsements and offers of support from health professionals, RDA (NZ) Rotary and His Excellency the Indonesian Ambassador Jose Taveres.

Watch this space in the next issue !!

The Shadows that Dance in and out of my Memory

In 1964 a young New Zealander arrives in Indonesia and is held at gunpoint at Jakarta airport with her Balinese husband and 13-month old daughter. Unable to cash in their travellers cheques due to the country's anti-capitalist stance, they struggle to finance their onward journey. Finally arriving in Bali, they live with her husband's noble family and she must adjust to a new way of life.

Jan Mantjika was a dancer working for The Dominion newspaper in Palmerston North, New Zealand, when she married a Balinese student studying agriculture and animal husbandry under the Colombo Plan in her home town. In 1964 they moved to Bali with their first child and he took up a post as a lecturer at Udayana University. They were present in Bali during the aborted 30th September Movement, which triggered massacres nation-wide as Suharto came into power. Pregnant with her second child, Jan was eyewitness to the killings of 1965 and went hungry for months. In 1969, Jan and her husband opened one of Bali's first Travel Agencies, Jan's Tours.

Jan recounts her experiences during the early days of tourism in Bali, her love of the island, and her personal adventures of bringing up a large extended family in Bali, with both humour and anguish.

The trauma of 1965 and the years following made a painful yet inexpungible impression. Half a century later, Jan has been able to unlock long suppressed memories and face their shadows with confidence.

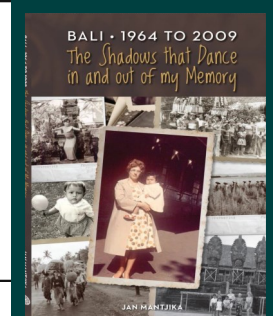
The book can be purchased from

Dr Nick Lambrecht,

Deputy Chairman,

Rehabilim Trust – email nick@crypt.co.nz

Cost \$NZ35



Who is Ibu Endang Haryani & what is YPAC Malang

Ibu Endang Haryani is the director of Yayasan Pembinaan Anak Cacat (YPAC or Foundation for the Care of Handicapped Children) in Malang, East Java.

There are 17 YPACs across Indonesia, originally established during the 1950s polio epidemic. Now the crippling disease has been almost defeated by the Salk vaccine, the YPACs care for children with all handicaps, physical and intellectual.

"Apart from access problems, attitudes also need to change," Haryani said. "The disabled have rights and need to be accepted and treated equally."

"The idea that a handicapped child is a curse for sins committed by parents persists. Children can be locked away, hidden from neighbors. The kids don't get schooling or the care they need. Those with autism get labelled naughty."

"At YPAC Malang we send staff into the community to try and dispel these myths and get families involved in rehabilitation."

YPAC Malang is a secular organisation with around 130 students. Most live at home and visit daily for therapy and schooling. Some orphans stay on the premises.

Haryani was trained as an agricultural engineer and became a successful business-woman. She got involved with YPAC as a part-time volunteer "because I wanted to give something back to the community for the many blessings received by my family".

Later she was appointed to the board of directors and community leaders. Her reforming zeal and ability to encourage business to donate through corporate social responsibility programs led to her election as director until 2018. This is an unpaid position.

Her comments on her visit to New Zealand:

"The way Kiwis look at the disabled is significantly different," Haryani said. "The welfare system provides a minimum payment of NZ\$262 a week for the sick and injured who can't work."

"The Accident Compensation Corporation is a universal no-fault accident injury scheme providing free medical care and rehabilitation support. This often includes modifying cars so a person with lower limb damage can continue to drive using hand controls – and recover their independence."

"There are community art workshops where the handicapped develop their skills in pottery, painting and crafts. This is an idea I think could transfer to Indonesia. These facilities are in town centres and available to the able-bodied."

"This means the disabled are not separated from the rest of society. They mix with everyone else so are not seen as being different. This is important."

"The slogan in NZ is 'see the person, not the problem'. There are reports that President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo expressed surprise last year when he heard handicapped people sing during a ceremony to mark International Disabilities Day in Indonesia."

Her story

"Why should this be unusual? A person who can't use their limbs can still use their brains and other faculties."

"British cosmologist Professor Stephen Hawking has motor neurone disease, yet wrote his best-seller A Brief History of Time from his wheelchair using technology which transferred his facial movements into words."

"Unfortunately our outdated laws still consider the handicapped to be incapable. Modern thinking is that they should and can contribute to society. Our job is to ensure they can reach their full potential as citizens with dignity."



Artwork Workshop at King Street Masterton

Getting close to the cows in dairy shed on Noel Reid's farm near Masterton



Fitting out vehicles for disabled drivers at Braiden International, Carterton

Longstanding supporters of Rehabilim — by Nick Lambrecht

Laurie and Barbara Wesley have been very long and generous supporters of the Rehabilim Trust. Their interest in Indonesia began when they worked there from early 1960 to 1963 as part of the NZ University Students Association's "Volunteer Graduate Scheme (VGS) for Indonesia". This was the forerunner of Volunteer Service Abroad (VSA). Laurie and Barbara share their Indonesian memories in a book about VGS published in 2013.

Laurie completed a Master of Engineering at the University of Auckland, specialising in soil mechanics, and was keen to work in an Asian country. On a visit to Australia he discovered VGS and was accepted for work in the Public Works Department of Indonesia, stationed in Bandung at the Institute for Soil and Highway Investigations.

Laurie married Barbara in NZ in September 1961 and brought her back to Bandung where she taught English. Her family and friends wondered what she was letting herself in for, going to a strange country that most NZers had not heard of. Their first daughter Judith was born there. Barbara had many enjoyable and amazing experiences in Indonesia often accompanying Laurie on some of his work visits to different parts of the country.



They returned to Indonesia in 1968, not as an Indonesian government employee, but paid by the NZ government, working again at the same institute in Bandung for the next 4 years.

Laurie became involved with the founding of what became the Yakkum Rehabilitation Centre, Pusat Rehabilitasi Yakkum [PRY] while a member of the Joint Mission Board of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. The Board was approached by Ian Cairns, a Presbyterian minister teaching at the theological university in Yogyakarta. His path had crossed that of Colin McLennan, resulting in Ian taking a case to the Joint Board seeking financial support for Colin. Laurie knew Ian Cairns very well and happy to support the proposal, and in 1980 the Board agreed to pay Colin's salary for several years. Laurie first visited the Centre in the early 1980s when it was in a rented house in Gang Timur Timur. He has visited it many times since in its "new" Jl Kaliurang premises. Last year, Laurie and Barbara visited Indonesia again and met up with Ibu Arshintia, the present director of PRY.

Laurie and Barbara have been members of St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Birkenhead for many years where they have helped the church to raise funds for PRY, and to host Rehabilim Trust visitors. Their love of Indonesia and its people has given St Andrews Church a much greater understanding of Indonesia, its religions, its problems, and its disabled people.

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 to 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 \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

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Endang's visit snapshots



Wesley Family with Endang – Auckland



In a disabled workshop
Auckland



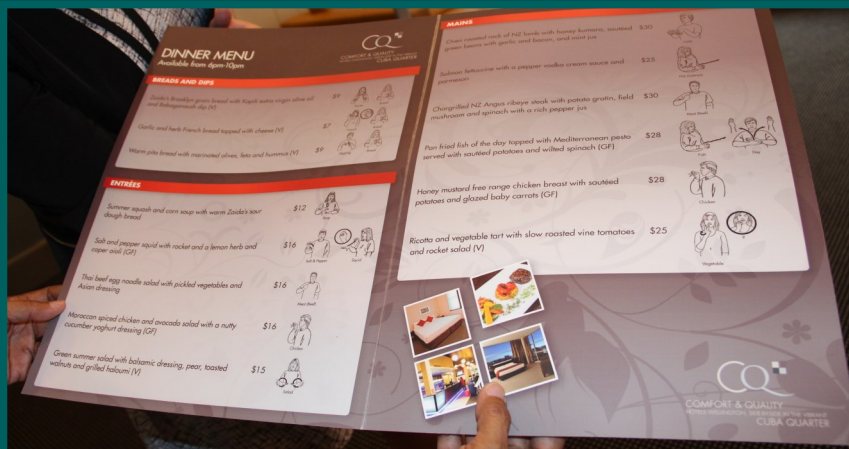
Presenting Indonesian Ambassador with batik shirts
made by YPAC Malang members



Presenting Mayor of Wellington
Celia Wade-Brown
with batik made by members of
YPAC Malang



Sign language menu at CQ Hotel in Wellington – the hotel won National Award for this innovative idea



Being shown Tranz Metro trains wheelchair ramp on suburban trains

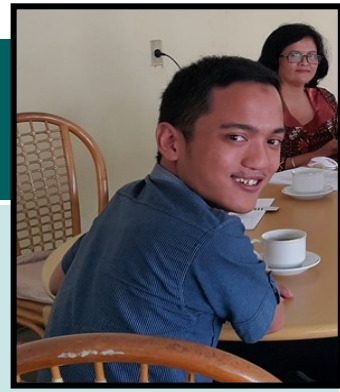


Presentation gift from Rehabilim Trust Chairman Bill Russell

Rehabilim Scholarship news

It's always great to hear from our scholarship recipients, report on their progress and find out how they have got on with their lives.

Today we hear from two such scholars – Farid and Arik – both of whom featured in our October issue of Rehabilim News, and our newest scholarship recipient - Agus.



Farid

Here's a letter from Farid to the Kloeten family whose father bequeathed financial support to Rehabilim. These funds were used to help Farid in his first year at university in Yogyakarta.

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Dear the Family of Mr. Kloeten

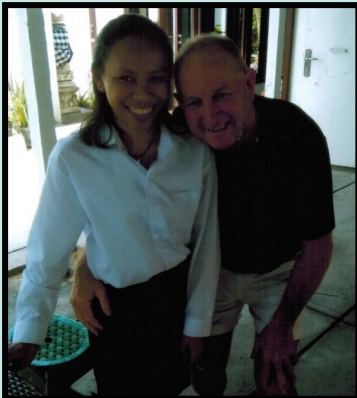
I would like to report the progress of my college. So far, I'm still in the process to preparing my college thesis. In early April, I've finished doing field research about "Soybean Demand on Tofu Industry in Sleman". Now, I'm still doing input the research data and I have a target to graduate in August 2016, hopefully I was given a convenience to doing my research.

On the other hand, in this semester I also get a special chance to be a teaching assistant for some course. This is very helpful for me to training my skills, so I can more accustomed to speaking in public. Moreover, it's also further strengthen my relationship with some of professors in my department. Then began earlier this month, I've joined an English course at UGM to improve my English skills. In this plan, it will be finished until May 19, 2016. This is truly a privilege and a rewarding experience for me because I've been able to join and improve my English skills. Hopefully, in the future I can be more confident in using English to communicate, both orally and in writing. I think it's all that I can say on this occasion, I hope you pleased with the progress of my lecture. Thank you the Family of Mr. Kloeten. Farid.

Editor's note: We are pleased to announce that the Kloeten Family have again very generously agreed to provide funds for Farid's last year.

Arik has been in fulltime employment in Bali since February. She received three years of scholarship from Rehabilim and then from Bali Wise Nusa Dua for six months to study computer administration which has enabled her to get a job at DMC. This is great news and shows the value of the support provided by your generous donations to help young people in Indonesia with physical disabilities become self-sufficient and able to earn a living.

We were able to make a difference in Arik's life. Thank you.



Arik with Trust member Paul Garrett

Agus Rohmat – our newest scholarship recipient. Agus has been working at YPAC Malang as a janitor and wants to study for a Batchelor of Special Education and teach at YPAC Malang. He is currently studying extracurricular subjects to help improve his grades and achieve his goal of a degree. He has had his disability since birth and like so many others, comes from a very poor family.



Agus with Rehabilim Chairman Bill Russell