

Rehabilim Scholars coping with Covid

We have asked the Rehabilim scholarship students to provide us with regular progress reports and how they are coping through the pandemic. Their enthusiasm, smiles and positive comments says it all and clearly shows the value of your contribution and support to the scholarship and what it means to them.

Frisna Prambudiantika

Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta University; studying Economy

I am now in my last semester doing my thesis on Cooperative Strategy during a Pandemic. The key here is to ensure the questions provide sound reliable responses to make sure the data is accurate. Because there's limited movement during the pandemic, the new normal, it seems everything is going so slowly.

I only go to campus for appointments with the lecturer, for everything else I go online.

I want to finish my study soon so I can get a job.



Sufyan Abdurrahman Kuagow

AMIKOM University studying Informatics Management



I am finishing my thesis on Commercial Video for a small copier shop. To help financially I am working in Dr Vapor, an electric cigarette company in Bantul.

I enjoy the work not just for the money but also the work experience. Once I've finished my thesis I hope to use the certificate, skills and work experience to get a better position there.

Annisa Rahmadani

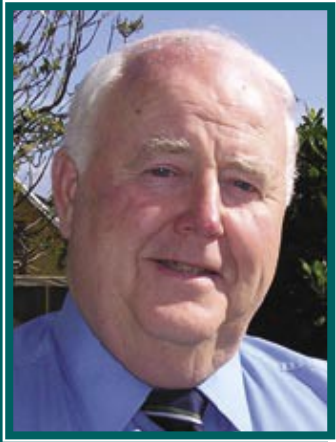
Sarjanawiyata Tamansiswa University studying Management

I have realised I need to focus more on my studies and less on preparing for archery competition. In August I did a Community Service programme (KKN) in Sengir, Sumberharjo Village, Prambanan and did administration online for Teletubbies Tourism Village.

I also provided socialization, management and administration of tourist attractions to the village manager. I am determined to finish my thesis and graduate as soon as possible so I can concentrate on a job.



From The Chair



(and America too) struggling for nigh on a year now and still people protest about lockdown and try to ignore it.

Indonesia was no different. Lockdowns were tried in the major cities but when Ramadan came, the lockdown rules were flouted openly. At the time of writing, Indonesia was recording one million cases of the virus and no doubt it will hit vulnerable people, the poor, and the disabled.

We have no reports of any of our students being affected and we hope it remains that way.

Riding for the Disabled (RDA) The Rehabilim Trust had been keen to see the first branch of Riding for the Disabled (RDA) established in Indonesia under the auspices of Yayasan Pembinaan anak cacat Malang (YPAC). Sadly the onslaught of wide scale Covid – 19 virus infections has forced the project to be put on hold.

Neighbouring city Surabaya is one of the worst hit areas for the virus along with Jakarta.

In addition, obtaining a lease on suitable land and recruiting trained staff under the prevailing conditions made the whole project unworkable at this stage.

The Trust had been holding monies on behalf of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church to assist in the setting up of an RDA, but the money will now be used for other projects at YPAC Malang.

We look forward to this new year with confidence that we can continue to offer disabled young people in Indonesia some hope and a second chance to better themselves.

All the very best for 2021 and stay safe.

Bill Russell

Welcome to this first newsletter for 2021 and our apologies for the long silence.

It would be easy to blame the delays on Covid -19, but in all honesty we cannot say that. It is not that we have been affected other than the inconvenience by the lockdown but other matters have occupied our time in the past few months.

Amalgamation of Trusts
Firstly, we have amalgamated the Colin McLennan Memorial Trust into the Rehabilim Trust Inc. We did this after much discussion to avoid the bureaucracy that goes with charities reporting these days.

Both sets of returns were almost identical, both sets of returns required auditing and various questions to be answered, all identical. Given that we are a voluntary organisation and that members and supporters give up their free time to ensure we do the right thing for the disabled young people in Indonesia, it was unanimous that we amalgamate the two Trusts after taking legal advice.

Its important to note that nothing will change.

Covid in Indonesia The covid – 19 virus has hit Indonesia hard. Like many countries, whatever plan they had developed to combat it, that plan was never followed. A classic example is the UK

Sulistyo Pradana

KAMIKOM University studying Informatics Engineering

I am very happy to finish my thesis during the pandemic because I was only able to discuss it with my supervisor by email or via zoom.

English is very important in my job as a programmer at a startup company PT. Kleda Sejantera so I am actively developing my English by taking extra courses.

I'm looking forward to the graduation ceremony in April, even though it will be held online.



Kloeten Scholar

Uswinda Dwi Lestari

Sarjanawiyata Tamansiswa University studying Psychology

I am in my last semester and have just finished the Community Service Programme creating a poster for mental health in the Covid-19 pandemic, "Sharing is Caring" - sharing food for elderly people and people with disabilities, and sharing handwash stickers to ensure the community does it correctly.



I'm now aiming to have my thesis finished by April so I can focus on getting a job to better support myself, and hopefully, I would like to do an internship overseas. My thanks also to the Kloeten family for supporting me through my studies.

Edi Pryanto

ISI Yogyakarta (Indonesia Institute of Art) studying Kriya Seni

I was selected nationally to attend the Indonesia Institute of Arts and hope when I graduate I will be able to find a job to support myself. Unfortunately I don't have a laptop so have to join online lectures through the use of a handphone.

This makes it difficult when submitting assignments but I can call on friends to help out. My mother works as daily labour so is unable to financially support me. But I find ways through that problem. For example, when I needed to modify my motorcycle I sent a proposal to a prospective donor who helped make my motorcycle suitable for me.



Asih Puji Lestari

STBA LIA University studying English (D3)

I am also in my third semester and am proud of achieving an increased grade average point to 3.50 GPA. Something I thought would be too hard. I intend to keep improving as I want to graduate with Cum Laude predicate.

Before covid I was invited to give public performances as a singer. The pandemic has stopped that. However I am spending the time practicing to improve my singing and guitar skills.



Yunita Windy Astuty

STIE SBI Yogyakarta University studying Management

I am in my first semester and in October completed an offline student orientation programme on the pandemic and how to follow the health protocols to combat covid-19.

Currently I am doing lectures online. PRY has advised me to join one of the College Student Organisations to help gain confidence with university life.

Rizky Rian Nanda

Ahmad Dahlan Yogyakarta University studying Economic Development

I am now in my third semester and join online lectures where I get material through Zoom meetings, WhatsApp and Google Classroom. However there are problems such as poor internet connection and having to understand the lecturer's explanations which are often too fast. So, I borrow the lecture materials from my friends. This hasn't stopped my enthusiasm to better understand the lectures.

Where are they now – in brief

It is always good to hear from some of our scholars who have moved on.



Erico Dwi Setyawan.....

is Already working as an accountant



Fahmi Husaen

Is running his own business. Fahmi was an outstanding scholar and one we will follow with interest over the coming years.



Agus Rohmat

Is working as a teacher at YPAC, but is looking for a job in a government

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