

On tour with our Chairman

On a recent family visit to the UK, I took the opportunity to stop off in Indonesia for rest and catch up with our partner Yayasan (charities) there, and for a bit of warm weather.

Flying out of Wellington, my first stop was Denpasar on the island of Bali. Over the years Rehabilim has had considerable contact with Bali, largely thanks to I Nengah Latra.

When the Bali Bomb went off in 2005, a young woman called Annika Linden was killed. She was the fiancé

of a European businessman Mark Weingard who decided to fund the building of an HQ for some of the many charities that abounded in Bali. Some of these charities merged and today they, including Puspadi Bali, have a substantial HQ to operate from to do the work they do.

The facilities at Puspadi Bali are excellent, they have prosthesis manufacturing ability, and can fit their patients with most types of prosthetics for arms and legs. The vision, foresight and energy of Latra and staff are to be commended.

There is one Kiwi Lady on the management board of Puspadi Bali and that is Jan Mantjika, who originally hailed from Palmerston North, but is now, and has been, a permanent resident of Bali for many years.

There is a saying here in New Zealand "Not all men are equal", and the same can be said for charities. Each charity can be different and when you are working at a distance of approximately 7,000Km then trust and understanding, good communication and common goals are essential.

We are fortunate that some of the Trust members have visited Indonesia in a private capacity over the years and have met the people we work with and have established an excellent level of trust and this combined with good emails etc has paid off.

The following brief reports of my visits to some of the Yayasan we work with and a couple of possibilities for the future.

Chairman's comments

Rehabilim's growing in size thanks to the generosity of our donors and the prudence of our executive committee who scrutinise every bit of expenditure. As a result of both of these qualities we are now able to offer more scholarships than we have in previous years. This year will be a record with 13 scholars receiving a Colin McLennan Memorial Scholarship and these are either new scholars or some who still have to complete their course of study. They can owe their

progress to all the donors who month after month send us donations to support our scholarship programme.

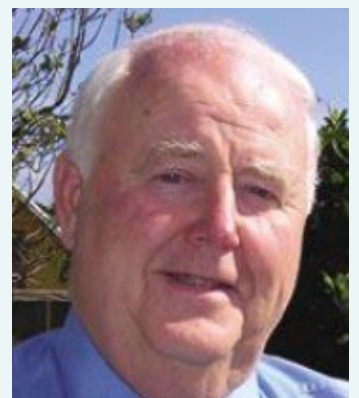
I, and our executive, wish to sincerely thank all of our donors (large and small) for the support they are giving us over the months and years. Without your support we could not do what we are currently doing.

We are looking at working with some new yayasans (charities) in Indonesia, whilst maintaining the present ones

with whom we have worked since our inception back in 1984.

It has been a privilege to work in this field and to see what a difference we have made with your help to some of the young graduate's lives.

New donors are always welcome; no donation is too large or too small, while to our regular donors I would say that you are our rock, and on this rock we will honour your generosity. Thank you most sincerely.



Bill Russell

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Chairman

Pusat Rehabilitasi Yakkum (PRY)

Rehabilim has been in existence since 1984. It was originally set up to support the late Colin McLennan MBE who, through his work with poor disabled young people, founded what we now know as Pusat Rehabilitasi Yakkum, usually referred to as PRY by we non-Bahasa speaking Kiwis.

PRY is based on the slopes of Mt Merapi which from time to time erupts as it's an active volcano. Fortunately, most of the lava and ash spilled out of the other side of the mountain, rarely affecting the PRY facility.

Rehabilim has been associated since its inception with PRY, initially paying Colin McLennan's salary when the combined Methodist / Presbyterian church's overseas mission budget dried up. Later after Colin's retirement Rehabilim supported PRY by financing craft making classes and various

small projects (dress making etc). At one stage paying the salary of their ex-Pat metal workshop manager to avoid him being made redundant. Altogether its more than 40 years of support for PRY.

It stands to reason that our first port of call should be PRY when we have a new idea, and so, since we introduced the Colin McLennan Memorial Scholarship programme several years ago, PRY have supported it and been actively involved in it.

I met with the director of PRY Ibu Chatarina Sari and her two senior staff and discussed our student scholarship programme.

This year we will get 7 students from PRY and that has to be a record.

PRY now have an Education student officer full time who will be guiding our scholars.



PRY staff, Chatarina Sari (Director PRY), Bill Russell, PRY Staff, Retno Embarini

Puspadi Bali in Denpasar, Bali

Rehabilim has a long history with its Puspadi Bali connection.

Originally started by I Nengah Latra an ex-client of PRY where he was rehabilitated after being injured by an exploding can of petrol. Latra established a branch of PRY that was later to become Puspadi Bali and it is now ensconced in the Annika Linden complex in Denpasar, Bali.

Sadly these days Latra's health is not good and his work is restricted because of his health.

I doubt if anyone has done more for the advocacy of disabled people in Indonesia than Latra. He has worked tirelessly in an effort to get legislation changed, and to get a better deal for disabled people.

Puspadi Bali have 3 student scholarships with Rehabilim this year.

It was Latra who "discovered" Nengah Widiasih, Indonesia's most successful Para Olympian, winner of a Silver medal in Tokyo and a bronze in the Rio Para-Olympics.

Nengah is not a big person and weighs around 50 kg, but for her silver medal she lifted approx 100 kg. She apologised for not winning a medal at the recent Paris games but still lifted a personal best.

No need for an apology!



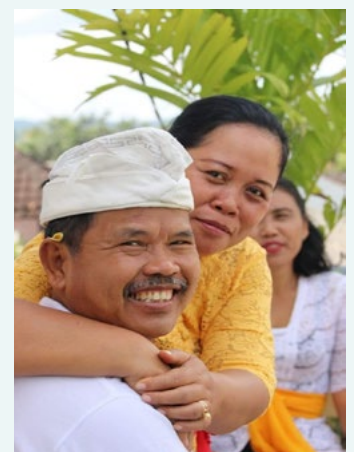
I Made Gunung the Chief Board of Directors, Bill Russell and Putu Juliana acting director of Puspadi Bali.



Nengah Widiasih. At the para olympics in Paris.



On right of the Annika Linden sign - I Nengah Latra, Bill Russell, Jan Mantjika



I Nengah Latra with his wife Ari

Bhakti Luhur, Yogyakarta

One of the charities that I visited in Yogyakarta with our scholarship officer Ibu Retno Embarini was Bhakti Luhur, a Catholic convent / charity with some of its support base from Holland and with branches in other cities such as Malang. We met up with Sister Ria, one of the management team.

It was a very well-run place and looking very tidy and professional. The concept of a scholarship student was new to them, and they had no one immediately in mind other than a young lady who was studying physiotherapy

and was in year two, (it's a 4-year course in Indonesia).

Her plan is to finish her study in two years-time and use her skills in the convent.

Unfortunately, we were unable to assist her, but the yayasan now knows what we can offer, and we will be in touch with them next year.

Note: Our scholarship officer Retno Embarini is herself disabled, but it does not stop her from achieving much. She drives a modified car expertly as well as a motor cycle and side car.



Left to Right: Bill Russell, Retno Embarini and Sister Ria

Meeting with UKDW University – Dr Maria Widagdo

Professor Maria is well known to some Rehabilim members, for she was some years back the Director of Pusat Rehabilitasi Yakkum (PRY), so she had a fair idea of what we do, as we have supported the PRY Yogyakarta complex since it started back in 1984.

After Dr Maria resigned, we lost contact with her as she went to Universitas Kristen Duta Wacana Yogyakarta (UKDW) based in Yogya and became its Dean of the Medical Faculty.

UKDW is a private Christian University and in its vision

statement it says that it wishes to become a superior, trusted, transformative and sustainable Christian University for the development of science, technology and humanist-cultured and adaptive generation in a pluralistic world.

Through Dr Maria's enthusiasm, we were presented with six students for scholarship. We have accepted three of them which will fill our quota for now.

This would seem to be the start of a great partnership.



L to R Retno Embarini, Bill Russell, Dr Maria Widagdo, Jack Widagdo (Giyanto)

Visit to KSP Bank Difabel

This was mainly a meeting to see how Bank Difabel works and if there were opportunities for future cooperation for Rehabilim and the bank to be involved which could benefit both parties.

The bank, located in Yogyakarta, has an entirely different modus operandi from Rehabilim in that their primary role is to assist

poor people from a financial perspective, and the need being immediate rather than in 4 years time when their clients have graduated.

We agreed to keep an open mind and should the opportunity arise where we can work together, we will revisit that possibility.



Left to Right: Difabel Bank staff, Bill Russell (Rehabilim), Mundarsi (ex PRY), Bapak Sakir (Bank Difabel), Retno Embarini (Rehabilim), Bank Difabel staff.

The Rehabilim Trust Inc.

The Rehabilim Trust was established originally by a New Zealander, the late Colin McLennan MBE, to support the YAKKUM Rehabilitation Centre, referred to as Pusat Rehabilitasi YAKKUM, or PRY, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. In addition, The Trust now supports other disabled children's charities providing assistance to disabled children and young adults, regardless of religion, to enable them to become independent and self reliant by learning and using income-generating skills.

The Rehabilim Trust Inc currently supports 10 young disabled Indonesians who are recipients of a Colin McLennan Memorial Scholarship valued at NZ \$1000 each, per year for four years. The Trust is looking to extend this type of charitable support.

The Trust depends on service organisations and individual donors for financial support.

Rehabilim Donation Form

I wish to support young physically disabled Indonesians.

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