

Homes of Hope International ~ Newsletter – February 2012

Medan News Update January 2012



Our Medan children's home continues to function well and overall we can see the 13 children are developing well. We have been building a new facility for some time and we had hoped to open stage 1 of the complex in November. This was not possible due to some significant delays and problems experienced by the local builder. We are now hoping to open the new building in May 2012. We have been caring for a single pregnant mum, and one or two children who have been in a crisis have come and gone from the home. It is great to be able to help out children in their time of family crisis. We also have a non-residential component to this project and have sponsorships available for children who still live with their parents in a slum area. Child sponsorship helps keep the

child in school and provides uniforms, books, school costs, and 2 sessions each week in our centre where the children receive extra tuition and a meal.

Jakarta News Update January 2012



The Jakarta children's home is doing well in cramped conditions. A generous developer has promised to build a new home for the children in another suburb (Kalapa Gading) and we have been informed that the new home will be ready mid-year. This is a very generous offer and we are thankful that we will have a better facility for the children. Greg Beech has been undertaking further training with the house parents in a guidance approach to child discipline. We have 10 children in this project at the moment, and we are encouraged by the way the new house parents have settled in and are relating to the children.

Widow feeding in Jakarta

HOHI is currently providing one meal a day for 16 widows in a Jakarta slum and provide other support services as well. In

HOHI's commitment to care for the orphan and widow, we are looking to commence another widow feeding project in India shortly.

Miraj News Update January 2012



HOHI has 2 homes in Miraj. The girl's home currently has 20 girls and the boy's home cares for 3 boys. We will be accepting 10 new girls into the project during the first quarter of 2012. The children are all doing well and we are encouraged to see them growing up and working hard in their school studies. The Miraj team are looking for a larger building to rent that will cope with the larger number of children. We will commence the night crèche for the children of local sex workers as soon as the new building has been found. In Miraj we will open a new computer school in March that will train each of our orphans in MS Office and provide certificates recognizing this training. The training will also be open to the night crèche children and we will also offer courses to local sex workers. HOHI is also planning to eventually provide training in

sewing and tailoring.

South East Asia News Update January 2012



"2011 was a challenging year for us, but we know it has paved the way for future growth. Our faith was strengthened when we saw God provide temporary staff just at the time of need as our only remaining staff member, left for Bible school training for three months. We are also grateful for Skype and the communications possibilities it opens up! We're now caring for six children in junior high or above, and are finding that dealing with more teenagers means we need more wisdom! In 2011 we built a house 30 km from the HOC. The one-story, 1400-square-foot facility was completed in November, and is called Fountain of Blessing House. It's a multi-purpose house used mainly to help the poor local elderly people. We conduct a monthly food distribution for elderly poor from the house. Our HOC children are

involved, in keeping with our vision to raise them up as God's servants. "

Maputo News Update January 2012



We recently met with Steve and Ros Lazar when they visited Sydney and heard the latest news on the children's progress. We have 10 children being cared for at the moment and have just decided to accept 3 new babies. If you would like to sponsor a baby from Mozambique please contact the HOHI office. Here is the latest report from the Project Directors:

" As we look back over 2011 we are so thankful for the generosity of so many donors to the lives of these precious children we care for in Mozambique. Your generosity sees these kids now in high school, with hopes and dreams and a future. All of them came from desperate "hopeless" backgrounds -Jesus is the Hope of the Nations. In His wisdom God chooses to work through us. Ros and I have been blessed to be caring for these precious ones for the past 10 years -from nappies to

bottles to sleepless nights to now lives full of promise. Thanks for sharing in this with us. Technology is wonderful -just a few weeks ago Luis (and all the kids with their new dog, Blessing) were able to Skype Australia with one of his sponsors -amazing. Ros and I take this opportunity to say thanks for making a difference in the lives of 10 children. Blessings and thanks, Steve and Ros Lazar."

Surabaya News Update January 2012



The Surabaya children's home continues to do well and we are seeing progress in the children. We have 10 children in residence and 2 non-residential children. The children have sometimes struggled with school and several have had to catch up on missed schooling.

Passo We are planning to commence a fourth Indonesia children's project in Passo Sulawesi over the coming months. This home will come under the Surabaya home and be managed by the Surabaya team. We are aiming to accept 10 children into the project from the Manado area. The children will initially be "fostered" by families we are screening in Passo before we commence the residential programme.