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Ono Niha Foundation

Newsletter – June 2015



Hello Everybody!

I hope this newsletter finds all graced with wellness.

June July and August have and will be very exciting times for the needy and disadvantaged people in the communities on Nias Island west of North Sumatra Indonesia.

FREE EYE CLINICS

Garren Walton a Pastor for the Apostolic Church Batemans Bay arranged a team consisting of himself; an Optometrist Phillip Taylor from the OPSM store in the Bay, Kelita Bourke from Specsavers in the Bay, Madeline Blakers a community nurse that worked in the Bay and who currently lives in Western Australia. The team worked together helping the blind to see. Free eye clinics were held on the foundation's sight June 26 and 27. Over 300 Niasans were given eye tests and treatments. Over 250 pairs of glasses were distributed to the needy locals with poor sight thanks to the Capital Chemist Main Street at the Bay and the many community members of the Bay who donated glasses.





FREE CHIROPRACTORY CLINICS

Matt Blakers was also amongst the team who once again conducted Chiropractory clinics. This is Matt and his wife Madeline's third visit to help our foundation. Matt was a Chiroractioner in Moruya, a community that surrounds Batemans Bay. He now practices in Western Australia.



COCONUT OIL PRODUCTS



The Coconut factory is owned by the foundations Director/Chairperson/local Niasan, Matius Wau who employs over 20 employees and provides income to over 200 local families who supply the coconuts. Matius donates 20% of his profits to the Foundation so as to run the Foundations many programs.

Lush and FTL Trading (SOCOCO) import the oil for products and distribution in Australia, Japan, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

Amongst the many that assist with this program The Olive Tree; a component to the Apostolic Church in Batemans Bay, Marketeers and individuals in surrounding communities of the Bay continue to sell our coconut oil products in support of our programs.

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Since returning to my small town in Batemans Bay 2 years ago after living in Indonesia for 5 years working with the needs of many disadvantaged and starting this foundation with Matius Wau a local Niasan, it never ceases to

amaze me what the powers of God can do and the way the Holy Spirit works through many.

My small town in Batemans Bay and surrounding communities have come together to help with the needs of many since my return, and continue to help with their ongoing support towards our foundation and its programs including the re- integration program (Aqua therapy) and school scholarship program. Thank you guys for your continuous support.

RE INTEGRATION PROGRAM



Providing equipment, exercises, fun and integration tools for mobility needs to the physically challenged

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Peter Bosker, Jill Hoffman's brother in law continues towards the successful running of the school scholarship program. Peter's ongoing efforts in publicizing the program and the challenges many students face in obtaining an education works towards helping these disadvantaged students on behalf of LSM Ono Niha providing opportunities for these students to attend school and after-school support provided by the program.

The AU\$1.00 a day scholarship pays for the required school books, uniforms, other fees and transport to and from school for the student. In some cases it will supplement the family income because the child can not earn income while at school. Any other support is directed to an after school program concentrating on teaching English and computer skills. Matt (Chairman of the Ono Niha Foundation) oversee's the program in Nias and Peter Bosker coordinates it from Australia. Six monthly reports of student performance are provided to the sponsors, and procedures are in place to ensure full financial accountability.

If anyone is interested in making a difference by supporting disadvantaged students and their families on Nias Island supporting their education, please contact us via email and we will forward further details to you.



FREE DENTAL CLINICS



Jill and Peter Hofman return again for their 4th year in a row to perform dental clinics, dental education and training during the months of July and August. Peter is the Foundations Project Officer and has been deeply responsible for successful partnership projects with World Relief Australia and the Australian Embassy in Indonesia. Jill who is a retired Dental Technician also continuously raises money in her hometown of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland Australia for our many programs. More recently she was heavily involved with the raising of funds for Iwan Dachi's medical expenses when he sustained multiple injuries from a motor bike accident when returning to his home after doing dental clinics for our foundation. Iwan was trained by Jill to do basic dental clinics and provide education on dental health. Iwan also runs the aqua therapy for our re integration program. Iwan is now on a slow recovery at his home after his many operations that were funded by many generous people and organizations throughout the world. Thank you to everybody. Our continuous prayers are needed for Iwan's speedy recovery.



Peter will report to you all upon their return on the latest news and the no doubt successful dental clinics.

The Foundation work would not be possible without the generous and inspirational support of many compassionate people. We would like to thank them and we look forward to more and more exciting supporters and volunteers helping in the future. Your continued support for our Foundation is sincerely appreciated.

Donations.

Australians can make tax deductible donations to Ono Niha Foundation and its programs. Go to our website <https://www.ononihalsmfoundation.squarespace.com> then to our contact page.

For those who are not Australian you can make payments directly to LSM Ono Niha. The details are on our contact page on our website. NB The swift code must be entered on your transfer form as this is part of Indonesian requirements so they can assure correct branch and account transaction.

Well I think that's about it for now with the news update on LSM Ono Niha Foundation.

May God bless each and every one of you

Patricia

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