



December **NEWSLETTER, 2019**

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Sponsorship - for children - yearly \$240, half-yearly \$120, quarterly \$60, monthly \$20. You may use a **Direct Credit** facility through the Bank - ask me for details.

For University students - \$300 yearly, for 2-4 years, depending on the course.

For Pastors - \$480 yearly, for 4-5 years..... this is intended to assist the 'growing' of a church, allowing the struggling pastor to attend to day to day needs without the worry of extra costs to do with 'growing his church'.

Sponsorship is intended to assist families send their child/children to school. Please mark your sponsorship due date on your calendar each year - and I will put a small reminder in your newsletter if necessary. Many thanks.

Donations can be towards -

Petrus support

Administration

HFTC support of rural pastors

HFTC building projects

The Ricebowl

Please outline how you would like your donation to be spent. Thank you.



As we race towards the end of 2019 and the beginning of a **new decade - 2020** - we, at Hope For The Children, bring everyone Season's Greetings and prayers for a safe, healthy and happy 2020.

Petrus has been very busy writing Christmas cards, so is now ready to have a little rest for a few days over Christmas.

We have a couple of special needs among the pastors right now, so if you know anyone who would like to assist, that would be great. We have a small family who are very poor and have just had their third child. He has a small rural church in which he works very hard, but finds it very difficult to make ends meet.

The other one, in particular, is another young pastor with a small family who is currently not in his own church and is needing support until he takes over a church which will be his in two years' time.

The pastors are a hard working group and are essential to the ongoing work of HFTC. Jeremi has baptised several people this year and added them to his church. It's taken a long time, but the growth of a church has to be in God's time and it's always rewarding.

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Please pray for Petrus, Sri, HFTC helpers, sponsored children pastors and sponsors. Thank you.

We have such **happy times** with our pastors and the sponsored children within their care. This is how we keep in touch with their progress, of course, as changes occur and are not always good.

Do you remember the **family** who were in danger of losing their small house because the dad had made some very bad decisions and got himself into lots of debt? They did eventually lose their house, so now they are renting and Dad is working (not a skilled job) to pay off the debt. They are trying to do this without additional help, except for the fact that the children are sponsored. We are monitoring the situation to make sure the children are cared for.

Yesaya has accepted the responsibility for another church, which means he now has two to look after.... The pastor was very old and he retired. Yesaya is still young and energetic. He's a great person and he looks after a small group of sponsored children.

The day we visited the **school, Endang**, the Principal, was in a bit of a state because she had just found out someone had been hacking into their electricity supply and she had an enormous bill to pay. We helped with funds for this, of course, because the bill had to be paid that day or the supply would be cut off!! Just another event in the day of the school!

His name is **Fidel Francis**, born on 28th May, 2013. He is in kindergarten at the moment and is needing sponsorship to be able to move on next year to grade 1. If you know someone who might like to sponsor him, please let me know, thank you.



It is my plan to feature a past student every newsletter for awhile. I have done it sometimes in the past. It is nice to know what happens to a student once they have finished the sponsorship program.

This is Sem. The first photo was in 2013 when he was still at University. The second was this year when we were over there. Not much difference, just more mature, I hear you say. He has always lived with his mother and father in their very poor house, (Dad passed away some time ago) but now Sem is able to help his mother financially so she does not have to work like she once did.

Sem studied Graphic Design and IT. He was working with his older brother for awhile but now he works for a Chinese Electronics Company as an Area Representative and travels all around Malang and Batu (large area) organising promotional events to improve sales. So he visits all stores who sell the Company products (phones and accessories). For those people who have visited the greater Malang district, you will know that this means a lot of businesses!

He is now 29 years of age and enjoying life as a well-employed young

**Hope is the anchor of the soul, the stimulus to action, and the incentive to achievement.
Thank you for giving a child hope of a better future.....**