



# September NEWSLETTER, 2020

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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 and keep his family whilst working with his congregation. Sponsorship is intended to assist families send their child/children to school.

Please put 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.**



## Season's Greetings

and

prayers for a much healthier and happy 2021

Top left - a great shot on a misty, smoggy morning; one of the rooms in the Rolas Hotel; tea growing on the slopes; a group of our children playing; a zebra at the Safari Park.



Schools are still closed, people are encouraged to stay indoors (but a lot do not obey the rules), some restaurants and shops are open, factories and businesses are trying to keep working, some churches are open, some rural markets are open to service their villages, I'm not sure about the big shopping malls in the cities, small village markets stalls still operate. We keep all of them in our prayers.

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

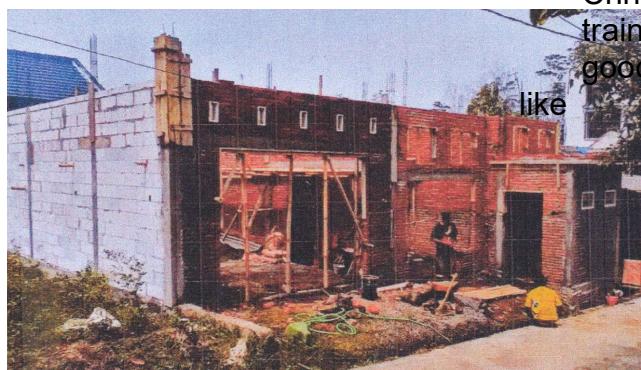


In 2019 **Pastor Sarudin** kneeled and prayed for a church.

In April this year he caught Covid and was very ill. However, he has recovered and promises to serve God faithfully for the rest of his life. His wife also caught Covid but not as severely as he did and she nursed him back to health.

With donations and money saved he has now got the building of his church to this point.

Please pray for this project.



**Schools** are still closed in East Java. So children are still studying from home. Teachers go to school and work online with their students. If the students do not have electronic equipment, as happens in remote villages, the teachers go door to door with work - delivering and collecting.

A little while ago, the medical clinic near Endang's school had to close for two weeks because there was a Covid patient who visited there. Of course, they had to deep clean the clinic.

Many doctors and nurses have lost their lives to Covid.

The **pastors** have not met for 8 months and this is very sad for them all. It also makes the exchange of letters, cards and other communications that much harder. Also, it slows down the exchanges because these happened

each month at the meetings. As I have said before, the money is sent electronically, so that is working well. If you wish to send your child a **Christmas (money) gift**, please send it through me so I can send it to Petrus to distribute.

**Yafet** told me that one of the sponsored children in **Octav's** group went to stay at her friend's house. The friend's mother was sick and taken to hospital. She was diagnosed with Covid and soon after, she died. Consequently, the entire family and the family of our sponsored child, had to quarantine and be tested. The whole neighbourhood was closed.

Eventually, the tests showed that everyone was fine, but it caused quite a stir and anxiety within the village.

Now, at **Octav's** church, the youth vocal group is practising regularly

for Christmas services. Octav's daughter, Gabriela, sings beautifully and trains the choir. We hope it all goes to plan. City churches are doing good work in poor local communities - raising funds to provide food

like rice and oil, etc. Octav's congregation is typical - members of his congregation are dealing with reduced hours of work in factories and shops, loss of sales if in the private sector, and job losses, which in turn decreases their income. This, then, affects the church overall income so Christmas celebrations are to be scaled down this year. City churches obviously are having some simplified services. Rural folk face similar problems but with less resources.

Many people, generally, do not obey the rules and that makes life very difficult. My peace give you, so our leaders try to guide the folk in their communities.



**Yohan Furentino**, born -24th July, 2012. In grade 2, he needs a sponsor please....

There are many children right now needing sponsors, so if you know someone who might like to help, please tell them.....

Some of the village pastors are selling salted eggs, vegetables and peanuts in local markets to make ends meet. Pastor Sarudin is one of those, selling and saving to build his church.....

**Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you, so our leaders try to guide the folk in their communities.**