



# December NEWSLETTER, 2017

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## Java Journey 2018 - sometime in July.....

If you are interested in joining us for this tour. please contact me as soon as you can. Flying to Jogjakarta for 2 nights, then 1 night en route to the Tea Plantation in East Java for 3 nights. From there to Malang for 8 nights and then the return trip home. In each place except en route, we will visit sponsored children and the people who oversee their wellbeing. It's always busy but so fulfilling.....

Best wishes for a truly blessed Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous 2018.... from the HFTC team, especially Petrus and Sri, his helpers in Indonesia and from me as well as my helpers here. God bless you all.



You have had many stories about Pastor Hari over the years. He is on the left. He gave his old keyboard to another pastor who had nothing. Most of the pastors like to play a guitar or keyboard if they can afford one. A sponsor donated some money and we bought Hari a new keyboard for his church. Another success story!

**Sponsorship is - for children** - Yearly \$240, half-yearly \$120, quarterly \$60, or monthly \$20. You may use a Direct Credit facility at the Bank - ask me for details. For **University students** - \$300 yearly, for 2-4 years depending on the course. For **Pastors** - \$400 yearly, for 4-5 years maximum..... Sponsorship pays for all educational and scout expenses - books, shoes, uniforms, etc. plus all medical and dental expenses and one good 'going out' set of clothes a year. We give food parcels at various times. 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.

**Sponsorship** is for **children** and **pastors** but donations can be towards

- \* Petrus' sponsorship,
- \* administration
- \* HFTC orphanage
- \* HFTC support of rural pastors
- \* HFTC building projects
- \* The Ricebowl

**Please outline how your donation is to be spent.** Thank you.

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

Yes, I know you have only just received the November newsletter - I should have had it done much sooner - but there is so much to share. HFTC has had a very good year but as I said last month we are in need of **more sponsors**. We wanted to share with you some of the wonderful things we have achieved together this year.



I have mentioned **Alfrida** a lot and you might remember she needed a house because she had to move out of her rented property. Sponsorship and donation has helped her buy this small, but rundown house. The building materials are for the renovation she intends to do. She has saved money also to go to this project. She will start a 'house church' here

**Ratna** now has a paid helper in the orphanage - it's a part time job but it takes a great burden from the shoulders of Ratna - there are many school lunches, meals to cook, rooms to clean and general organisation of the children.

**Pastor Suwaji** is almost finished his house church - using his own savings and donations.

**Pastor Yehuda** has put a down payment on a lovely block of land for his orphanage.... using his own funds and donation.

**Hadi** has used his own savings and donation money to renovate his house which was desperate for attention plus painted and repaired the kindergarten.

**Sihati** has purchased the small block of land beside her kindergarten for future use.

**Endang** regularly provides breakfast for several children who attend her school. She paid for this out of her own money, of which she has very little. We now have a Breakfast Club fund which takes that burden from Endang.

**Petrus** himself needed a new motorbike - he is getting one for Christmas!! From donated money. He never asks for himself, always for others.

We mustn't forget all the children who have graduated from school & University and who are looking for jobs. Something they would not be doing without the incredible people who have sponsored them! I have run out of space but you can see what a wonderful program HFTC is.



The parents of one of the sponsored children - the father, pictured, had a stroke 6 years ago and cannot work. The mother, pictured, works in the ricefield as a day labourer in the rainy season, but in the dry season there is no water, so no rice and therefore, no work. She looks after the father, and to feed the family she looks for firewood and coconut leaves to make brooms - pictured. She sells the brooms for around 20 cents a piece and as she can make 10 brooms a day, that is \$2.00 a day. Sponsorship makes it possible for the child to go to school so the parents do not have to worry about that expense.

We do have some jokers on our Java Journeys! It's not all serious stuff. Here Yafet and Lyndsay are having a good laugh.



**There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting someone up.....**