

Quite some time has elapsed since our last report and we would like to apologise to all of you who have logged on to this website expecting to read brand new news. Well, at last here is something in brief.

The tragic circumstances of the Tsunami brought in about £50,000.00 which we are using to build a school in Aceh. Land has been purchased (2500 square meters) and the building works have begun. Progress has been slower than expected because a minor earthquake and a localised hurricane knocked down some of the structure before any reinforcing could take place! We have had to rebuild much of what we had started. As well as that, the prices of building materials has more or less tripled during the last year, and the Government doubled fuel prices overnight.

Everything is now horrendously expensive. Tatik spent all of August in Aceh teaching both at our school and touring many centres giving Teacher Training which has become her speciality. This was a great success but of course was not a fund raising effort. She paid for this trip from her own resources and not from the Trust.

The established kindergarten school in West Java now has 163 pupils, and has had another half built to incorporate a Primary School section. This significant development has had government approval which is testament to the first class management by Mr and Mrs Weni and Lilis, and excellent teaching qualities and dedication of the staff.

High ranking officials from the Trust! Featuring two of the children, Tatik, and Ijul, who is to spearhead all our Indonesian operations involving the Trust.

The Inauguration Day for the new Primary School section at the school in West Java. Among the guests were Government officials and those from other Charities who have been showing an interest in our progress. The local MP came too!

The other smaller scale family projects in Bali and Java keep going without any problems, unlike the schools! However, additions to the families are not just from our students!

Friends keep up a steady trickle of funds. This, together with the magic collection Tin in our shop, which is kept full by the astounding generosity of our customers, has permitted this further development of the school in Serpong, West Java. The large amount of money collected for the Tsunami victims has been allocated exclusively for Aceh. This was a conscious decision based on the fact that it was given so generously specifically with Aceh in mind. It will therefore not be used anywhere else.

We are now consolidating our plans so that Aceh can advance, while Serpong and the other established projects continue to progress successfully.

We obviously need to appeal to everyone for extra funds so that we can offer continuity to what we have now begun. Please help by donating on line or by post or by bank transfer. Thank you very much.