



# NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

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## Dear Friends,

The school year is nearly over, our children are having for their end-term exams, and for the next few weeks before most of them return to their villages for a couple of weeks of holiday, not much will be happening in school apart from waiting for the year-end reports. A few children will stay here at New Hope, having really no place to go, because there is no one left in the family who can or wants to care for them. It is sad to see how the culture changes – even as the economic situation overall has improved much, many people become more and more concerned about themselves and less about others.

Yet there are also still very poor families, and therefore it is not uncommon for us to have siblings live here at *New Hope*, or even children of two generations of one family. One example is the family of two of our university students:

The two sisters came to us at five and six years old. After finishing school they became volunteers, later we sent them to university and now they are about to graduate. Now, their nieces are at *New Hope*, the younger one in fourth and the older one in ninth grade. Their mother had divorced a couple of years ago and was about to get married again, but then fell sick in the village, and the husband-to-be suddenly was no longer interested. As her condition deteriorated, finally her younger brother took her to the health post.

As nobody else from the family was willing to care, we brought her to the hospital here in Sanggau and, after she was dismissed, to *New Hope*. We flew one of the sisters back from Java to help care for her. For a while her condition seemed to improve but then very tragically, she passed away after a couple of weeks.

In the midst of sadness and grief, we are grateful that we could help to extend God's love and compassion to her during her last days.

Just a few days later the father of one of our boys died after being bitten by a poisonous snake. By the time the villagers realised that traditional treatment didn't help, it was too late to take him to hospital.

We are reminded that health and good medical care that we often take for granted in the Western world are precious gifts, and a blessing from the Lord. Let us not forget to be grateful and put our trust in Him, and to live our lives in a way that is a blessing to others and honouring God.

**BUT IT IS GOOD FOR ME TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD; I HAVE PUT MY TRUST IN THE LORD GOD, THAT I MAY DECLARE ALL YOUR WORKS. (PSALM 73:28)**

Thank you so much for your prayers, your support, and your care for our children. Because of you, they can experience God's love and kindness, get to know and to trust Him.

In Christ's love,

Wolfgang & Heidi (for all staff and children of NHM)



### PRAY FOR:

- Please for the children who have lost their parents and are now orphaned. And for the many whose families are troubled for various reasons.

### PRAISE GOD:

- Three of our students have completed their studies and have just had their graduation ceremony. They will serve on staff at New Hope.

### UPDATE:

We are still waiting for the official visit of a representative of the Ministry of Religion so our registration finally be processed, and we can apply for work permits for missionaries.

## BOOT CAMP

In April we had our “Boot Camp” for our last year students, a two-week-program of teaching and exploring together themes and topics helping them to chart their future course of life successfully.

Laying the right foundations, making good choices, setting goals and pursuing them, choosing good company, guarding your heart and your faith – those were just some of the themes.

A big Thank You to “Opa and Oma” - our dear friends Peter and Arna Mountain from New Zealand who did most of the teaching.

A few weeks later, the six young ladies and two young men finished their final exams. Most of them this time have plans to find work or study straight away, one of the boys has decided to stay on and volunteer at New Hope.



## STUDENTS, GRADUATE AND NEW

In June, three young ladies (all former New Hope Children) will come back to *New Hope* after graduating from their four-year course in Christian Education.

We are looking forward for this addition to our team, especially as we are again sending two of our volunteers to university. We asked one of them of them, Tila, to write down a bit of her story for you:

“Hello, my name is Tila. I come from the village of Sungei Merah and have lived at *New Hope Ministries* for fourteen years now.



From childhood, I was raised in a simple environment, my parents being subsistence farmers with hardly enough money to put food on the table each day.

So when they heard about *New Hope*, they sent me there and I was able to go to school, starting with Primary class one. Through living at *New Hope*, I learned a lot about life, ministry, and getting to know God personally. I used to be shy and had difficulty socialising, but God shaped me to be more confident and courageous in serving.

After finishing High School, I decided to stay on at *New Hope* and for the past two years, I have been entrusted to serve the children here. I have a heart for teaching children, so I am very grateful that this year I have the opportunity to study at the Tawangmangu Theological College.

My hope is that through this course, I can be equipped to be a faithful servant of God and bless many people.

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