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EDUCATION IN SOUTHEAST SULAWESI- INDONESIA

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Dear friends,

August 2011 saw a visit from Erika Nerb, secretary of the Dutch NGO PIARA to check on the status of our projects in Indonesia.



*Erika, Geertje and Nane
with the bamboo baskets
for cleaning the village of
Ambeua on Kaledupa
Island.*

SAMPELA STUDENTS

The four students from Sampela who Piara helped to become teachers are all working. Toni and Nella have paid jobs and Nella and Asludin are working as 'guru of honor' in the new high school in Sampela. Working as a guru of honor means a very small salary but also the prospect of a fully paid teaching position. The student house in Bau Bau is being used by 5 students who come from the sea nomad villages around Kaledupa.

LIBRARIES

The new library in Kaledupa is being used well. This year Erika and Geertje bought many new books for the library when they were in Makassar

SCHOOLBOATS

The school boats were enlarged last year and there is still enough room for more children in the future.

Jurden continues to take the Furake children to Kaledupa and back again at the end of the school day while Pondang takes the high school children from Sampela to Kaledupa in the morning.

SCHOOLCHILDREN FROM THE ISLANDS

The children from Furake (the village on Hoga) keep coming on Sundays to clean the beach. By doing so they 'earn' their school uniforms and shoes.



The children make brooms out of palm leaves for cleaning the beach

ENVIRONMENT

Last year we introduced subsidised clay cooking stoves that need little wood. Cooking with mangrove tree wood is no longer allowed and these trees are the main fuel used by the Bajo sea nomads as they don't own any land themselves. The new stoves have an iron ring so they don't break so easily. When this project is working as expected we will order more stoves and sell them at Piara-subsidised rates to local households to encourage more people to use them and, as a result, help protect the mangrove forests.



In the past the women went to the mangroves to get wood as the mangroves are a vital part of the ocean life, being the nursery ground for juvenile fish.

DONATIONS

Erika Nerb from Germany has made an enormous effort again this year to collect funds. Apart from her presentations, she organized projects on a primary school and made a photo presentation especially for children. Through her and Akapache, the fair-trade shop in Lindenberg, most of the funds for the projects were collected.

We would especially like to thank Marry and Gerard's friends who donated generously on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. We also much appreciated the gift from Ronald and Anneke Tissing. They sailed around Indonesia, visited Hoga, and sold their boat at the end of their trip. Part of the money was donated to Pesisir. Also the Apostolic Churches of the Dutch municipalities of Zutphen and Deventer have again made a successful effort to contribute to our foundation.

We would like to thank everyone very much for your donations which will allow us to continue our projects again this year.

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