



# STICHTING BLARICUM-SUMATRA-MEDAN

*Als het goed met je gaat, kom je ook voor een ander zorgen*

## How it all started

It all began at a Primary School, called **OBS Bijvanck** in the village of Blaricum. Just an ordinary Primary School and I, Mr. Pierre, a teacher at the school, started talking to my team and management with the idea: **How to make our young students aware of helping other children, same age, but less privileged.**

We wanted help in a more meaningful and impactful way, going beyond surface level help. Our children can appreciate the advantages they have in life and that it's their duty to help other less privileged.

So once a year the children of my Dutch School will be invited to join in several activities and trying to **raise money** to support other children at the other side of the world.

Initially, we wanted to buy clothes, food and things they need to support their education - by doing this, a social cohesion and awareness will hopefully take place.

## What we did

At the beginning of 2000, I travelled to my native country Indonesia, in search of people and organisation's that shared my vision and passion.



I met Lady Ibu Kosasih, a small, yet mighty lady who was already working with handicapped children, her project was called: **Yayasan Abdi Kasih**, Foundation in Marubung/Medan.

She was the chairlady of this Organisation, and because of her background she was able to speak Dutch.

Yayasan Foundation took care of homeless handicapped children, some of them even double disabled. Without the Yayasan Foundation it would be impossible for these children to live and survive.

*We joined forces and FOUNDATION BLARICUM-SUMATRA-MEDAN WAS BORN!*

## Where are we now?

Over the past 25 years, much has been accomplished through the collaboration between our Dutch School in Blaricum and the Yayasan Abdi Kasih in Martubung, Medan.

The Yayasan has grown into a well-established center that works effectively with around 20 children of various ages. They have built a stable community, and we've observed that some parents are now actively involved in supporting these children.

It's clear that the local community has come to know and appreciate the Yayasan and the valuable work they do.

## Projects

It's difficult to capture everything we've achieved so far - it's been a tremendous amount of work. But honestly, it's a privilege to highlight some of the accomplishments:

- **Fishponds** have been developed, allowing the children and staff to **manage their own food supply**.
- With financial support from the Netherlands, the children were able to **maintain their own garden**. They sold the surplus vegetables in nearby kampongs, promoting **self-sufficiency**.
- The school grounds are now fully enclosed with a **secure gate**, making it possible for the children to sleep in a safe environment.
- A budget has been set aside for **medicines and medical supplies** in case any children fall ill.
- All indoor **floors and verandas** have been professionally tiled and finished.
- A large number of **toys** have been purchased—Duplo bricks are especially popular!
- The Yayasan now has its own supply of **clean drinking water**. They pump it from over 40 meters underground, and instead of relying on a single tap, they now have eight, all providing fresh, potable water.
- With support from Cordaid-The Hague, the Yayasan built a **brand-new kitchen** equipped with all necessary facilities. The crowning moment was the purchase of a refrigerator— an absolute highlight!
- The Dutch University in Arnhem became aware of the Yayasan and now regularly sends students to **study and support** its work. We're thrilled with this connection, as it helps children, teachers, and the organisation as a whole engage with a more **professional approach to educational support**.



## Bus Project

For several years, the children have been transported to various schools in the centre of Medan - a city with over 2 million inhabitants. It's simply not possible for the children to make these journeys on their own.

To support this need, the Yayasan received a **donated bus** from the Japanese Embassy in Indonesia to transport the children safely to school.

Attending these schools is essential, not just for academic development, but also for fostering **creativity and social skills** through interaction with children from other institutions and backgrounds.

However, the current bus is becoming **too old and unreliable**, and we are now in urgent need of a **replacement**.

**Estimated cost: € 35,000.**

The Dutch support organisation is **actively fundraising**, and the savings account is progressing well with approximately € 22,000 raised so far. That said, we still need to close the gap, and our goal is to secure the remaining funds and complete the purchase before the end of 2025.

**For that we need your help!**



## Chicken Project

In September 2024, I visited Medan again. Together with Abdi Kasih, I wanted to move forward with a plan to purchase the **new bus**. Unfortunately, we are still a bit short of budget and saving, campaigning, raising money is our main focus. You've read about it before.

In line with the idea of "**managing your own food**," we began a new initiative in September 2024 to raise funds to **buy chickens**, feed, and proper housing (coops) for them.

Initially, the young chicks struggled to adapt to the new environment and sadly many died from stress. As a result, we had to **restart the project**.

Fortunately, BSM in the Netherlands stepped in with support. In June 2025, we purchased around **15 adult chickens** along with several chicken coops to ensure they have a **safe place** to sleep at night.

## Panti Asuhan

During our visit in september 2024 we also visited the orphanage **Panti Asuhan** in Medan by invitation. This small building takes care of about 28 children. These children have no disability to speak of, only that they have **no immediate family or circle of influence or network**. They are **orphans** ranging in age from newborn to about 20 years old.

With simple means, these children are taken care of an education is an essential part of the daily routine.

We couldn't just walk away so **we gave them presents and food**. The older boys needed a **computer**, and we bought them a new one. They now have **access to the internet**.

We, BSM Foundation in Blaricum have decided to **support these children** wherever and whenever possible. Every month we make a fixed donation of € 150, so that at least food can be provided to the children. **A child has a right to protection, clothing, food, education and quite simply a little love.**

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