

NEWS UPDATE

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THE JOHN
FAWCETT
FOUNDATION



DOCUMENTARY WORLD PREMIER – 7 AUGUST 2008

GOD MADE THEM BLIND, THE LIFE AND WORK OF JOHN FAWCETT

Richard Todd has finally finished his documentary on the life and work of John Fawcett. Being

four long years in the making, John refers affectionately (most of the time) to the doco as 'Ben Hur'.



Richard has invited you all along to the world premier screening of God Made Them Blind in Fremantle on **Thursday 7 August** at 6.30pm at the Film and TV Institute Cinema in Fremantle.

If you would like to attend this special event, please RSVP Richard Todd, email aquarius33@bigpond.com or tel 0417 189 323.

Entry is by donation and all money

collected on the night will be donated to Foundation.

For those of you who cannot make it to Perth, God Made Them Blind, the life and work of John Fawcett, will screen on ABC TV on the Compass program at 10.10pm on Sunday 17 August 2008. Please tune in.

A comprehensive Study Guide for God Made Them Blind is available for download on our website www.balieye.org.

NEW MOBILE EYE CLINIC



We are very excited about our newest mobile clinic program which is currently in the establishment phase.

A custom-built mobile clinic is under construction in Bali, due for completion by the end of August. This

clinic will operate in the southern part of Bali, with Balinese ophthalmologist Dr Dharyata and a newly trained medical team.

A cataract program like this can operate at least 1,200 patients per year, restoring sight to those who have

no way of achieving this by their own means and who would remain blind. This mobile unit will also train young ophthalmologists in the specialized techniques of micro cataract surgery.

The construction and fitting out of the new mobile clinic is being funded by several very generous donations, including those from Credit Suisse, JFF(UK) and XL Results Foundation, while Yaran Pty Ltd and Lifestyle Real Estate (WA) based in Perth, Western Australia are funding the establishment phase and running costs.



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FIELD SCREENINGS

The Foundation's field eye screening teams have continued their very active schedule in south Bali, working in close conjunction with the Denpasar District Department

of Health. From January to the end of July, the team conducted a total of 117 field eye screenings, testing 32,362 patients and distributing 22,468 pairs of spectacles – all as a free service to

the patients. They have also identified 1,480 patients blind with cataracts, and these patients will be referred to the new mobile eye clinic for their sight-restoring operations.

EAST LOMBOK CATARACT PROGRAM: OFFICIAL OPENING



Our East Lombok cataract program, which started operating in January 2008, was officially opened by the Bupati of the District of East Lombok on 21 July 2008. The program receives great support from the District Government and the Selong Hospital, a major factor in its success.

The screening and operating program is continuing very productively, with a total of 12,027 patients screened by YKI's screening team, and 922 operations performed by Dr Endro Pranoto and his theatre team in the period January to end of July.



FEASIBILITY TRIP: BANYUWANGI, EAST JAVA

In July three of our staff traveled to the District of Banyuwangi in East Java, just a short ferry ride from the western-most point of Bali, to conduct a feasibility study of the suitability of establishing a cataract program there. They found the District Government and Department of Health very interested in working in cooperation

with YKI in a cataract program, and also determined that the roads and general layout of the District would be most suitable for a mobile clinic.

This District has a population of around 1.6 million, with 1.2 million in the 'very poor' category and 1 million of these unsupported by the Government

health system and so unable to afford medical treatment such as a cataract operation.

We are currently seeking funding support to enable us to establish and run a mobile eye clinic in the District of Banyuwangi.

PROSTHETIC EYE PROGRAM

Made Sutarjana lost his right eye in a metal workshop accident. He was referred to our prosthetic eye program and this is the fantastic result. Wayan Wijaya, our prosthetic eye technician, is rapidly gaining a very good reputation for his skill in making prosthetic eyes, and so far this year he has made eyes for eight patients, dramatically enhancing their self confidence, quality of life and future prospects.



SURGICAL TRAINING SESSIONS: CHILDREN'S CORRECTIVE SURGERY

In May volunteer plastic surgeons, Dr Tim Cooper from Perth and Dr Ian Holton from Melbourne, came to Bali to assist with ongoing surgical training in our Children's Corrective Surgery Project. Together with Dr Anom from Puri Raharja Hospital in Denpasar, they operated 22 children – 6 with cleft lips, 15 with cleft palates and 1 facial reconstruction operation.

In late July Dr Tony Moore, volunteer plastic surgeon from Adelaide, also assisted in our ongoing training program, operating 7 children with Dr Eka and his medical team in the Surya Husadha Hospital in Denpasar.



ASSISTANCE TO DESPERATELY ILL

This year we have had several patients with leg problems, some requiring amputation and prosthetic legs fitted. We are most fortunate to have the volunteer services of Alan Crumlin, a specialist prosthetic leg manufacturer from Fremantle Orthotics Services (FOS) in Perth, and Alan has recently made two trips to Bali to measure and fit legs for these patients.

YOGIK: A highlight of our year so far has been to help 7-year old Balinese boy, Yogik, achieve the ability to



walk independently. In an earlier NewsUpdate we reported on Yogik, who was born without the lower part of his left leg. He has now been fitted with a prosthesis leg, made and donated by Alan Crumlin, FOS. Alan came to Bali to fit the leg and help Yogik with learning how to walk for the first time.

A film clip capturing the emotional moment of Yogik taking his first steps can be viewed on our website www.balieye.org – courtesy of Channel 10 Network, Perth.

GEDE YASA: Gede, an 18 year old boy, whose leg was severely damaged in a traffic accident when he was very young, went to Perth with Gede Bingin, YKI's Communications Manager, in the depths of winter in July to have light-weight calipers fitted to his leg to give him more mobility. The two young men were very well looked after by the Indonesian Catholic Association while they were in Perth, and we thank them for their support.

ATIK: This little girl has the same problem as Yogik, where constriction bands have cause deformities and amputations of her limbs. Alan took measurements while he was in Bali and will make her a prosthetic leg. Atik also had a severe constriction band on her other leg and Dr Tony Moore operated to release this in his training surgical

session in Bali in late July to save the second leg from the same fate. At the same time, the stump was prepared for the prosthesis and one of her fingers was released to give her better hand function.



TB TRAINING PROJECT



Dr Rick Stapledon and Richard Lumb conducted a two-week review and training session in the ongoing Bali TB Training Program funded by the Australian Red Cross. They travelled extensively around the island visiting laboratories and hospitals in each District.

This vital training program focuses on laboratory technicians and TB health workers treating people with this deadly and very prevalent disease which can be cured, given the correct diagnosis and treatment regime.

PAK TULUS – YKI TRUSTEE



Pak Tulus Wuliata, with some of the Bali team.

Many of our supporters will remember Pak Tulus Wuliata, a long-term and strong supporter of our Foundation's work in Bali.

Pak Tulus played a significant role in establishing the original mobile eye clinic in 1991 and served as the YKI Treasurer for many years. He was

recently appointed one of the three Trustees under the new Yayasan structure.

Pak Tulus passed away in June as a result of head injuries, after having been involved in an accident while riding his bicycle.

He will be very much missed by our Bali team.

THIS BABY IS CATARACT BLIND AND HAS NOT YET SEEN HER MOTHER

a 20-minute operation would change her life



The John Fawcett Foundation assists Balinese from the lower socio-economic group free of charge

Cataract surgery
Cleft lip & palate surgery
Assistance to desperately ill children
Education assistance
Wheelchairs
TB microscopy training

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Thank you so much, on behalf of the Balinese people.

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