

SPECIAL VISIT TO MOBILE EYE CLINIC BY GOVERNOR OF BALI

The Governor of Bali, Made Mangku Pastika, (pictured below on the right with Dr Dharyata) made a special visit to the mobile eye clinic when it was operating in the village of Banjar Taman, Bedulu, in the District of Gianyar.

Pastika donned a theatre gown, mask and hat and entered the high-tech mobile clinic to watch Dr Dharyata operate a cataract blind patient.

Afterwards, he chatted with patients who had undergone the surgery the previous day and were attending for their post-operative examination. He was impressed by the excellent results reported by the patients.

Also pictured (above right) are John Fawcett (Founder and CEO) and Wayan Sukajaya (Senior Projects Manager) in discussions with the Governor during his visit.



The strong support of the Governor and his wife, Ayu Pastika, for this program, which assists the poorest people in the community, means that our Foundation is able to continue this very effective program in Bali.



SURGICAL TRAINING

Volunteer ophthalmologists from Australia, Dr Ian Spencer and Dr Gordon Bougher, came to Bali for two weeks each to assist

with the teaching of the specialised cataract surgical technique we use in our programs. Dr Dharyata heads the teaching team and the visiting

specialists provide invaluable support to the new surgeons, working with them first in wetlab and then supervising operations.

TRAINING SKMEC NURSES



The two new nurses from Kalimantan undertaking training with our mobile clinic teams returned to Kalimantan at the

end of July, ready to start work in the mobile clinic there. The team is awaiting a full-time ophthalmologist, who is also undergoing training and,

in the meantime, operations continue on a sessional basis in Kalimantan with ophthalmologist, Dr Puspa.

Above : Farewell party for SKMEC nurses (pictured centre)

KARANGASEM SCREENING AND NENGAH'S WEDDING



In late July all our staff travelled to the east of Bali to conduct a mass village screening and cataract operation session.

At the same time the staff attended the very special occasion of the wedding of Nengah and Erna in Nengah's family home.

Nengah, who heads our refraction team, has been working with our program since 1999.

Our thanks to Tom Inoue for providing accommodation for our team at the Emerald Hotel in Tulamben on this occasion.

TB TRAINING PROGRAM

Volunteer TB specialists from Adelaide, Dr Rick Stapledon and Dr Craig Dancer, spent two weeks in July with

participants in the Bali TB program which provides training in correct diagnosis and treatment of this

potentially fatal disease. See page 4 for a special article on the volunteers who assist in this program.

GREGG GROUP FIELD TRIP

Peter and Sandra Gregg from Adelaide and six of their friends participated in a two-day field trip to Karangasem in the east of Bali to see firsthand the Foundation's activities.

The group, accompanied by YKI/JFF's International Projects Director, Penny Lane, attended a mass eye screening where 512 people were checked for eye problems, 450 were issued with glasses, and 29 were identified as cataract blind.

Twenty-six patients were operated at the location in two of our mobile clinics over the following two days.

On the second morning, the visitors witnessed the pads being taken off the eyes of the patients, some who had been blind for as long as eight years, and then visited five local primary schools where our teams checked the visual acuity of the children in all grades – 604 in all.



LOMBOK TEAM TRAINING FOR MOBILE EYE CLINIC WORK

In August Dr Endro, who has been operating in our East Lombok Cataract Program, was appointed to a new position as Head of the Department of Health in East Lombok.

This prompted a restructuring of the East Lombok Project and our plan is to introduce a mobile clinic into Lombok in an attempt to reach even more

patients in the more remote areas.

Our team from Lombok, with three additional new staff, came to Bali in August to commence training for mobile clinic work, and is working closely with our Bali teams to learn the special skills required.

Right : Our new mobile clinic driver for Lombok, Didin, helps a patient following surgery



CLEFT OPERATIONS

In July and August, eleven patients were operated in this program - 7 lip repairs and 4 palate repairs.

Dr Anom, performed the operations in the Puri Raharja Hospital. Anaesthetists, Dr Sukra and Dr Pramana, worked

with Dr Anom in a voluntary capacity to help the patients, all from poor families.

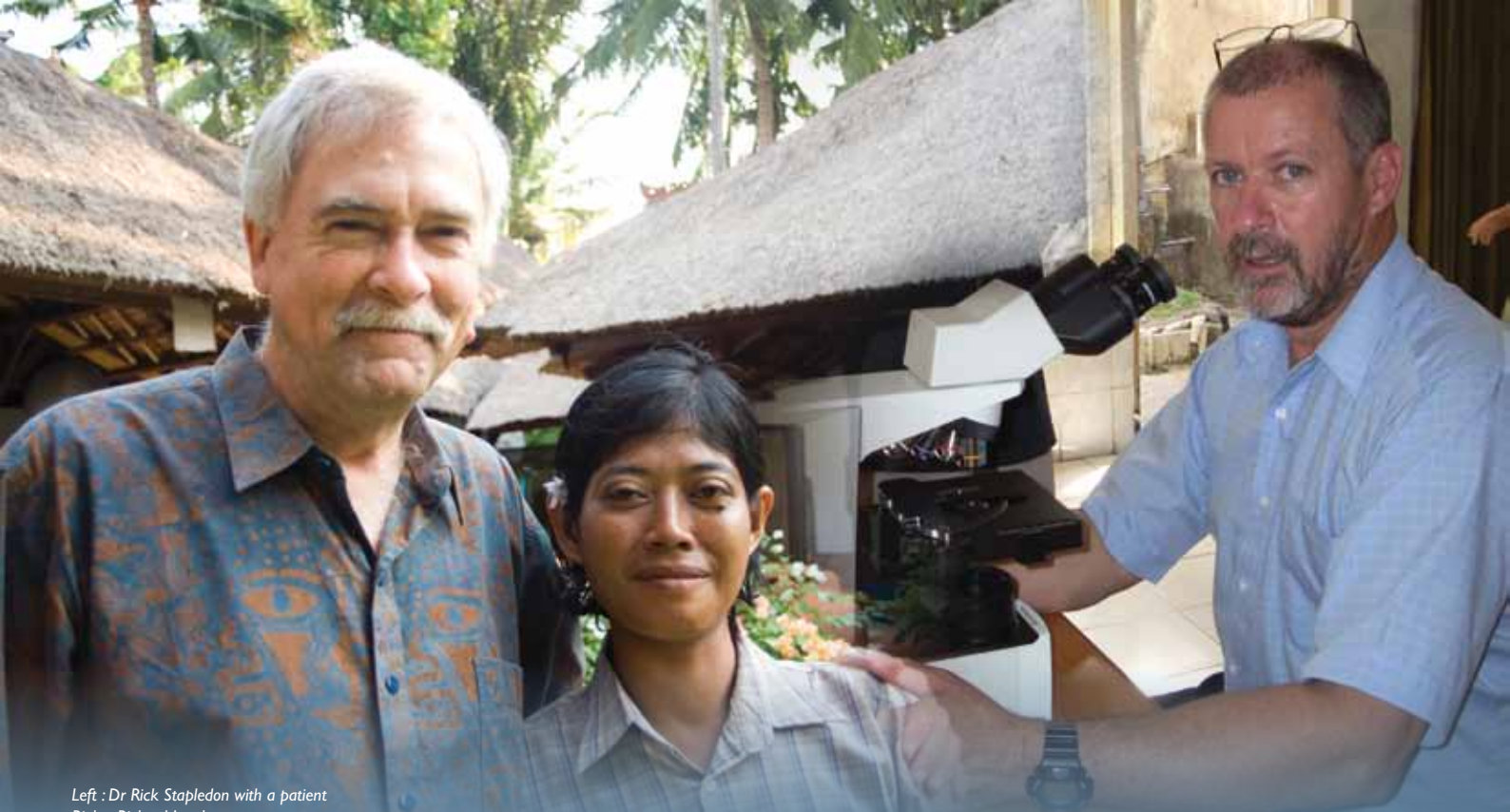
MICROSCOPE MAINTENANCE



Norbert Hoegerl, from MicroMed International, spent five days with YKI's medical technicians undergoing checking and maintenance of the ophthalmic microscopes in the mobile eye clinics and the Foundation's cataract programs.

Norbert has been working with our Foundation on a voluntary basis for several years, and his assistance and training for our technicians is invaluable.

Left : Norbert Hoegerl with YKI's medical technician, Dewa Putu, checking the ophthalmic microscope settings in one of the mobile clinics.



Left : Dr Rick Stapledon with a patient
Right : Richard Lumb

UNSUNG HEROES

Dr Rick Stapledon, from Royal Adelaide Hospital, and Mr Richard Lumb, from the SA Institute of Medical & Veterinary Science, have spearheaded a Consortium of voluntary medical experts including Dr Ivan Bastian, also from IMVS, and Dr Justin Waring from Royal Perth Hospital to run the Bali TB Projects. As a result of the drive and effort of these scientists, the program has moved from success to success and is currently seen as one of the most progressive health training programs in Indonesia.

Overcoming the difficulties of cultural and language differences, the Consortium has successfully developed strong partnerships with



Consortium members in discussions with the Bali department of Health



The Project donated this multiple-view microscope to the Bali Department of Health specially for training.

the Indonesian National TB Program to share technical expertise and provide essential training in the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis.

Bali has been the location for this pioneering project which is funded by the Australian Red Cross and administered by Westcare Industries. YKI, as a member of the Consortium is the local facilitator.

Annually Bali has 3,500 new cases of TB, and far more people die of this disease each year than were killed in the Bali bombings in 2002 and 2003. TB is a curable disease and the treatment is free once accurately diagnosed. However, the emergence of multiple drug-resistant TB presents

new challenges, especially with the high level of international tourism to Bali. This project highlights the great need for similar projects to be mounted in other parts of Indonesia to reduce the very high and unnecessary death rate from this disease.

These medical experts believe that Australia, with its high level of expertise, has an obligation to help in the fight against TB especially amongst its near neighbours. This project is of immediate and future benefit to the Balinese people and has the added advantage of enabling these Australian doctors and scientists to use their experience in Bali to assist programs in other developing countries in the region.



Dr Ivan Bastian