

# NEWS UPDATE

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FOUNDATION



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## WORLD SIGHT DAY – 8 OCTOBER



**Y**KI/JFF celebrated World Sight Day in Bali with a special village eye screening and operating session in the village of Babakan in Gianyar. The teams screened 419 people with eye problems and operated eight patients in the mobile clinics.

Members of the JFF Board, in Bali for Foundation meetings, and several supporters attended the screening and witnessed firsthand the miracle of a sight-restoring cataract operation in our mobile clinics. The event was supported by Bali media group, KMB,



and received wide coverage in Bali newspapers, television and radio, and was also supported by BKKKS (Institution of Bali Social Welfare).

This event was followed up by similar screenings and operating sessions over the ensuing weeks in Amed and Nusa Penida.



# SPECIAL SCREENING AND OPERATIONS WITH INDONESIA ARMY



**Y**KI/JFF supported the Indonesian Army's annual celebration working together in a special three-day village eye screening and cataract operating session in the village of Busungbiu in the north of Bali. The team screened 1,410 patients, issued

1,322 pairs of glasses, and operated 29 cataract blind patients.

The event was officially opened by Major General Hotmangaradja Pandjaitan the newly appointed Head of Kodam IX/Udayana, the military district which covers the area from Bali

to the eastern extremity of Indonesia. Hotmangaradja Pandjaitan later visited the Foundation in Sanur and we had the opportunity to discuss with him possibilities of future cooperation in assisting poor people in the eastern part of Indonesia.

## JFF BOARD IN BALI



**M**embers of the Executive Board of The John Fawcett Foundation gathered together in Bali in October. They attended a village screening where the mobile clinic was operating, held a regular Board meeting, and attended Foundation functions with supporters. Of special note was the attendance of Balinese Governor, Made Mangku

Pastika, and his wife, Ayu Pastika, the Head of BKKKS, a major supporter of the Foundation's humanitarian activities in Bali.

In his speech to the Board members, the Governor thanked JFF sincerely for its assistance to the people of Bali, and in particular its reaching out to people who, in his words, were '*poor, blind and desperate*'.



## MOBILE CLINIC HEADS FOR LOMBOK



The Lombok team members finished their training for mobile clinic work in mid September and returned home for Idul Fitri after a rousing farewell from their Balinese colleagues. Three of the team returned in October to help out with the Bali program prior to the mobile clinic program starting in Lombok.

We very much appreciate the support ophthalmologist, Dr Endro, has given to this project in his new role as Head of the Department of Health in East Lombok, and look forward to a successful and productive program in that District.

## SUPPORT VEHICLE DONATED

The Foundation was fortunate to receive a donation from John Hughes (Perth) to purchase a support vehicle for the new mobile clinic. The new vehicle, an ELF Isuzu 12-seater van, was formally handed over to the Foundation in October by Dean Bowker on behalf of John Hughes.



## CLEFT OPERATIONS

In September-October we operated eight patients with cleft deformities in our Children's Corrective Surgery program.

It is always a joy to receive feedback on our patients. This report was sent to us recently from an Australian woman who sent a patient to us from Lombok for an operation.



"S..... comes from Endok, a tiny fishing village in Lombok. His mother abandoned him at birth because of his appearance and he has grown up relying on the charity and kindness of people in that village. When I met him he was about 16 and had never attended school or gone outside the village. He owned nothing apart from one sarong and one T-shirt. He was extremely shy and never spoke to anyone apart from those close to him and even then had a lot of trouble speaking because the gap in his palate was so enormous with virtually no hard palate present. He also had trouble eating and sleeping (he would cough all night and his sleep was therefore always interrupted). I raised money from friends in Australia so he could have an operation. The surgeons in Lombok said they could repair his lip but not his palate and that he would have to go to Bali for this.

I organised for the operation on his lip which was a success and he recovered well and enjoyed his new look.

The following year I raised money from Aussie friends again to fly him and a chaperone to Bali for his palate operation which was generously sponsored and organised by the John Fawcett Foundation. Again it was a success and his life was immeasurably improved.

A year later I got enough money from the same generous friends to buy him a motor for his fishing boat. I went back this year to see how he was getting along. I waited for him on the beach while some kids from the village went to fetch him. Then I saw this handsome young man confidently swagger down to me and look me straight in the face and shake my hand and he spoke to me for the first time ever (after 4 years of knowing him). The villagers were laughing as they explained that he would like to get married soon and wondered if I could make a contribution to the wedding. He was happy and using his motor to catch fish.

On his behalf I would like to thank you so much for your help and charity. You have changed his life forever and have made him a very happy young man."

# TRYING TO BUY PRESENT FOR PEOPLE WHO ALREADY HAVE EVERYTHING?

THIS YEAR, WHY NOT GIVE A PRESENT THAT WILL REALLY  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO SOMEONE WHO HAS NOTHING?

A\$ 60 (Rp 450,000) Gift Card  
for a cataract operation



## GIFT *of sight*

To  
I would like you to share your happiness on this special day with someone less fortunate.  
This gift card pays the cost of returning sight to a cataract blind Indonesian who cannot afford the cost of an operation.

From

A\$ 25 (Rp 200,000) Gift Card



## Sharing *happiness*

To  
I would like you to share your happiness on this special day with someone less fortunate.  
This gift card represent a donation to The John Fawcett Foundation to help people in Indonesia who cannot afford the cost of medical treatment.

From

A\$ 450 (Rp 3.6 Million) Gift Card  
for a cleft lip/palate operation



## A priceless *gift*

To  
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This gift card pays the cost of a cleft lip/palate operation for an Indonesian child whose family cannot afford the cost of an operation.

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