



ALAN CRUMLIN PROSTHETICS



In January Alan Crumlin from the Fremantle Orthotics Service returned to Bali to fit patients with prosthetic legs. One of the patients was young Fadil, a seven-year-old boy from the island of Flores whose legs were severely damaged in a motorbike accident in 2007. Over the last three years Fadil has had a series of operations in an attempt to repair his legs, but eventually had to have one amputated. Our Foundation has provided the prosthetic leg for Fadil, which will be fitted as soon as he is medically ready for it.

2010

is already shaping up to be a very active year, during which we will be building a new mobile eye clinic and preparing to start a cataract program on the island of Sumba, training more ophthalmologists in small incision cataract surgery to work in our programs, and working in cooperation with the Indonesian armed forces to expand our capacity to help even more people in eye screening and cataract operating sessions and with cleft operations, both in Bali and other Indonesian provinces.

BIOMETRY TRAINING

David Holland, from Alcon Australia, conducted a special training program in biometry for our nurses in January, teaching new and more accurate techniques to improve the outcomes for our cataract patients.

Biometry is the measurement of the depth of the eye which determines the power of the new lens inserted during a cataract operation.



ADELAIDE SUPPORTERS FIELD TRIP

In January, Jim and Karin Tsaglis, members of the Adelaide Supporters Group, visited a field eye screening and mobile clinic operations activity in Gianyar with their three children.

The Adelaide Supporters Group now boasts some 24 members and represents significant funding support for the Foundation. Jim and Karin, who live in Perth, are teaming up with Dennis Simms, also from the Adelaide Supporters Group, to set up a similar supporters group in Perth.



LAUNCH OF LOMBOK MOBILE EYE CLINIC

On 1 February, the official launch of the Lombok Mobile Eye Clinic was held in Selong, East Lombok. The launch was held in the grounds of the office of the Bupati of East Lombok, M. Sukiman Azmy, who officiated at the ceremony.

Dr Dharyata travelled to Selong with the YKI team and operated five patients in the mobile clinic immediately following the

ceremony. The operations were captured on camera and live-streamed to the audience outside, with Dr Endro (ophthalmologist and Head of the East Lombok Department of Health) explaining the operation procedure.

Until we have a full-time ophthalmologist based in Lombok, the mobile clinic operations will be done by YKI's

ophthalmologists rotating from Bali, working with the East Lombok Cataract Program team.

We are very happy that Dr Endro, despite holding a busy position as Head of the Department of Health in East Lombok, is still continuing to operate in our free cataract program in the Selong Hospital as often as he can.



FUNDING FOR A NEW MOBILE EYE CLINIC FOR SUMBA

In February we received the first of a series of donations from the Paul Wheelton OAM Charitable Trust to cover the establishment costs of a mobile clinic which will operate in Sumba, one of the eastern islands of Indonesia. The donation was directed via the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation (Melbourne).

Setting up a mobile eye clinic program in Sumba will be a most interesting challenge for the Foundation, and we are very excited at the opportunity of being able to assist the people there, as specialist medical services are almost non-existent.



Sumba has a population of around 700,000 people. The island is similar in landscape to parts of Australia, with some very dry areas. A high proportion of the population lives in the rural areas, where cattle and horses are the most common livestock. As a result of

this demographic distribution, access to the available medical services, which are based in the two major cities, is limited. It does, however, mean that a mobile clinic could provide a much-needed ophthalmic service to the people of the island.

PROSTHETIC EYES A LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAM



their confidence and dignity so that they can have a normal life.

Wayan Wijaya, the Foundation's technician is skilled in making and fitting prosthetic eyes from high quality materials, matching the colours with the real eye. He works in consultation with the Foundation's consultant ophthalmologist.

Wayan initially undertook training with Balinese prosthetic eye maker, Pak Tunas, followed by a 10-day intensive session with Paul Geelen from Perth in late 2007.

Since Wayan commenced his training in the making of prosthetic eyes, 88 patients have had eyes made and fitted in this Program. The service is in high demand, with many patients waiting for eyes.



Few things are more distressing to a person than disfigurement. It can cause social dislocation and personal despair.

The Foundation has an active prosthetic eye program which assists patients who have lost an eye, providing a natural-looking artificial eye which restores

