

The highlights of the July-August period are outreach trips to Kupang and Lumajang, working in conjunction with the Indonesian Air Force and Army, and surgical training in Lombok and Bali with two volunteer ophthalmologists from Australia.

## COOPERATION WITH THE INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES

### KUPANG, WEST TIMOR

In an exciting new venture for our Foundation, we combined forces with the Indonesian Air Force and Army to take our field eye screening team and mobile clinic to Kupang, West Timor, in July to participate in their annual social assistance program for the people. The Air Force flew our team and one of our mobile clinics by Hercules to Kupang, where the team screened nearly 3,000 people over two long days, distributed 2,088 glasses and operated 68 cataract blind people in the mobile clinic. The team also visited local primary schools and checked the visual acuity of 262 children.

At the same event, our Foundation supported 33 children's cleft lip operations performed by the military surgeons in a field hospital set up at the Air Force base.

With Drs. Frans Lebu Raya Governor of NTT, Marshal Imam Sufaat, Head of the Air Force, officially opened the event and received 10 hydraulic hospital beds from the Foundation for the Air Force hospital in Kupang.



## LUMAJANG, EAST JAVA



Following the huge success of the Kupang trip, the Air Force flew our team to Lumajang in East Java. This time two of our mobile clinics traveled by road and ferry to meet up with the team, and together, they screened 1,846 people in this very poor area, distributed 1,358 glasses and operated 69 cataract blind over two days.



## SESETAN, DENPASAR

In our first cooperative activity with the Indonesian Navy, we held a mass screening and cataract operations in Sesetan, Denpasar, where our team screened 572 people, distributed glasses to 445, and operated 10 cataract blind patients.



## SURGICAL TRAINING – BALI AND LOMBOK

Two volunteer ophthalmologists from Western Australia came to help with surgical training in our Sight Restoration Project in July.

Dr Ian Spencer spent a week with Dr Gunawan from the Gerung Hospital in West Lombok and a second week in Bali with our surgical trainee, Dr Herna, following a week of training with Dr Alisdair Jackson.



## TELEPHONE ETIQUETTE TRAINING

In July staff from the Conrad Hotel in Bali conducted a training session with our office staff in correct telephone etiquette, to help improve our services to the public, and we thank the Conrad Hotel for this contribution.



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