

# NEWS UPDATE

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Activity highlights for this period include a mass screening and operating session in Gianyar, World Sight Day screenings and operations in the north Bali villages of Gerokgak and Busungbiu, cleft operations with Dr Tony Moore and Dr Tim Cooper, JFF Board Meeting in YKI headquarters and a fundraising art exhibition at *bridges* restaurant in Ubud.

FROM JOHN FAWCETT

Dear Members and Supporters

As you may know, the Board of the Foundation has put in train a process for the recruitment of a full-time Chief Executive. It is intended that the appointee will work with me and, if needed in the future, will take over the running of the Foundation. This process has my full support and I am pleased to report that we have had a very strong response to our advertisement. The selection process is well advanced and we hope to have someone in place in the new year. A priority for the Chief Executive will be fundraising which will be critical if the Foundation is to continue its humanitarian work. I will keep you informed of the progress of this important initiative.

I want to say a particular thanks to all those who have supported and continue to support our work. Without your financial and in-kind contributions we could not do the life-changing work we do.

JOHN FAWCETT  
FOUNDER + CEO

## WORLD SIGHT DAY

Each year the Foundation makes a contribution to World Sight Day. This year's contribution took the form of mass screenings & cataract surgery in the north Bali villages of Gerokgak & Busungbiu. Dr Dharyata and Dr Dini operated in two of the Foundation's mobile clinics. Over the two days, 1030 people were screened, 706 pairs of glasses were issued, cataracts were identified in 52 patients and 17 operations were performed. Both days were attended by the Vice-Governor of Bali A.A Puspayoga. The screening at Gerokgak was suspended briefly as the recent earth quake was felt in the far north of the Island.



# CLEFT OPERATIONS & TRAINING PROGRAM



Over five days in early October, volunteer plastic surgeons Dr Tony Moore from Adelaide and Dr Tim Cooper from Perth conducted cleft training programs for local surgeons in the Ganesha and Puri Raharja hospitals. Twenty nine children were operated on. As part of the training program, Dr Moore was assisted by a hospital surgeon and two surgeons from the Indonesian air force. Dr Cooper was assisted by the highly-skilled Indonesian surgeon, Dr Anom.



While surgeons volunteer their skills and time, there is a base cost of approximately of A\$450 per operation for consumables, support staff and theatre hire. The 29 operations just completed were made possible by the generous support of Dimitri and Sue Aretzis from the Adelaide Supporter's Group.

So far this year 72 children from very poor families have received these life-changing operations. The support for the program remains strong and we expect to complete more operations by year's end.



# INDONESIA A VAST ARCHIPELAGO

In the minds of many people, Indonesia is Bali or perhaps Java and Jakarta. What is little known and poorly understood is the true extent and sheer size of the Indonesian Archipelago. For example, how many people understand that the distance from Banda Aceh in West Sumatra to Jayapura in West Papua

is the same as from London to Tehran or, in Australian terms, from Carnarvon in Western Australia to somewhere in the ocean between Sydney and New Zealand. With a population of 230,000,000 spread across 13,466 Islands this country presents enormous challenges for those wishing to bring humanitarian services to

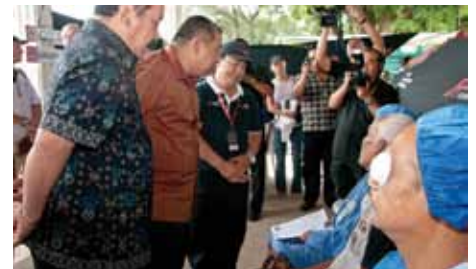
a needy population. The map below shows the areas of the Foundation's current and planned activities. With the assistance of the Indonesian Air Force we are able to deliver our sight restoration and blindness prevention services to the outer reaches of this island nation.



## BALI JFF BOARD MEETING & DINNER FOR MEMBERS & SUPPORTERS

On October 7 the Board of the Foundation met in Bali. The meeting was held at YKI headquarters for the first time and was preceded by a field trip to see a mass screening and operating session in nearby Gianyar. The screening was attended by the Vice-Governor of Bali, A.A. Puspayoga. Two mobile clinics were in operation and members were able to gown up and see Dr Dharyata and Dr Dini, two highly-skilled Indonesian ophthalmologists, operating. Over the course of two days 435 people were given eye tests, 387 received free spectacles, cataracts were identified in 16 patients and 12 received sight-restoring cataract operations.

Attending the day's screening and the dinner that followed the Board meeting were supporters Demitri and Sue Aretzis and Alan and Sue Herald and Ron and Jan James from Adelaide and Michael and Robin Beech from Perth. Following the dinner John Fawcett spoke about the Foundation's work, the importance of the program's supporters and the increased reach of the Foundation's activities through its association with the Indonesian air force.



## BRIDGES FUNDRAISING ART EXHIBITION

As part of their Bali program, Board members attended an exhibition of paintings and charcoals by highly acclaimed Indonesian artist, John Van der Sterren. The fundraiser was organized by one of the Foundation's supporters, Bruce

Wallace, and was held at the wonderful *bridges* restaurant in Ubud. Members and guests were greeted by restaurant manager, Mr Claude Chouinard and were treated to drinks and light refreshments as they browsed the art works on display.

Foundation staff were on hand to receive donations and to package the purchased art. A percentage of all sales comes to the Foundation and the auction of a donated oil painting and two charcoals completed a wonderful evening.



# SPECIAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE A JOINT PROJECT WITH ROMAC

Over the years the Foundation, with the help of volunteer surgeons and supporting hospitals has been able to help poor families who have children with complex medical conditions. Sometimes these conditions become evident at birth and at other times they are the result of trauma in young lives. This month the Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) came to the aid of the Nyoman Gayatri. ROMAC flew Nyoman and her mother (pictured) to Adelaide where Nyoman underwent life-changing surgery at the Memorial Hospital. ROMAC's support covers all medical, accommodation and transport costs. Kim Mead from Adelaide, who visited Nyoman, reports she is doing well and is expected to be discharged in two or three day's time.



## 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



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



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



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