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ACTIVITY REPORT

Educator's Seminar in Kulon Progo



One of the main obstacles facing each of us today in the education of our children is the need for quality materials. We have found many areas in desperate need of educational materials in Indonesian. There is a great vacuum for character building material that helps reinforce a child's training in moral values in day to day living and learning to communicate and relate to those around him. Children are the hope of the future and must be encouraged and challenged in a positive way.

The Seminar

March 29-31, 2010 we conducted 3 days of seminars for over 300 preschool (PAUD - Pendidikan Anak Usia Dini) teachers in Kulon Progo, Central Java. The seminar was an information packed event for preschool teachers from low income villages which we held for around 100 teachers at a time over 3 days. Thanks to the support of our sponsors we provided each teacher with 3 VCDs of 6 Treasure Attic Episodes, 3 Activity Books that coincide with the 6 episodes, and a teacher's manual on how to use the program and a certificate for receiving the training.

The seminar consisted of information on how children learn and different methods of teaching along with a section on how to use the Treasure Attic Episodes in a curriculum with a short workshop on

this topic. All of the materials provided have been translated and produced in Indonesian. These seminars are a tremendous asset to the community and the materials are much appreciated as these pre-school groups are usually very simple and conducted in the teacher's house or small community center buildings in the villages. This is a fairly new program throughout Indonesia and is worthy of support and encouragement. We could not have done this without your support and we consider it a privilege to be involved in this program.

Below: Some of the teachers with their certificates; the speakers.



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More Seminar Photos

Left: The teachers go over the seminar course material



Middle: Family Care volunteers with members of the department of education



Right: Daniel with a sample of the material given to the attendees



Relief Projects in West Java

This month Family Care teams followed up on some of our programs in West Java. A team went back to the Pangalengan area, site of a magnitude 7.0 earthquake in September 2009. This is our fourth such visit to the area since the earthquake.

We also visited Ciwidey in West Java to conduct a survey of flood and mud slide victims to see what we can do to help families who have lost their houses and loved ones. On this trip we also distributed one ton of rice and other food staples donated by our kindhearted friends.



Above: Handing over some of the supplies in Ciwidey.

Right: The makeshift camp for mudslide victims in Ciwidey.



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