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ACTIVITY REPORT

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

As you know our main focus for the month of December has been helping the victims of Mt. Merapi near Jogakarta. In addition FCI members took time off to celebrate Christmas with our friends in Jakarta.

MERAPI AGRICULTURAL RECOVERY PROJECT IN DUSUN SUKO VILLAGE NEAR MUNTILAN



Imagine your previously fertile farm lands now covered with an inch of ash which has turned to a hard concrete-like substance. Or imagine your rice fields which were ripe and ready for harvest now flattened by hot ash. The parts of your crop which seemed to survive are covered with fungus and un-

able to be harvested. No harvest means no resources to start again.

That's the situation on many of the farms after the devastation brought by Mt. Merapi. The volcano is now silent but the after-effects of the eruption will continue for some time to come. Facing these difficulties brought despair and hopelessness to many of the farmers who have lived in this area for years.

In an effort to help and working with the local community, Family Care Indonesia initiated the Merapi Agricultural Recovery Project (MARP).

Through the generous sponsorship of ICAP, FCI volunteers were able to assist over 100 farmers



in Dusun Suko village with the needed seed, fertilizer, pesticide and fungicide. All essential to restoring the land and planting new crops.

In addition, FCI distributed 2.5 tons of rice to local families and a small stipend was given to a number of workers who help to work the farm land there but have no land of their own to





farm. Under the same umbrella several other projects were also started including the repair of water pipes broken during the time of the explosion and tremors and a centrally located meeting point for the inhabitants of Dusun Suko.

A very special thank you to our sponsors at ICAP for making this project a success



MULUKU ISLANDS

This past month two FCI volunteers visited the Maluku Islands for two weeks. On Seram Island, they went to four different villages and distributed school supplies to over 300 children. Their next stop was Ambon where they visited three orphanages. The children were extremely happy for the visit. Also during this time we gained much insight into the needs of the people in this area.



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