

# Pulisan Annual Newsletter 2010

Much awaited for by PULISAN friends, addicts and those who still want to become such

Another year, dear friends, just ends, and we, the Pulisan team, wish you



**MERRY CHRISTMAS & a Happy New Year 2011**

Thank you for all the contribution and support you gave our projects over the year. Thank you for joining our struggle for the environment.

## The school sponsorship programs

Thank you to all of you who continuously support the education of our village children!!! Upper secondary education has become so terribly expensive, thus without your support these youths would never be able to acquire a proper education nor the chance to change their lives for the better...

Thanks for your continuous help - there are 24 village children whose school education is currently financed by our Pulisan Jungle Beach resort guests. Seven boys and girls successfully passed their final exams (upper secondary level) in June 2010:

1. Jafet Slamet (Sponsor: Jet Pangkey & Jos Pieters, NL)
2. Jack Frandy Bawata (Sponsor: Julia Pinter & Miklos Santa, Hungary)
3. Arthur Bindura (Sponsor: Jaap & Auguste Glastra, NL)
4. Aknes & Anita Pontoh (Sponsor: Rani & Hugh Koya, UK)
5. Herman Ambat (Sponsor: Ernst & Gerda Brack, CH)
6. Aditya K. Rompah (Sponsor: Karin Hatzmann, D)

Only one boy among those who graduated decided to take up a university study—thank you Karin, to finance Aditya's teacher's training program in Mathematics at the UNIMA, Tondano!

Newly enrolled at the academy for nurses "Gunung Maria" Tomohon is our village nurse, Inggriet Pusung. Her study is being financed by Dr. Regina Niemann from Germany.

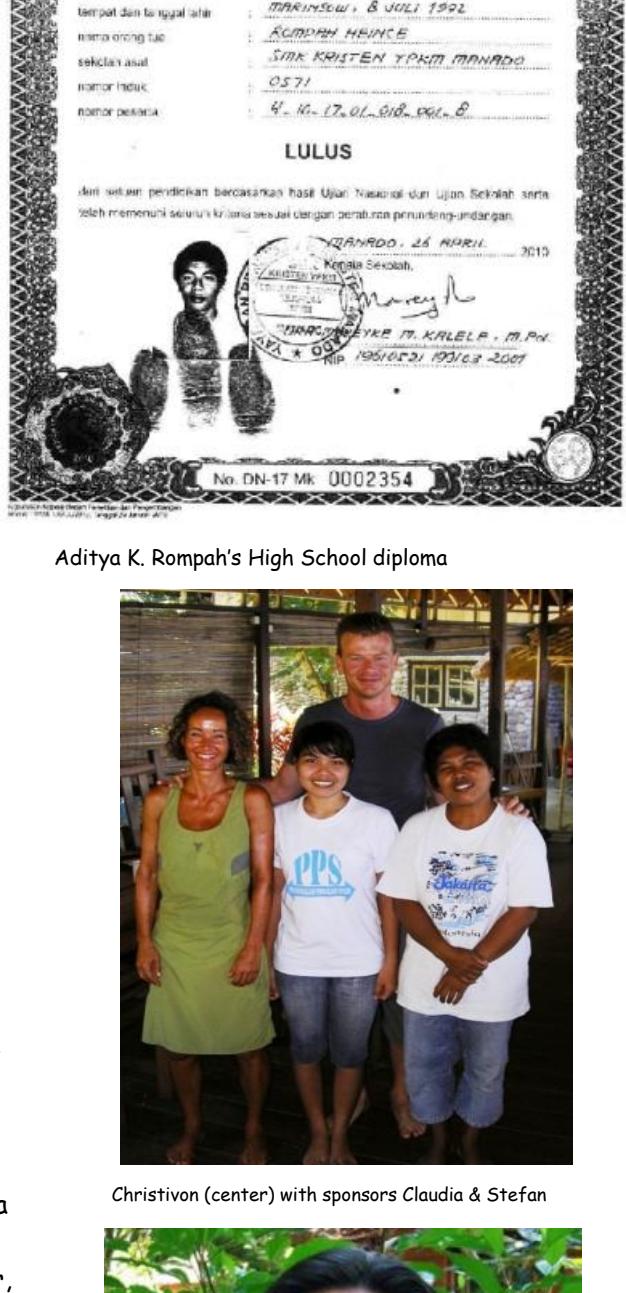
As training programs in the medical fields are much more costly than in other fields it is sometimes necessary that two sponsors share the cost as is the case with Christivon Tamahiwu's training at the academy for nurses Manado. A sponsor from the Netherlands (who prefers to be not mentioned here) and a German couple, Claudia & Stephan Bender, took on responsibility for her.

Our long term faithful village nurse and midwife, Feiby Waigiu, is being sponsored by the American family Kenneth Guentner and Kathy Swanson with their two sons Guy and Yolega.

Volanda Sahante who had graduated from the Tourism College SMIP Airmadidi in 2008 and since then worked in a Manado hotel, decided to take up a university program in accountancy and is being sponsored by her former sponsor, Mr Paul Sarfati from France.

French teacher couple Marie Claude Grumeau and Colin Sellar who live in Singapore, finance the secondary education of Jacob Oroh, a boy from Tule, Talaud, whose family impoverished due to the father's sickness.

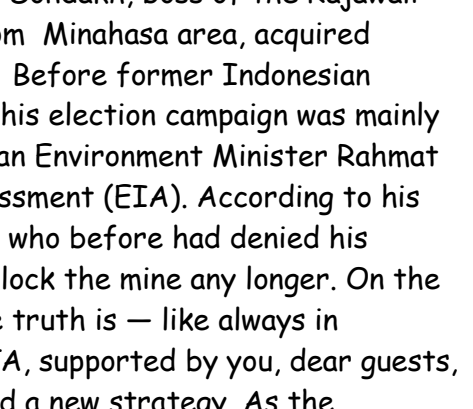
15 out of 24 youths in the program are enrolled at universities, four at high schools or other upper secondary institutions, while five are still in lower secondary schools.



Aditya K. Rompah's High School diploma



Christivon (center) with sponsors Claudia & Stefan



The village nurse Inggriet Pusung

## Environment

The gold mine Toka Tinding of Australian Archipelago Resources Plc , which—being supported by you—we had successfully blocked since 2005, got a foot back in the door due to the presidential elections in July 2009. Indonesian tycoon Peter Sondakh, boss of the Rajawali group, who ranks 7th richest in Indonesia and originates from Minahasa area, acquired majority shares in July 2009 from Archipelago Resources. Before former Indonesian President SBY was handed re-elected in office—it is rumored his election campaign was mainly sponsored by Sondakh. October 3rd, 2009 former Indonesian Environment Minister Rahmat Witoelar signed the long denied Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). According to his own statement the governor of our North Sulawesi Province who before had denied his approval was forced from the highest political level not to block the mine any longer. On the other hand he is known to be a close friend of Sondakh. The truth is — like always in Indonesia- foggy, but the coastal people's alliance AMMALTA, supported by you, dear guests, over the past years, immediately resumed forces and formed a new strategy. As the environmental minister's consent to the mine violates several law regulations AMMALTA filed a law suit against Witoelar. This was being financed through the ongoing support by the german ngo *Rettet den Regenwald e.V.* (<http://www.regenwald.org>), the *Friends of Pulisan—Lembeh—Bangka e.V.* and private donations.

In June 2010 the Institutional Law Court (PTUN) in Jakarta rejected AMMALTA's suit despite dense evidence material AMMALTA could bring forth that proved the violation of several laws during the process of acquiring the EIA. On December 14th AMMALTA therefore appealed at the Indonesian National Law Court and the Constitutional Law Court. It is hoped that every day of delay will help to immobilize and hopefully kill the gold company because as long as the law suit is ongoing and a decision pending the company's EIA is considered to be not valid yet and thus they are not allowed to exploit gold and start production.

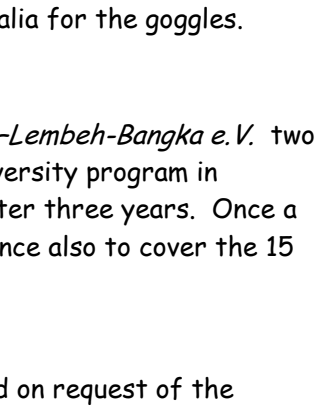
AMMALTA wishes to thank all sponsors and donors for their continuous support. At this moment it is crucial to raise more money to keep the law case going. *It is our only and final chance now to stop the dragon.* If you consider a Christmas donation to save our environment, here are the account details.

**Account holder: Freundeskreis Lembeh—Pulisan-Bangka e.V.**  
**Bank's name: Sparkasse Hochsauerland**  
**IBAN: DE60416517700000021311**  
**BIC: WELADED 1 HSL**

## The development programs

### Kindergardens TK Kasih Ibu in Kinunang and TK Pertiwi in Pulisan

After ten months in a temporary building, in March 2009 the 10 kids of Kindergarten Kasih Ibu in Kinunang could proudly move into their new building, which was mainly financed by a major donation from the swedish-norwegian family Mellegard and another major donation raised by german couple Harald and Susi Jaisse as well as several minor donations. The building is thatched with elephant grass which is a technique formerly unknown in the region and being introduced by Katrin in order to raise the income in this poor area. After initial hesitancy the material is now being accepted and first orders flow in. Three kindergardens — with highschool degree or bachelor — have been recruited from the village to teach the kids in both the Kinunang and the Pulisan kindergardens every morning between 8 and 10 am. The teachers' salaries are being paid from funds of *Friends Of Pulisan—Lembeh—Bangka e.V.* and a private donation from Mrs. Margarete Stuetzer (Munich). Learning toys which have been collected by guests from Germany, Holland, Austria and Denmark are much appreciated by our village kids.



Thank you for donating toys: Wolfgang & Gabi Duda, Verena Suchowski & Silvia Uhle, Ralph Braun family (all German), Stephan & Andrea Niedermayr, Seiringer family, Bernd & Diana Thoeninger (all Austrian), Gitte Fisker (Danish), Jos Roeffen & Marijke Meier (NL) as well as Diane M. Hiles from Australia for the goggles.

### Teacher's training

Being financed by the *Friends Of Pulisan—Lembeh-Bangka e.V.* two of the trainers have taken up an open university program in early childhood pedagogy after three years. Once a week they attend lessons in a nearby central village. They get a transport allowance also to cover the 15 km distance each way.

### Renovation of the Village Community Building

Starting in October 2010 with a budget of 25 mio. Rupiah the building's was tiled on request of the community. The community center was donated in 2005 by *Friends Of Pulisan—Lembeh-Bangka e.V.* and first used as a kindergarten, later as a lower secondary school whereas it now hosts village gatherings and special occasions.

### Health Posts Kinunang and Pulisan

Thanks to August and Maria Spallek—Gmeiner from German Bruehl we were able to continue the free health service in 2010. The program was established in 2004 and is enthusiastically used by the villagers as medicine is for free, too, being donated by guests and bought from funds. Twice a month health personnel being hired from Likupang hospital come in to hold practice in both Kinunang and Pulisan villages.

### Laptops for our University students

Thanks to the technical knowledge and the initiative of Mr. August Gmeiner from Bruehl/Germay initially five of our students have been provided with laptops Mr. Gmeiner bought and refurbished. Guests who still have extra space in their luggage bring them over to Pulisan. Mr. Harald Jaisse also contributed two laptops in March 2009, and Michaela Strassmar & Peter Schatz another two laptops in 2010. Greatly appreciated by our students!

### We thank the donators towards our programs:

August Gmeiner & Maria Spallek—Gmeiner (D) 1000 Euro; Margarete Stuetzer (D) 500 Euro; Dr. Dent Christoph & Martina Stehle (D) 960 Euro; Karsten Ehlers family (D) 500 Euro; Anja Leist-Villis (D) 150 Euro; Martin Maass (D) 200 USD; Hilmar Roenner (D) 100 Euro; Klaus Biederbeck (D) 100 Euro; Mirya Luethi & Moise Seiler (CH); Sebastian Felkl & Nadine Loacker (Au), Uwe Schmolke (D), Elisabeth Stehling (D), Dr. Guido & Elke Pfeiffer (D), Barbara Pauzenberger & Herbert Nakovich (Au), Heike Czwalina (D), Annette Seliger (D), Brigitte Loosen (D), Ludwig Luger (D), Roman & Renate DeLelija (D/Au), Wolfgang & Gabi Dudua (D), Karlheinz Fichtlscherer (D), Filipi Fiechter/Solterman (CH), Petja Jaeger (D), Oliver Voelge (D), Dr. Dr. Klaus Fuhrmann (D), Ralf Braun Family (D), Guenter & Regina Seiringer (Au), Dr. Dieter Dotulong (NL), Joana Lanzeron (UK (UK)/F), Glenn Ruane (NL), Tigor Panggabean (Indonesia), Corneliusz & Shelley Langereis (NL), Hubert Montag—Pollock (UK), Campbell Bridge (Australia).

## 2010 Guests and Activities

**JANUARY** "Indonesian Idol" Dirly and his crew put up their headquarters for a week in Pulisan to put together a new album and they are busy hiding this and preventing the fans to come down to the beach.

**FEBRUARY** Katrin sets off to face the German snow chaos and accompanies her father on a two weeks' journey to Turkey whereas Annie takes charge of the resort. Katrin returns on March 16th with her two cousins Timm and Martin in her "handluggage" . They stay to the end of the month.

### MARCH

To the great joy of all village children (and adults as well) our *Friends Of Lembeh—Pulisan—Bangka e.V.* chairlady, Sabine Biederbeck, spends two weeks of March. As usual there's a beach activity afternoon for the kids.

**APRIL** On the 3rd the provincial chief of the police invites himself for a stopover during a fishing trip. Fish for nothing and a table for free ... in return we have to feel honored. The other day, April 4th, we celebrate Easter. All kindergarten kids and guests kids are invited for games and to search for eggs. Great fun for all ! From April 9th to 14th Martin Gerber & Franziska Brenneisen from Switzerland dive their third holiday at Pulisan. Part of their annual "schedule" is shopping for optical glasses—good quality and VERY cheap compared to Swiss. Just by two days they miss the arrival of August and Maria Gmeiner who spend their 9th (!) holiday with us from April 16th to May 8th.

**MAY** Gabi and Wolfgang Duda arrive for their 2nd dive holiday at Pulisan. Sadly their sponsor child broke off school and disappeared somewhere to the Sangihe islands. Gabi takes up Indonesian lessons with Junior, our village priest. In return she teaches him and a few girls from the village English which is greatly enjoyed by both sides. Only Wolfgang suffers during the thanksgiving party they are invited to as he has to sit on the podium for honored guests. As he sweats his shirt through Junior lends him one of his.

**JUNE** 12th we celebrate the 18th wedding day of Sandra & Guido Marquard who made friends with Wolfgang & Gabi during their first stay in 2008. It's the premiere for our self made resort band. Unfortunately the pictures are a bit torn as the photographer had one or two glasses of liqueur in excess...

**JULY** on the 5th a typhoon—completely untypical for the region—causes big damage along the coast. Fortunately at the resort we only see minor destruction of parts of the roofs. Village nurse Feiby Waigiu is called upon to remove surgery strings in Sybille Meier's face. Being excited about their holiday to start next day and bysille moving around she had missed a step and "sailed down" her home's staircases.

**AUGUST** Katrin's old friend from University times at German Goettingen, Klaus Fuhrmann, arrives for a short stopover, together with two friends of his. Klaus is an associate professor in Cultural Anthropology at German University of Freiburg now. Klaus was short photos somehow slipped and were not taken ... not on purpose and nothing to hide really :-)

**SEPTEMBER** on the 16th Pulisan is represented at the provincial fair of economy with its grass roof home industry made from elephant grass which grows in abundance in the vicinity of the village. Katrin had introduced this new technology in order to enable the villagers to generate income. And also an enthusiastic welcome for "Mr and Mrs Keode" (Gabi Baer & Thomas Blumenstock from Germany) for their annual dive stay at Pulisan. They bring two friends, Tossi & Heiko. And dive and dive and dive. The only day they want to conquer an object above the water, Lone volcano, he spits violently.

**OCTOBER** Katrin sets off towards Raja Ampat to take her annual dive leave. This year she is extremely lucky to have extended encounters with manta rays, carpet sharks (wobbegongs) and epaulette ("walking") sharks. She regrets to miss Crischi & Horst who spend their 2nd dive holiday at Pulisan before heading for Raja Ampat, too. But at least she meets Gerhard & Denise Bauer and Evelyn & Klaus Kessler who come for 2nd stays.

**NOVEMBER** as Katrin has to renew her stay permit she and Annie take the chance for two weeks holiday to Nepal—some trekking, some elephant safari to meet the rhino at Chitwan National park and some rafting. For both the first time and it is quickly regretted as they feel the ice cold waters of the Himalayan stream in winter time.

**DECEMBER** We take it as a good omen that the year ends with the visit of 18 environmental activists from around the world with their families who have a reunion holiday at Pulisan Jungle Beach Resort from December 26th to January 1st. Thank you, Frank Momberg!



HAPPY NEW YEAR and....Hope to see you back ...

