

## Mission Experiences in Bogor, a Pioneer Family, and the JFI

I had been a missionary in Bandung just over six months when I received my first transfer to Bogor on May 17, 1972.

I was unceremoniously placed on a bus headed towards Jakarta and was told to have the driver let me off at the Bogor city limits. The welcome sign (Selamat Datang ke Kota Bogor) was the designated meeting spot. It was quite a ride.

There were chickens in bamboo cages next to me and a few sick ladies rubbing their necks with coins and using Tiger Balm to ward off colds (masuk angin).

I breathed a sigh of relief two and a half hours later when the driver pulled off the road to let me out, not so much for the experience of the ride; it was exciting and my fellow passengers were most friendly and seemed fascinated that I would be riding with them. I was relieved because the driver understood my request of where to stop and let me off.

Four missionaries lived and the Bogor group met in a small house across the street from the welcome sign. The neighborhood was called Komplek M.I.P.I.

The small Bogor group was anchored by the Siregar family. Bapak Siregar had been a Jehovah's Witness before his conversion and owned a pharmacy. He was loved and respected by the members.

In a few months our group would



*Dumalangs & Elder Larson in 1972*

be formally organized as a branch and Bapak Siregar would be set apart as the first president.

While my journal hints at some discouragement in my leaving Bandung (it was referred to as the rest camp of the mission because of the cooler weather), this was quickly forgotten as my new senior companion, Elder Marlon Bird put me right to work.

Elders Doug Dredge and Earl Taylor rounded out the district. Elder Dredge would sing and play his harmonica on preparation day about the hills of Bogor rising up to the sky and the rain coming down like a flood.

It was great heading out downhill from Komplek M.I.P.I in the mornings but a challenging ride home after a tiring day. Sometimes we could hitch a ride by

hanging on to a bemo (three wheeled covered motorcycle) chugging back up the long hill, much to the surprise of the passengers.

Along with assignments to teach Priesthood lessons and give talks, I was nominated to be "house mouse" the Elder responsible for supervising the maid who did our laundry, the food shopping and meal preparation.

It was a busy time and I was still struggling to learn the language, but we were being blessed with teaching opportunities.

Looking back through my journal, it had only been two weeks since my arrival when I noted the following description of a first discussion: "Gave a 1st that went quite well. She was a Protestant lady. Prayed at the end, it was real good." I like to think that I was tired because of the brevity of my entry, and I'm pretty sure that she, not I, said the prayer. My journal reads like I was tired a lot. Her name, Ibu Dumalang, doesn't appear until a week later with another brief report, this time for the second discussion; "she might be golden."

We were excited that she could read Dutch and left a Book of Mormon with her. Juliana Emelie Dumalang was a single mother raising four children. Her husband had left her. The children were: Suzana Elizabeth (Lisa), Yulia Erwanthi (Yanti), Erwin Marjanto, and Jeannet Mariana (Nanet).

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## Expressions of Thanks...Syukur

I am grateful for the educational assistance JFI has given to my two children. It helped my son Richard graduate from High School with good grades. He is now serving a mission. My daughter Abelia is now in class 1 of junior high. She also is excited to learn. I motivate and encourage my children to always be grateful. I always emphasize to them that these educational funds come from people who are

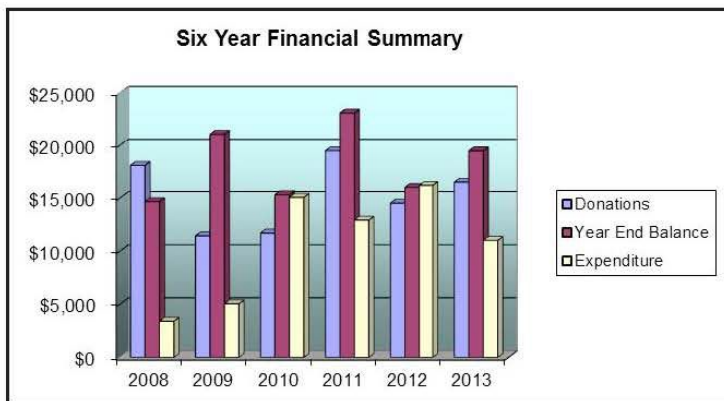
caring, generous, and have a love for those in need. I also explain to them that if we are helped, we must strive to ensure that



those who helped us are happy. I counsel my children that if and when

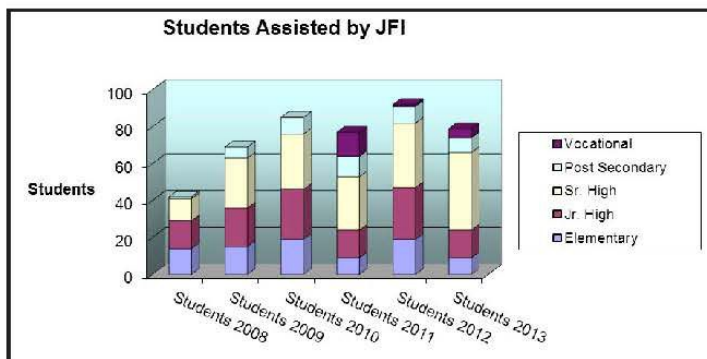
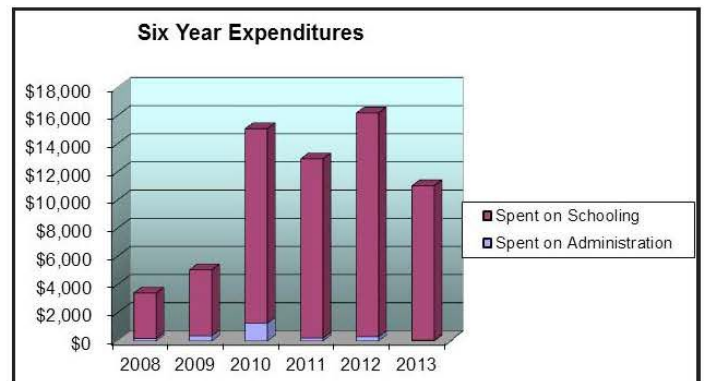
they become successful they must also help others in the same way the JFI donors have donated money to help. I think that JFI donors possess Christ-like love and have a high social conscience. They are amazing people because they want to help others in need like our family. We are grateful for all of our blessings and express our thanks to the Jaredita Fund. Sutadiyono, Bogor

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The 2013 donations totaled \$16,505 which is a little above the average of \$15,292 for the six years of operation of the Jaredita Foundation. Of the 2013 amount, \$13,683 were received from donations outside of Indonesia while \$2,822 were received from within Indonesia. Expenditure in 2013 totaled \$10,045 which is a little lower than the previous three years and resulted in improving the year-end balance to a level well above the total 2013 donations. This is a healthy funding situation as we plan for the 2014-15 school year. The board of JFI would like to thank all of the donors for your continued support as together we move forward in our efforts to brighten the future of the rising generation of Indonesian saints through education.

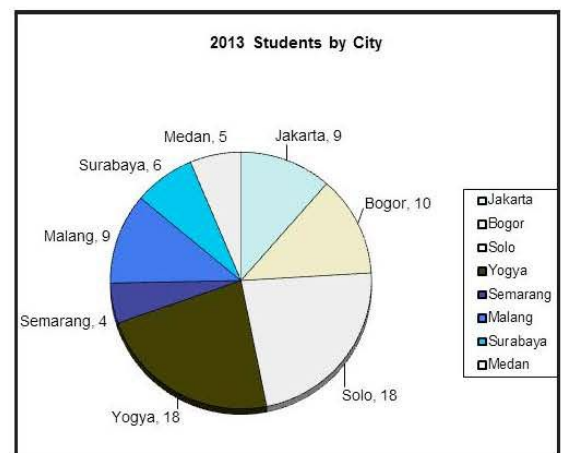
Because JFI is an all-volunteer organization nearly all of the money donated goes to helping students. Administration costs include expenses such as WEB hosting, wire transfer fees, printing costs and the like. Students assisted by JFI apply and are officially accepted into the program before aid is provided. The program pays the student expenses directly.



In 2013 a total of 79 students were assisted by JFI. In 2012 92 students were assisted by JFI which is the highest number of students assisted since the beginning of the JFI program. The colored blocks of the bars indicate the various grade levels and post-secondary programs of the JFI students.

The pie chart to the right shows where the students being assisted by JFI are located. We thought you might be interested to know the geographical distribution of the students since many of you have been to these locations.

We are profoundly grateful for your continued support to the Jaredita Foundation. The board of JFI has set a goal for 2014 for total donations to reach \$17,000 which is a little above the donation level of 2013. This will allow us to continue to meet the present need and to assist new students that enter the JFI program as some of the older students complete their schooling. We hope we can count on your continued support.





# About the Jaredita Foundation, Inc.

The Jaredita Foundation Inc (JFI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization named in honor of Jaredita—beloved daughter of Steffi and Subandriyo. She passed away in 2007 after one year of schooling at BYU-Hawaii and just weeks before she planned to enter BYU-Provo. Jaredita had a love of learning and a love for the children of Indonesia. The purpose of JFI is to help young Latter-day Saint children and young adults get an education. With the help of in-country facilitators (all are returned missionaries), children who are not able to attend school because their families cannot afford tuition, books and uniforms (about \$11-15 per month) will be offered financial assistance to pay for primary and secondary schooling. Payments are made directly to the schools. In most instances the fund will pay for half of the school cost with the family paying the other half.

Since educational loans are not available in Indonesia, JFI will also offer tuition assistance for qualified Latter-day Saint young adults to obtain post secondary school training. JFI loan recipients are expected to pay back into the fund once they have graduated and obtained work.

Donors will be sent a yearly report of how the funds were used. We encourage donors to consider arranging to make monthly direct deposits from their bank into the JFI bank account. This will guarantee a more constant supply of funds. You can also donate at our web site via PayPal or by sending a check to the address below. We are also happy to receive matching funds from employers. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause. Supporting the educational endeavors of Latter-day Saints in Indonesia will have a lasting positive impact and will bless the lives of many for generations to come.



*JFI students from Solo, 17 Augustus 2012*



*JFI facilitators in Solo, 17 Augustus 2012*

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The Jaredita Fund has greatly helped me in my education. I feel calmer in my studies because JFI helped lighten the financial burden of my parents. JFI has also helped my younger siblings. I am very grateful to JFI. It has motivated me to study and to achieve my goals. Yulyta AYU Dwi Pratika, Yogyakarta



I am the parent of Jeany Ceasalita Anggraeni. She recently graduated from high school in Malang with very satisfactory grades. Assistance from the Jaredita Fund lightened the burden of having to pay school fees. I am grateful to Heavenly Father because when our family was experiencing financial difficulties we were able to get help from JFI. I am also grateful to those who are involved with this fund which allows us to receive and utilize as best as possible the assistance for the educational needs of our child. I know Heavenly Father always sees and helps each of His children in



need. Thank you JFI for helping pay for my schooling and for lightening my parents' financial burden. This has helped me work toward my goal of becoming a missionary through being able to study the scriptures. I am also assured that I will not fall behind in my schooling. Elang Sandayawan Pamungkas, Semarang.



I am thankful to have been given help from JFI. Because of JFI I can attend school and I can pursue my goals. I am very grateful to JFI and I am very grateful to God who has heard my prayer. Ajai Purba, Medan.



I am grateful to JFI for helping to pay for my schooling. I cannot begin to repay your goodness. I hope that the Lord will bless you for helping me to graduate from High School. Harto Simanjuntak, Medan.



I express my gratitude and thanks to all those involved with the Jaredita Fund for your love and support. On April 23, 2013 I attended graduation ceremonies where I received my law diploma. It is truly an amazing blessing that I have been able to experience higher education. Thank you so much for your help and prayers. Without your love and support it is not likely that I would have been able to attend college, to obtain an education beyond what seemed feasible, and to increase my self-worth. I hope that through my education and current employment I can support myself and my family and that I can help other people. I want to help others as others have helped me. Thank you again and may the Lord bless you. With Love, Fitri.



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Ibu Dumalang loved her children and wanted something stable and good for them. For the first few discussions, Elder Bird taught Ibu Dumalang and I taught the kids. Elder Bird was later transferred and in my new junior companion Elder Kelly Esplin and I finished up the final two discussions with the family.

Elder George Groberg, recently released in July 2013 as president of the Indonesia Jakarta Mission, replaced Elder Bird as our new District Leader and conducted baptismal interviews for Lisa (12), Yanti (11) and Ibu Dumalang.

I remember the children being a bit shy. Erwin and Nannette were young, but they were bright and happy, delightful kids. They helped me with my Indonesian vocabulary. Ibu Dumalang prepared donuts for us and surprised us with home-made peanut butter.

Elder Bird carefully and thoughtfully answered questions from her reading

in the Book of Mormon and introduced scones with butter and syrup to the family.

We truly enjoyed our teaching appointments and other visits with the Dumalangs. An ordinance entry in my journal reminds me that I gave Nanet a name and a blessing, something that Elder Bird had us do in Sacrament meeting for all the young children in the group below the age of eight.

Because of a health concern with Sister Dumalang, the girls were actually baptized first on August 13, 1972 and their mother the following week. She proved to be more than just a golden contact by remaining faithful in the restored gospel for the rest of her life. She was a great blessing to her family and to the Church in Indonesia.

I find it to be most satisfying and remarkable to reflect on these events. In addition to the marvelous legacy of Sister Dumalang's membership and service to the Church and to her family, I think of the blessing it is for me as well to have

shared in these experiences.

Now, because of the goodness and generosity of so many who love the members of the Church in Indonesia and support the Jaredita Foundation, I get to send thousands of dollars in donations each year to assist youth there in gaining an education.

What is special for me is that I send the donated funds by wire transfer to Sister Dumalang's son Erwin who is a member of the board of directors and the Foundation's financial contact in Indonesia.

Thanks so much to Erwin, Subandriyo, Titik and many others in-country for their support in administering the program and to all who have donated to the Jaredita Foundation.

Dengan hormat, and warmest personal regards,

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Secretary/Treasurer  
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