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2020: What a year!



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In this newsletter, just like we do every year, we'll tell you about everything our teams have achieved, either in continuation of past activities, or exceptionally, despite very difficult conditions, which didn't make their task any easier.

The activities of our on-site teams in Bali are at the heart of our association's goals: to support our godchildren, as well as their families, if necessary. Beyond their daily work to accomplish this mission, they are also our friends and the essential link between the children and their support system: Godmothers, Godfathers, Donors and Patrons.



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In France, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Spain, members at our branch offices and at our head office are in constant contact with the Bali team so as to decide on actions and priorities, to discuss budgets, and to keep ANAK alive on a daily basis.

ANAK is a big family comprised of the children, the local coordinators, the office team in Bali, teams in Europe and, finally, you, without whom none of this would be possible.

This newsletter, our frequent updates to you, and our social networks are the glue, while your contributions, sponsorships, donations, patronage and partnerships are the lifeblood that gives us strength.



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Starting next year, I'll have more time to devote to ANAK. I hope that conditions will allow me to strengthen and broaden connections I have had the chance to make with a great many members of this family, by sharing meals in France, reading your messages on the Godfathers and Godmothers Facebook page and, fingers crossed, arranging future trips.

Happy End-of-Year Festivities everyone and see you soon?

Jean-Luc BENAZRA, Vice president, ANAK France

A word from ANAK Bali

Twenty-twenty was marked by the Covid-19 pandemic across the world, leading to travel bans, country closures and more. Stopping tourism in general has resulted in the island of Bali losing about 80% of its local economy. This makes it particularly difficult for the middle classes who suffer the most. In light of this prolonged temporary situation, we have had to take up new challenges in order, as always, to provide the best possible assistance to the children we support as well as their families. *(Details of activities can be found on pages 5 to 8.)*

Three New Goddaughters

Distancing constraints and restrictions to limit the risk of contamination, to which we should add remote back-to-school (in Indonesia, a home schooling system was implemented in July 2020) prevented us from registering new godchildren as we have done in past years. As a result, at the start of the 2020 school year, the field coordinators informed us of only three emergency cases: two primary school pupils in the Amed region and one secondary school student from Sawan. In January 2021, if the situation allows us to, we plan to welcome new children whose schooling is in jeopardy.



MAMA CHRISTINE'S BOOK

Dear members, partners, patrons and supporters, I am pleased to announce the publication of my book: **"Un chemin de plume et de plomb" (A path of plume and lead)** published by Sydney Laurent. Beyond, and in addition to, my life journey, it traces the beginnings of ANAK and talks about the enthusiasm of each one of us who made

it successful. In the book, you'll be able to read about all the activities we have implemented as well as our achievements. We have been joining forces in Europe and Indonesia to address the most urgent needs in our humanitarian drive - from poverty in Bali to the tsunami in Aceh - for eighteen years now and there are plenty of things to talk about! Thank you Dwi for rereading and correcting the chapters on Bali. I wish you all a great deal of joy in sharing, giving and receiving.

Christine Grosso

ASSISTANCE

Welcome Ngaral

The new coordinator in Amed, working with Gonta, is I Made Ngara (aka Bélok). He replaces Paing who has left us to focus on being a college teacher.

Bélok became an ANAK godchild during his fourth year in primary school. Originally from Lean (Amed), he spent three years at Dharma Cita (Singaraja) where he studied the hotel industry at a vocational school. After graduating, he worked for three years in the south of Bali in a restaurant, at a villa, and most recently at the Apurva Kempinski (Nusa Dua).

He worked there for eight months before being let go due to Covid-19. Since he was then obliged to return to his village, we suggested he try out the job of coordinator for the center. Due to his desire to learn, his experience as a godson, his closeness to the children and his experience in the professional world, we are now delighted, after



Michel MONNEAU, member of the ANAK Switzerland 2020 Committee

It was in 2011 that we first learned about ANAK. This discovery changed our outlook in terms of the other Bali.

Convinced of the urgency of ANAK's needs, we became godparents to Ni Luh Mastini who was living in the village of Pancoran with her parents. We helped her in her school career starting from the primary school in her village up to the Dharma Cita 1 boarding school in Singaraja.

Each annual visit we made to her family or to her school took place joyfully and enthusiastically under the benevolent gaze of the field coordinators.

After seven years with ANAK, Ni Luh Mastini chose to quit school and work in the hotel industry after completing her internships. Today she is happy, married and the mother of a little boy.

We are proud of her time with ANAK. The bonds of friendship that unite us are still strong today.

Thank you, ANAK, for all these moments of happiness.

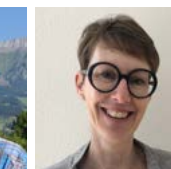
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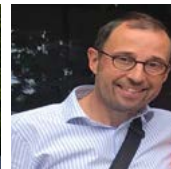
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ADAPTING TO COVID-19

The families of ANAK's children have been hit hard by the health crisis caused by Covid-19.

At the beginning of May, the association called for donations via Hello Asso. This fund collected the necessary monies to finance food aid for 183 families while they waited for a time when they could work again and provide for the needs of their loved ones.

This assistance, which consisted of food packages containing rice, eggs, oil and soap, were distributed between May and September. In addition to this food distribution, ANAK also distributed fabric masks in April 2020 and disposable masks in October 2020 to all families (four masks per family) who needed them. Our field coordinators kept the Bali office informed of individual situations in this particular context.

The total amount collected in this way was 10,579 euros, of which 2,100 euros were offered by the Rotary Club of Luxembourg-Horizon. Thanks to the generosity of ANAK's partners, members, and friends and families of members, we were able to support our 183 families during this particularly difficult time.

The Bali Autrement travel agency, which has partnered with ANAK for 15 years now, has decided to increase its commitment to solidarity during the Covid-19 health crisis. For any trip booked before the end of 2020, 4% of the total price of the stay will be donated to ANAK.

Once again we thank our donors for the precious help they have provided during this particularly difficult time.



Sale of masks

A topical initiative: Jean-Luc took advantage of a friend's return to France to bring in masks commemorating 75 years of Indonesian independence. Bought from a local association, which also helps the most disadvantaged, they were sold to benefit ANAK. This initiative benefited us in two ways. Not only did the sale of these masks provide the association with an additional one hundred or so euros, but it was also a way for our colleagues and friends to learn about ANAK. One of our sponsors, the Mayor of the town of Cormeray in Loir-et-Cher, acquired these masks to equip some of the children in the local schools.



Nazava water filters

BNPP, which supported ANAK at the end of 2019 by providing computer equipment to Dharma Cita 2 boarding school, has now financed an additional element of this project linked to the Covid-19 pandemic: the purchase of NAZAVA water filters from Social Impakt. This provides 40 families with access to free drinking water and reduces the impact of plastics on the island. ANAK's centers were also equipped with this device. What's more, we plan to offer this equipment to other families in villages located in the Buleleng region, in northern Bali.



Situation in Bali (as of October 31, 2020):

Schools in Bali have been closed since March 16, 2020 and, by extension, so have ANAK's centers, resulting in the interruption of extracurricular courses given to children every afternoon.

Learning takes place at home thanks to the internet and smartphones. Children previously without a phone managed to get hold of them (via a second-hand purchase or a loan from a relative, neighbor or classmate) and now all children in primary and middle school have been able to send and receive their homework once or twice a week (internet credit is provided by the schools). At the beginning of the school year in September, some primary schools set up a system for children living in areas where the internet is difficult to access whereby they could drop off and collect homework at their schools once a week. Our teams in the field make sure that education remains the priority for children and their





parents, despite the current situation.

Our centers in Pakisan and Amed remain open so that middle-school students can come to study and use the internet (in small groups) according to their educational needs and in compliance with health measures related to Covid-19 risks. ANAK has set up sinks at the entrances of all of its centers so that children can wash their hands regularly.

High school and university students all work from smartphones and Internet credit is provided to them monthly by their academic institutions. The young people of Amed come to the center for Zoom conferences because internet reception is better there.

In September 2020, Dharma Cita 2 was reopened thanks to an exceptional authorization from the district manager. It welcomes high school students involved in internships, third year high school students needing high speed internet for their homework and first year high school students who wish to familiarize themselves with life at ANAK's boarding school. In all, about twenty high school students are living at the boarding school together with our cook and our coordinator. The simultaneous reopening of both boarding schools (DC and DC2) is not yet possible given the distancing rules currently in force in the Dharma Cita district.

As we wait for normality to resume, our teams are doing their utmost to adapt to new regulations and always help the children as best they can in their education, learning and well-being.

GETTING INVOLVED – PROJECTS IN EUROPE

The 2020 Christmas market in Luxembourg

When the 2020 Christmas market in the City of Luxembourg was cancelled, ANAK LUXEMBOURG quickly acted and decided to organize a private sale of fine AMORINO brand Italian chocolates at the home of Claude and Jean-Marie.

The presale was very successful, in particular thanks to a new major donor LALUX Assurances. It also improved ANAK LUXEMBOURG's visibility in the Grand Duchy. In total, we sold more than 750 bags of chocolates, which allowed us to fill the void in revenue following the cancellation of activities planned for 2020.



The Annual General Meeting of ANAK Luxembourg (founded in November 2018)

On May 13, 2020, the first Annual General Meeting of ANAK Luxembourg was held in Luxembourg via videoconference due to the health situation.

The 2019 accounts were reviewed and approved and the 2020 budget was voted on and passed unanimously. We are continuing to sponsor five children from Sawan and will sponsor five new children at the start of the 2021 school year. The new Board of Directors was elected and now has five members. We are pleased to welcome three new members Myriam, Guy and Constant to our Luxembourg Board of Directors. We are counting a great deal on their enthusiasm and motivation to help develop the association in the years to come.

The next AGM will take place in Luxembourg in January 2021.

Annual General Meeting of ANAK France

On May 30, 2020, the Annual General Meeting of ANAK France was held via videoconference in light of the health situation. This solution was accepted very successfully by our members. More than 20 people connected and participated actively in the AGM. Two members of our Balinese team were even able to respond directly to our members' questions for the first time. We reviewed the 2019 accounts, voted on the 2020 budget and elected new members for the Board of Directors and the Office. Each project for 2020 was reviewed in detail and approved unanimously.

This virtual AGM provided a chance for connected members to socialize and we plan to organize the next AGM in March 2021 via videoconference based on the success of this one.

ANAK Switzerland's Annual General Meeting

On June 13, 2020, ANAK Switzerland's Annual General Meeting was held in person in Geneva.

We reviewed the accounts for 2019 and projects for 2020 and voted on the 2020 budget. The new Committee was elected and now has five members. Three new Swiss godmothers Christine, Nathalie and Orlane have joined Switzerland's Committee and will bring us new energy and motivation.

During this AGM, the members present were able to socialize. The next AGM will take place in Geneva in April 2021.

CANCELLED EVENTS:

Piano concert at Ussel d'Allier.

ANAK was invited to a piano concert organized by Mr. and Mrs. Choquet at Ussel d'Allier on May 30 and 31, 2020 in order to present the association.

Gospel concert in Paris.

Jacques and Pascale, members of NAOS and of a Gospel group that sings voluntarily to raise money for non-profit associations, had planned to organize a concert to benefit ANAK. Unfortunately, the pandemic did not make this event possible. We hope this is only a postponement.

Evening at Le Petit Meunier restaurant

A Balinese charity evening to benefit ANAK was planned for the end of this year, and once again Jérôme and Laurence Gagneux invited us to their restaurant, Le Petit Meunier, near Lyons. This evening was to include a dance performance and music. They hope to be able to organize it next year.

WAYS TO COMMUNICATE :

Keep in touch!

We use several means of communication to keep you informed about ANAK's activities.

✱ Letters sent by snail mail: This newsletter, which takes stock of the past year, and letters from your godchildren, translated by Mantra and Sesilia.

✱ An information update approximately six times a year is sent by e-mail to the address you provided us; it tells you about the latest activities and those that are in progress.

✱ Our website www.anakbali.org is in some way ANAK's repository; here you'll find our news but also project follow-ups, whether completed or in progress, and an archive of previous annual newsletters. The website is ANAK's showcase. Please share it!

✱ Social networks, we have our public Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ANAKbali.asso>); the private Godfathers and Godmothers group ("Godfathers and Godmothers of ANAK Bali"), where we can talk about our experiences; and finally Instagram, which is starting slowly.

✱ Last but not least, we have our Youtube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/AnakBaliFoundation>) where you can find all our films about projects and testimonials.

For specific questions, our secretary, Françoise Lagardère, will respond to your e-mails at contact@anakbali.org and the Bali team welcome your letters to your godchildren at malettreanak@yahoo.com.

We have noted that a large number of you do not receive, or do not open, our newsletter. It may be hidden in your spam emails, or the address you gave us may have changed. If you have not received these newsletters lately, please take the time to tell us at which email address you would like to be contacted and we'll update our database accordingly!



MEETINGS – BALI

Protecting Nature and Guidance, Teaching Young People.

On January 11, 2020, three organizations, bringing together more than 300 people, gathered at the Village of Pakisan in northern Bali for a special day of activities:

✧ **Pakistan Peduli**, an association for protecting nature and treating waste in Pakistan, was responsible for choosing the routes for waste collection. The local authorities, village chief and heads of the three Banjar (Pakistan, Tegehé, Sangburni) lent a hand as did 30 children from primary schools (SD3, SD1, and SD4) and five teachers, 70 middle school pupils, and 20 adults from each Banjar.

✧ **Bali Autrement**, a travel agency and our faithful partner, came from the south of Bali with 50 people including managers, administrative staff and guides from all over the Indonesian archipelago.

✧ **ANAK Aid to Indonesian Children** was also there with a team including 35 godchildren from Pakistan and 40 high school students from Singaraja.

The three groups started out in the morning. Armed with long tongs, gloves and empty rice sacks, we walked the routes indicated by the organizers and collected all kinds of waste that unfortunately litters the edges of roads, paths and streams in this green,

inland setting in northern Bali.

After removing the waste and collecting them in large bags, we then emptied these bags, once they were full, into a small truck that was driven along the path for this purpose.

The morning ended under a blazing sun and it was



then time for everyone to eat. While the Pakistan volunteers enjoyed their *Nasi Bungkus*, the Bali Autrement and ANAK teams gathered at our Buddhi Cita center where Ibu Kerti had prepared a delicious meal for us. It was an opportunity to meet others and socialize. The day was also immortalized by photos.

Then Bali Autrement, the travel agency with a heart of solidarity, made a presentation about the different facets of their profession to our high school students, who often study to work in tourism and are sometimes still looking for a specific career.

What a beautiful day of human solidarity it was! We took care of our land and taught our young people who are its future! Thank you everyone for your participation.

Dwi and Mama Christine

A visit from German godparents

The association now has three German godparents making our large ANAK family even bigger. In 2019 and 2020, the team in Bali had the pleasure of sharing a moment with Putu (originally from Buleleng) and her husband Christian, who came to visit their godson Adi in Sawan, during the February 2020 distribution.



Cooking workshop in English.

As part of our agreement with the Raja Danièle Marcovici foundation, the girls at Dharma Cita 2 were delighted to receive a visit from Borbala (Raja employee and ANAK godmother) and her British companion for a cookie-making workshop. It was a fun and delicious way to practice English together while discovering new recipes.

Rotary Club of Honolulu (Postponed Project)

Like the Rotary Club of Luxembourg-Horizon, the Rotary Club of Honolulu has joined forces with ANAK Luxembourg to support our activities in Bali in two ways: RC Honolulu is helping finance our new boarding school for girls at Dharma Cita 2 in Singaraja and their members will be coming to Bali in 2021 to help finish working on it.



Meeting with the "Bien à Bali" Club

In January 2020, thanks to Dominique, an ANAK godfather, Dwi, Maya and Christine Grosso made a presentation about the association to members of the French-speaking club "Bien à Bali" followed by a friendly meal. It was an opportunity to introduce ANAK, to expand their network and to develop new ideas for Fundraising in Bali.

We send our warm thanks to the club and its members for their welcome, their generosity and their interest in our association. We hope to be able to continue to develop this friendship in the future.

Arrival of young divers from Aix (Project postponed)

A group of 13 high school students, "Les Bulleurs de Zola" (a small diving club at Emile Zola high school in Aix en Provence) has spent the last two years setting up a slightly different project: "solidarity high school divers." They contacted ANAK and offered to organize various operations for the association's children. The final goal was for the "bulleurs" to come to Bali in October 2020, meet ANAK's children, and share their passion for the sea. To do so, these high school students had prepared extra-curricular activities for the children so as to help them discover their island's seabed and participate in a coral ecosystem conservation program. Fins, masks and snorkels have been collected for ANAK's children. The marine activities will all be supervised by scuba diving instructors (federal and state certified instructors). However, due to the pandemic, this project has now been postponed to April-May 2021. Plane tickets have been bought and reservations made. Our fingers are crossed!

The "Bulleurs de Zola" trained as divers and undertook various activities to raise the necessary funds. Between November 2018 and March 2020, they carried out awareness-raising activities such as presenting their project to people in Aix; publishing an article in SUBAQUA (a magazine of the French Scuba Diving Federation) and offering a manicure workshop for the



"Solidarity Divers" project as well as workshops on marine life in high schools.

They also carried out fundraising activities for ANAK such as: contributing five euros for each participant in a ski weekend; putting a Leetchi kitty online; giving a presentation to the Rotary Club of Eguilles, which brought in a

substantial donation; obtaining financial support from the "solidaires" association (Saint Cyr sur Mer) as well as a donation of soft toys. Finally, in March 2020, they set up the "one pancake = one book" project during their school's open day so as to participate in ANAK's mobile library project.

Since September, the high school students have resumed training and other projects are underway: cleaning a field in Aix, setting up a new online kitty and looking for new partners since the activities planned for last spring and summer had to be cancelled. Nevertheless, the epidemic continues, and once again we find ourselves at a standstill. Our high school students are still motivated and will do everything they can to carry out their "solidarity divers" project.

To follow them, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/lesbulleursdeZola>

ANAK'S MAIL – GIFT MANAGEMENT



Dear godfathers and godmothers,

Correspondence by mail is the best way for godparents to establish a connection with their godchildren. You write to them, they write to you, and Mantra & Sesilia translate! In order to facilitate their work, we suggest you use the email address provided for this purpose: **malettreatanak@yahoo.com**. You can attach a scanned handwritten letter if you wish. It will be sent to the child with its translation together with any postcards, T-shirts or other small gifts you send by snail mail or which are brought by visiting godparents. Thank you everyone!

GOOD TO KNOW • Beauty and perfume products as well as medicines and electronic devices are taxed at customs up to 50% of their purchase price (customs officers find prices through the Internet). So, if you'd really like to offer this type of product to your godchild, we suggest you use the "ANAK postman" system rather than by sending a package.

NEW ADDRESS FOR OUR OFFICE IN BALI:

Last September, our lease at the Lodontuh/Ubud office, where some of you came to visit the team, came to an end. We found an office with a better location and our team is enjoying the quieter environment and the cheaper rent! Here is our new address in Bali for your letters and visits to our Balinese team:

YAYASAN ANAK BANTUAN ANAK INDONESIA

Jalan Nuansa Kori Sading Utama III/5
Sading, Kec. Mengwi
Badung- 80351
Bali, INDONESIA

And the new number to reach us in Bali is:
+62 (0) 361 906 9134



DREAMS CAN COME TRUE

Graduation!

This year, five university students sponsored by ANAK completed their studies and obtained their higher education diploma. This means that now they will be able to work in a management position in the hotel industry or in a company, that is, as soon as the employment crisis created by the Covid-19 pandemic is over. Even if our Bali team was unable to tell them the day of their graduation (the ceremony took place in a small committee due to distance restrictions), we are proud to congratulate **Putri, Karisma, Suardika, Sugitra** and **Meichel** for their hard work and energy. We hope that they will be a model of inspiration for the little ones in the association!



Gede, winner of cycling competitions.



During 2020, **Gede Mas**, originally from Sawan and currently in his final year of middle school, participated in regional and Bali province cycling races and gained a place on the podium. For his training and competitions (around four/year), Gede borrows a competition bike from his cycling club friends. We are proud of him and encourage him to fulfill his potential in this discipline.

Poetry competition.

In October 2020, the province of Bali organized an online Poetry Reading competition, a discipline that is particularly popular in Indonesia. Out of the ten participants in the competition, which is open to all Balinese high school students, four were ANAK godchildren and they were able to train and encourage each other at the DC2 home. We congratulate them for their performance, especially **Sindi**, from Pakisan, a first year student who came in third and read the poem "Epilogue" by Wayan Sumahardika. To see the videos, go to our Facebook page.



Fruit carving

Sugitra, originally from Amed and sponsored by ANAK ever since high school, studied to become a cook. In a fruit-carving competition, he and his team came second. Thanks to contacts through **Eric**, an ANAK godfather who works at the luxury hotel, **The Apurva Kempinski** in Nusa Dua, Bali, Sugitra was able to meet a world champion of this skill. He has been taking free training regularly since the Autumn of 2019 so as to continue to develop the beautiful and original skill of fruit carving.

SAYA SUDAH JADI (what I have become)



Hello, my name is **Ni Made Sri Lestari**. I was born in Sega on June 24, 1995. I am the second of four children. I have a big sister, a little brother and a little sister. I come from a disadvantaged family. We lived in a hut in a small village in Bunutan, Karangasem. My father is a farmer and breeder of cows. My mother is a housewife. My family's income was only enough for us to eat and have a little pocket money. At school, I only had one school uniform; I had no schoolbag or shoes. I carried my books and notebooks in a plastic bag. I went to school on foot with my older sister because my parents didn't have a vehicle. I became a godchild with ANAK on November 15, 2006 when I was in my sixth year of primary school.

Before becoming a godchild, I didn't think I would ever be able to go to middle school but I finally had hope of being able to continue my studies after meeting ANAK, whose role was essential. I was finally provided with everything I needed for my studies. In addition, every month I participated in a distribution where I got to meet all of Amed's godchildren and the ANAK Bali team, who motivated us and

encouraged us to make our dreams come true.

My godmother is very nice. I am grateful to have been able to meet such nice people. I took part in various competitions, I studied hard and I always had good grades—often the best in class. I didn't want to disappoint either ANAK or my godmother.

When I went to vocational high school, I rented a room nearby with a girlfriend and when I was a student in Singaraja, I lived at Dharma Cita with other godchildren who were continuing their high school or university studies.

The ANAK Bali team taught us discipline, urged us to take advantage of our time and carry out our activities in harmony with others. Many organized activities taught us how to take care of each other and be better people. This teaching has become very useful in my working life. I completed my accounting studies at UNDIKSA University in Singaraja on March 24, 2017.

I then worked in a chartered accountant's office in the Badung region. I still work there as an auditor and I take the opportunity to gain as much experience as possible. I wish I could work and travel at the same time and gain work experience outside of Bali as a consultant in Regional Administration. I am very happy to work where I am now because the manager always pushes us to learn more. For the future, I would like to improve my professional certification and be allowed to work independently in this field.

I am very grateful to ANAK for having godparented me. Without ANAK, I would not be who I am or where I am now. Thank you very much for supporting me and for awakening the potential in me. I hope ANAK will exist for a long time and will continue to help children who have no means to continue their education.



Ni Made Elsa Fitriani

2013



I Nyoman Prayoga

2010



Ni Luh Sila Utami

2010



Komang Dicky Samara

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Ni Made Elsa Fitriani is from Sawan. She became a godchild in 2013 when she was in her fourth year of primary school. She is currently at ANAK's Dharma Cita boarding school in Singaraja and in her second year of general high school.

I Nyoman Prayoga is from Bunutan. He became a godchild in 2009 when he was in his third year of primary school. He was at ANAK's Dharma Cita boarding school in Singaraja for three years and studied Hospitality. He is now at Jimbaran University studying Business Administration.

Ni Luh Sila Utami is from Pakisan. She became a godchild in 2010 when she was in her third year of primary school. She is currently at ANAK's Dharma Cita boarding school in Singaraja and in her final year of vocational school studying Accounting. She plans to go to the University of Denpasar or Singaraja as of the beginning of August 2021.

I Komang Dicky Samara is from Galungan. He became a godchild in 2010 when he was in his last year of primary school. He was at ANAK's Dharma Cita boarding school in Singaraja for three years while taking professional studies in construction-BTP. After graduation, he found work in Denpasar as a motorcycle salesman.

MEET – SPONSOR TESTIMONIALS



Meet a Galaxy ...

Putu Tusnia Novi Windani, is that the name of a galaxy? I am tempted to answer "Yes!"

A galaxy of life with sparkling hazelnut eyes, as tall as "three apples" as one would say in France! It was an emotional experience for me to meet Novi for the first time at her home in 2013. She lives on the heights of Sawan, a rural village in northern Bali that offers a panorama of rice fields, as well as clove, rambutan and durian plantations.

That year, I was challenged by her basic living conditions. Surrounded by her parents and two brothers, Novi is the fifth child in a family of six and has three older sisters who are now married.

What is Putu Tusnia Novi dreaming of? This galaxy was born on August 5, 2005 in a small house made of concrete blocks and sheets with only taut fabric serving as the front door.

When I ask her a few questions in Bahasa Indonesia about her future, she answers in a hesitant voice that she would like to be a doctor, take care of children, or even learn foreign languages.

I had no idea in 2005, when I moved away from Paris to go to the South of France to open Kalamity K, a workshop/boutique, that I would forge a long relationship with Putu Novi Tusnia who lived 12,000 km from France.

In fact, I fly to Bali every year to create jewelry and collaborate with artisans, but it's also an opportunity to meet up with Novi and her family. My first contributions were the purchase of six hens, a rooster, and basic necessities so that the family could eat better.

Over the years, Novi and I have been learning from each other a bit at a time about our two cultures: she teaches me patience and listening; and I show her the importance of education for communicating in a foreign language or learning the profession of her choice.

What a pleasure it was in 2016 to see her enjoy a hearty nasi goreng in a warung in Lovina, it was her and her family's first time in a restaurant.

It was also a joy to watch her timid and reserved reaction on receiving her first bike, whose purpose was to give her greater autonomy.

This year, with Ibu Arni, her English teacher and Deva her younger brother, we returned to Lovina: it was an opportunity to initiate them in the practice of yoga on the beach before sharing a meal and finishing at the "Ganesh", a large market of Balinese artisanal productions, where Novi and Deva chose some clothing.

In 2020, Novi will be fifteen and as a teenager she is now more relaxed when talking to me and interacting. I hope she will be spared from the ills of our societies, our climate crises and the pandemic, among other things.

I also hope she asserts herself by choosing her own path, far from consumerist sirens and without suffering too much from a patriarchal system.

Novi, I wish you a beautiful, multicultural emancipation without forgetting your precious Balinese

roots and your rich heritage, which many Westerners only dream of.

Long may you live, little Galaxy, in the middle of this cosmos, inhabiting Pulau Banten, the Island of Offerings.

Thank you!

Karyne Lamouille

Pézenas, May 26, 2020

Mama Hélène, Godmother

Yves Duteil sang it wonderfully, "Take a child by the hand" and ANAK has been doing it for 17 years. When we talk about Bali we think of its magnificent resorts with infinity pools and lush vegetation but there is a whole other reality, that of poor but still worthy families whose scarce resources are not enough for their children to go to school.

ANAK was created in the Amed region, in the northeast of the island, 17 years ago under the leadership of Mama Christine, who could not bear to see idle children on the beach. Around her she has formed a very motivated team that takes care of the children.

It was in 2010 that Christine first told me about the

existence of ANAK but as I was involved in other causes at that time, I did not join right away. It was not until 2013 that I returned to Bali and met Dwi, 7 years old at the time, who was waiting to be godparented. I fell in love with this beautiful, reserved, little boy.

I came to know his parents, I visited his school, I met the principal and I decided to become his godmother so that he could study and secure his future. He is an excellent student and is always at the top of his class. Thanks to ANAK's Balinese team, I receive regular news about him, as well as his report cards and photos, which enable me to see him grow. I have his photo on my desk together with those of my grandchildren.

I go regularly to India in winter and this year, since I had

ten days available between two groups that I guided in the south of India, I decided to go and see Dwi, with the help of Mama Christine. I was really looking forward to this reunion. We went to his place and despite a very natural shyness, I felt his emotion mixed with joy on his face. In fact, he was a little unwell that day, so we were fortunate that two days later we were able to organize a lunch with him and his parents as well as Kadek, ANAK coordinator in

Bali who speaks French and was thus able to facilitate our communication.



Consequently, we were able to have more in-depth conversations and find out what Dwi wanted to do after high school. We also checked that his parents were OK with him continuing his studies. It is an immense joy to be able to help a child on the other side of the world with just a small contribution to improve his future. His beautiful smile is the best type of thanks! What more could we dream of on this planet?

Before I end, I would like to emphasize the remarkable work accomplished by ANAK's team. Not only are they serious but also their joy of living and giving happiness to children is perceptible at all times.

Thank you ANAK and Mama Christine as well as all ANAK's teams in Europe.

Hélène, a fulfilled godmother

In addition to visiting her godson, Dwi, Hélène gave yoga classes throughout her stay at several of our centers. Some were surprised at her age and flexibility in the postures. Hélène told them that the yoga she has practiced for 50 years keeps her in shape and full of energy. She is a fine example!



Aline's visit

In December 2019, Aline, then a member of ANAK's Luxembourg branch, came with her spouse to spend a few days between Parji Anom and Sawan to meet the godchildren sponsored by ANAK's Luxembourg branch. This was an opportunity for the children to proudly share their semester school reports, to receive gifts and to talk to Aline and learn a little more about Luxembourg! It was also an opportunity for Aline, upon her return to Luxembourg, to present her experience to the members of the Board of ANAK Luxembourg and to share with them the daily reality of the children that the association sponsors using photos and videos, in order to connect them more with our activities in the field.



Data update, thanks to Griselda.

In November 2019, Griselda, an ANAK godmother since 2008 and president of our Spanish branch, came to Bali to help our team work on updating the database for the children in Panji Anom and Sawan. Through this mission, which was carried out as part of her university internship, Griselda met all the families of the children one by one, in order to talk with the children and their families and get a sense of the challenges they face in their daily life. This analytical work has greatly helped our teams in Bali and the results of this particularly positive experience has enabled us to continue Griselda's mission as soon as possible in other villages where ANAK is involved.



The new DHARMA CITA 2 boarding school

Although the construction of the Dharma Cita 2 boarding school in the town of Singaraja was stopped between April and October 2020 due to Covid-19, as of January 2, 2020 we were nevertheless able to welcome 19 ANAK-sponsored high school students who settled in and very quickly came to like this new building, which is located near their high schools.

In 2021, we will continue to search for funds to finance the completion of the second floor - the boys' floor - and the third floor, where various workshops will be held.

Painting workshop in Amed by Philippe and Françoise, godfather and godmother (December 2019).



This year, my husband and I had the chance to offer some drawing lessons to children at the Amed center. Fortunately, Paing was there to help with communications as we do not speak Indonesian.

We had ambitious educational plans but were obliged to change them once we were on site. The children were numerous and they were all awaiting our instructions. They were not at

all ready to hear the story of Paul Gauguin's life, to look at his works and then to paint in his style as we had planned.

In actual fact, over the few sessions we had, we ended up asking the children to copy different works of art that we had photocopied at the small shop right next to the center.

During their first lesson, they were very surprised and started by saying that it was impossible. However, also to their surprise, they realized they could do it. In art and in life the biggest barrier is to say "I don't know how to" or "I can't". Once this stage is passed, everyone feels invested with a new freedom and power. Some of them went above and beyond our expectations, to their great

surprise and satisfaction.

As we went along, we adapted our instructions: do not start painting before the drawing is finished, work on the outlines, change the water in the cup before changing colors, and take a good look at what you are copying. All very simple rules.

The children were enthusiastic, friendly, cheerful, loved the attention, and were helpful and polite. Words fail me to express the emotion I felt during the experience. Thank you ANAK for giving us this unforgettable opportunity.

Françoise Lagardère, secretary of ANAK in France



We are Jasmine and Romane, law students aged 22 and 23. We learned about ANAK while preparing for a trip to Bali in 2019. Our project was to provide extracurricular activities in the form of games, arts and songs in English in order to familiarize the children with this language while having fun and opening their minds. We had planned a 6-month project that would allow us to operate in all six of ANAK's centers and meet all those beautiful souls.

Meeting the children during a distribution was as surprising for them as it was for us. We found smiles, reserve and commitment. At Lean, when we visited the village and their houses, we never really expected to meet that kind of reality. Despite it being well below the "minimum" comfort level we expect in the West, we found unexpected kindness, the same smiles on every street corner as well as invitations to come and have something to drink or to eat coconut cakes. It was very warm (and we're not talking about the climate!).

Our adventure began in Pakisan. We slept at ANAK's center with our roommate, Patrick, an ANAK godfather, who helped us familiarize ourselves with the Indonesian language and the village (we thank him again for everything).

We then began our program in Pakisan, Sawan and Galungan. We learned something new every day as our adventure had many twists and turns due to the

clash of cultures. We realized that simple things for us seemed insurmountable to them while, on the contrary, natural things for them seemed complicated to us. We began English lessons and activities for them as well as Indonesian and life lessons for us.

They decided, each in their own way, what they wanted to do and what they wanted to learn. Painting, playing and making salt dough are all ways of commu-



nicating to replace the English or Indonesian language [...] However, the virus exploded toward the end of March, cutting off our plans and making activities impossible. It was for health reasons of course, but the fear was tangible. We stayed for a while, hoping for a lull, but it did not come...

[...] Thank you, ANAK, for enabling us to have this human experience. Thank you to the children and to the coordinators (not only for their support but also for all those moments we cannot tell you about in detail but which helped make our experience unique). Thank you for the smiles and for all the easy and difficult times. [...] In our minds, the mission was a success. It taught us as much about others as about ourselves. It taught us that beyond difference and knowledge, it is possible to create connections based on curiosity, but above all on the same desire to share.

OUR PARTNERS



Françoise Lagardère, secretary of Anak receives the symbolic check from Stéphane Vuillaume, Manager of Juana.

Vuillaume, manager of this establishment as well as of Belles Rives in Antibes, is the initiator. It was after a trip to Bali, where he met children who did not attend school due to a lack of funds, that he learned of ANAK and began his support. It is

A fine example of generosity, TERIMA KASIH Stéphane !

Partnership with the 5-star hotel "Juana" in **Juan les Pins**.

Hotel Juana hotel has been committed to supporting our cause for many years. Its contribution, once again this year, is to finance higher education studies in Hospitality for Meichel Krisitan.

This young man, who graduated in November 2020, can now apply for a job in many hotels in southern Bali, where he has already completed several internships.

Meichel is also involved with a local association, GERRASA, which helps at-risk minors. He dreams of continuing this volunteer work while he works in his field.

As for Hotel Juana, it continues to talk about ANAK to its customers and asks them for a small contribution, which it then sends to us.

S t é p h a n e



I am **Sylvie Grosjean Rasmusson**, doctor, health educator and trainer; Doug E. Rasmusson, my husband, is an aromatherapist and trainer in Massagecupping™, new generation suction cups!

Together in 2007 we created a space in the heart of Provence to take care of the body, heart and mind; to learn to feed ourselves and to live quite simply by sharing the Beautiful, the Good and Wellness!

Among our values and our wishes, that of giving and sharing with the most disadvantaged, is what Life brings us in Abundance. We decided to support two charities each year that care for Children, the Environment and Health. That is why in 2020 we chose ANAK Bali, co-founded by Christine GROSSO.

ANAK Bali supports health and educational projects for children in Bali. It goes even further by giving these children the possibility of training in trades of their choice.

We chose ANAK Bali because it has offered children true autonomy for more than 18 years. This support lasts until adulthood, and includes professional and financial autonomy, not to mention the companionship that the oldest children bring to the youngest.

We are very happy to be able to support the projects led by ANAK Bali financially and thus spin the Wheel of Life in turn.

Our thanks go to all of the volunteers and to the children!

Sylvie and Doug,
Jardin de Vies (Garden of Lives).
www.jardindevies.com



PROTECTION 24

Protection 24, a BNP Paribas subsidiary, which subsidized ANAK in 2019 for the purchase of Dharma Cita 2 mattresses, is still by our side in 2020. The company has funded the upcoming bi-annual medical checks and development of the Sawan center. The Sawan center is built in the style of a Balinese bale (a place for meeting and holding village events) and is an open building. However, during the season of rain and strong winds, the center cannot be used by the children and lessons must be canceled every time there is heavy rain. The construction of a roof extension on three sides now allows extracurricular lessons to take place despite the weather.

Protection 24's assistance was expanded through one of its employees via a Skills Sponsorship. Florence Benazra's mission between October 19, 2020 and July 31, 2021 is to support us by lending her know-how on projects and helping us look for new partners.

We would like to thank Protection 24, which is once again contributing to ANAK's projects.



DONATIONS

In 2020, in addition to donations of clothes, soft toys, toys and other accessories brought by our godparents thanks to the generosity of our members and partners, to the delight of the children, we received the following:

- ✦ bicycles for the seven middle school students in Pacung, thanks to NAOS (November 2019)

- ✦ 40 towels, thanks to Dominique, an ANAK godfather living in Seminyak (Bali)

- ✦ new books for the libraries at the centers, thanks to donations from two Swiss godmothers (October 2019)

We are now able to move forward with our Dharma Cita 2 project thanks to the following donors: Fondation Compagnie Marco Polo, Rotary Club Honolulu, Pa-poose Foundation, Maxime Faure, Arvel, Bali Autrement and Balima Spa.



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Projects for 2021

Many projects planned for 2020 were not possible because of the COVID-19 pandemic and its repercussions. They have therefore been postponed to 2021:

- ✂ A team led by Aline is competing on behalf of ANAK in the 2020/2021 AMAZON RAID
- ✂ Study tour in June 2021 at TAMAN UJUNG (Karangasem region)
- ✂ Visit by students from the diving school at Emile Zola high school
- ✂ Visit by members of the Rotary Club of Honolulu for a field trip with the young people at Dharma Cita
- ✂ Fundraising evening at the Petit Meunier restaurant in Lyons (December 2020)
- ✂ Opening of workshops at Dharma Cita 2 (to be held on the building's 3rd floor)
- ✂ Videos of testimonies by older ANAK godchildren for their younger siblings by Lilian (ANAK godmother) and her friend Maxime
- ✂ Futsal initiation week by the Futsal Side association
- ✂ Intensive English lessons for teenagers



To join our association, i.e. to become a godfather/godmother or a member, please print out and return by post or email the membership form, which you will find at our website www.anakbali.org (look for the section **"join us"**; choose **"become a member"**) or contact the ANAK branch of your country of residence.

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