

## **ANAK EDITORIAL**

Dear friends, sponsors, donors and volunteers,

Recently elected president of the French branch of "ANAK, *Help the Children of Indonesia*", I am very pleased to send you my "first" editorial.

First of all, I want to thank the team presided by Michel Bonneton for the considerable amount of work achieved for so many years. This team has brought our association to a very high level of professionalism, management quality, actions coordination. Many projects have been implemented and the children's school results are the rewards of everybody's efforts.

The new team that you are about to meet in the present newsletter is proud to continue the mission on the basis built by our predecessors and in partnership with our Spanish and Swiss friends.

We will do our best to implement the improvements of our association's work, respecting the Indonesian and Balinese ways and customs; especially in the field of schooling and education for children of underprivileged families.

One of our priorities has been to establish a local operational team with defined missions and responsibilities. The recognition of the members of this team went through their tenure and their remuneration. It is now done by the vote of an ad hoc budget for both the "hard core" that are Nyoman, Dwi and Tika, but also by compensating actions carried out by local representatives. Let me emphasize that a Western-volunteer concept has no sense in a country where people live from day to day for their vital needs and those of members of their large family.

The success of "Lila Cita" Preferred gathering place for the children of the Amed region, encouraged us to consider putting together a socio cultural and educational center in the region of Pakisan (northern Bali), the Franco - Swiss partnership has helped raise funds for this project with a generous donor: she donated 90,000 Swiss francs.

This encourages us to continue our prospecting efforts among potential sponsors, and to organize any event likely to raise funds.

To initiate the XXIst century under favorable auspices, the Member States of the United Nations have agreed on eight essential goals to reach before 2015 (under the symbol MDGs: Millennium Development Goals); "ANAK, Help the Children of Indonesia ", through its very first mission, contributes fully to the Goal 2: ensuring primary education for all.

I recall that to achieve this objective, we will never be enough volunteers, whatever our skills, and I therefore make a solemn appeal to you all to come give us your moral, but also your active support, here but also there, in Bali for those who have the opportunity to go there.

Thanks to you, Sponsors, Donors, Volunteers who contribute with generosity and loyalty to our mission.

The smiles of the children, their good school grades and a promising future are our best rewards.

Joan Theyse-Saab  
President of ANAK France

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## **WORDS FROM A SPONSOR**

During a convention in Indonesia in June 2007, I discovered the magnificent and magic island of Bali. I also met these two wonderful Balinese people who were tour guides at the time: Dwi and Mad.

They were the first ones who spoke to me about the ANAK association, its purpose, what it had done for the children. They told me about the work methods of ANAK, the sponsors, etc...

While visiting an artisan's workshop, I had the opportunity to meet and talk with the President of ANAK Indonesia.

At several occasions during my stay, we spoke about the present and future projects of the association, and mostly about the ANAK branches in Europe. Before returning to France, I made a promise to my two Balinese friends: "I will make ANAK known in Brittany and start actions to bring support to the children".

Since this trip, I remain in contact with my two friends in Bali and, in Europe, with Christine, one of ANAK's pillars.

Today, I have a project for the year 2008 / 2009:

Propose a show with Laurent Chandemerle, imitator, guitarist and world known magician (This project is not easy to put together)

Also a traditional Balinese meal

I have met ANAK team in Bali, I know their seriousness and ability. I definitely bring my support to ANAK.

## **THE BALI INTERNATIONAL FRENCH SCHOOL MOBILIZATION**

We are former 7<sup>th</sup> grade alumni of the year 2006/2007. The program of our civic education program was: solidarity. First, what is solidarity? We believe that solidarity between people is the opposite of indifference.

It means feeling committed to others and live in a more just society. So, instead of sitting arms crossed, we decided to make our own joint action with an association. More precisely, we all wanted to help Bali children acquire a better education.

We did some research and, ultimately, with the agreement of our teacher, we chose the ANAK association. We contacted them and established bases to begin our project. We opted together for a relatively simple project but nevertheless requiring a good organization, a weekly sale of cakes during class break, every Friday.

Thus, on April 4, 2007, Christine Grosso, resident coordinator of ANAK and Michel Bonneton, president of the association, staying for a few days in Bali, have been invited to present ANAK to the Bali college. During this visit we, ourselves, presented our project, Every Friday each student brought a cake, crepes or pastries of all kinds. We organized these sales for about ten weeks.

At the end of our project, we had received a total of approximately Rp 2,500,000 These funds were used to buy books and other materials for a center of extra-curricular activities, "Lila Cita", located in Amed, northwest of Bali. After our project was completed, an article was published in the "Gazette de Bali", the monthly French magazine, on our act of solidarity. If you ever wish to donate to this association, do not hesitate.

After all, small efforts can have great effects, our project is proof, and as Lao Tze said: "Better to light a candle than curse the darkness ..."

7<sup>th</sup> grade alumni have visited us on May 9, 2008 at the School of Bangle and in the hamlet of Sega to meet a sponsored child.

They also discovered our venue "Lila Cita" and the various activities proposed in this place. Accompanied by their teachers, they wanted to better understand our association and learn what we do for children and schools.

They intend to be a link between their parents, French people living in Bali, and ANAK.

ANAK has been invited to hold a booth with the class at the annual school fair on June 25, 2008. The association was able to share its experience on the ground with visitors.

photo 1 page 4: 7<sup>th</sup> grade alumni, year 2006/2007

Photo 2 page 4: Visit of the class 5eme a SD2 Bangle - May 2008

Photo 3 page 4: Climbing in a child's place in Sega

photo 1 page 5: Interview with a sponsored child and his father

photo 2 page 5: Students in the effort of climbing

photo 3 page 5: Students and their teachers

## **A NEW EXPERIENCE WITH VOLUNTEERS TO BALI**

First experience for ANAK (and for us) the two young students that we are have integrated the team and the Balinese life for six months to draw up detailed files on the sponsored children.

This project is the result of several meetings with "Doctor Fadoi" (as she is called by the Balinese) and her husband Joan Theyse.

Little historic background to start: A beautiful day in February in the cafeteria of our Nantes business school, between two bites of a delicious tuna salad sandwich, Elissa, the eldest daughter of "Doctor. Fadoi" tells us about the association her mother belongs to ... "Let's see" we think, we were looking for an association to help next year, here it is ... And everything then goes faster than a high speed train. We organize a first meeting in Paris and, month after month, the project takes a nice shape: a little orange man, on balance on a shaky planet.

Cecile and Tiphaine (these are our names) decide to get to Bali one month before the French team to get to know our new environment. Not that difficult in a country where people are so friendly and smiling. Joan and Fadoi even offer us to stay in their home for our six months in Indonesia.

The mission was to be some kind of sport, Dwi can confirm that ... Dwi who speaks French so well and who masters play on words to perfection, has been our main guide and interpreter on the field. The three of us were going for ten days "field missions", either in Amed, or in Pakisan or in Panji Anom. Anak members who were on the spot (volunteers or paid staff) did everything during our stay to house us, to accompany us visiting families, to cook good meals for us. Even when the discussions went through several languages before being fully understood, the atmosphere was great.

In Amed, Juliana took over from Dwi to take us to families in the village. In Pakisan, Christophe helped us as a translator from Indonesian into French. In Panji Anom, Gede brought us to families where a child is sponsored.

What a wonderfully organized team allowing us to observe the conditions in which children sponsored by ANAK live. Each region has its own specificities. Whether in Amed where life is very hard throughout the mountainous terrain, Pakisan where children may be cold in the hilly parts ... some meetings were rich in emotion.

Final result: so many images and memories in our head with the 103 families that we were able to visit, thanks to the ANAK members for their help. We are about to hand over the files of the sponsored children to Mama Christine as well as Joan and Fadoi in the Ubud office. The dossier includes a complete Excel data base: living conditions, hygiene, family assets, their hope for the future, coming from the help they receive ... Plus a photo file of the child, his family and his home.

We hope that these files serve as good information and that they can be exploited by the sponsors and the infield team, for medical check up.

Most naturally, we wish to thank all the people we worked with during these 6 months and who helped us understand a little more the situation in this small Indonesian island well known for its surfers, but far less for its children and families in difficulty.

A massive thank to Joan and Fadoi, Mama Christine, Nyoman, Dwi and Tika, Juliana and Adele, Gege, Gading and Christophe, Nyoman's family, our two nurses, Muriel and Therese, to Kadek and Made and to all the families who welcomed us for a small conversation, often around tea, coffee and pop corn.  
Cecile and Tiphaine

Cecile and Tiphaine, both 21 years old, French and already a little Balinese after 6 months  
This is a snapshot of our "children"'s life in Bali. We will study their work, but already here is so much the Balinese team and ourselves have learned through their candid eyes.

Thanks to their enthusiasm, perseverance and most of it, their generosity. We must not forget. They have worked, saved money for their trip, put one year of their student life in parenthesis, and all this voluntarily, without any other retribution than the Balinese smiles and the hope that their work help us do better for the sponsored children.

A bientôt and Terima Kasih  
F and J-SAAB THEYSE

Photo page 6 Contribution of Cecile and Tiphaine the check-up  
Photo page 7 2 nurses, 2 students, 2 sponsored children

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### **KARNAVAL 2008 IN LEAN-AMED**

Again this year our Karnaval won a great success. Given the growing number of children and organisers this year, we celebrated the event under the communal "Bale"

The Lalet family from Pézenas has energized more than two dozen people to hold stands, organize games and make a show..

Many members or sympathizers have also greatly contributed to the success of this party. A film was shot on that occasion.

The joy that follows from these moments is as intense for children as it is for the organisers if we are to believe the smiles and laughter on the photos

### **YVES ROCHER GROUP IN SEGA**

Through "Archipel contact" and "Rabinatour" Anak proposes one "humanitarian" day to visit schools, distributing school materials, gifts, games for children.

The meaning of our actions on the ground is provided by Made Yasa (tour guide with Rabinatour), Made, who is also part of our Anak bureau, guaranteed the smooth running of the day.

Yves Rocher had the good idea to offer a trip to Bali to its best salespeople. This day was part of their program of visits this year, proving once again that trade can rhyme with heart and conscience.  
Thanks to Yves Rocher for the donations and gifts.

### **EIGHT MONTHS OF DRY SEASON IN EAST OF BALI**

People are often surprised that we help the people of the island of Bali as one might think this island very rich, especially when you see the south with its beautiful beaches, luxury hotels and tourists. However, in the north and east of the island, the reality is quite different. The dry season lasts about eight months making the land uncultivated much of the year.

The steep slopes of hills dotted with big stones give little crops during the rainy season. Growing rice is impossible.. Only cassava, corn, beans and squash grow there after hard work. In villages with no a water pump, fetching water can take several hours for women living in the hills.

The inhabitants of arid hills are poor but they own their piece of land where they built their cahutes, often made of bamboo. They practice a system of sharecropping with a landlord to whom they give half the harvest. The lucky ones, those who have a few acres to them, embarking on the heights in the plantation teak. It will take about ten years to collect. It is the long term, but may be at that time, their future will seem less uncertain. We hope that those who invest in this culture today can pay the school for their children without threatening the forest heritage of this beautiful island in manufacturing teak furniture.

WATER IS A RARE PRICELESS TREASURE . LET'S SAVE IT

#### **MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES (MDO)**

Ensuring the ability to support environmental prolonged operations and reduce by 50% the number of people deprived of drinking water

#### **NEWS FROM ANAK France**

##### **JOAN THEYSE SAAB President Anak France**

Born in Pélabuhanratu (Sukabumi-West Java) from Indonesian mother and Dutch father, I left Indonesia at the age of 5 to live in the Netherlands, then in France, land of my home.

Consultant and coach in international matters, I deal with managing and operational business teams, especially on intercultural aspects, leadership and management. With my wife, Fadoi, doctor, who follows as a volunteer the health of our godchildren we intervene several times a year in the concerned 3 regions with our Balinese friends, Nyoman, Dwi, Tika, the entire field team and European volunteers who give Anak their holiday time. Each time, nearly 200 ANAK children, the village children and adults come for medical help. From time to time, our three grown children, two girls and one boy, aged 20 to 29, accompany us in these missions.

##### **ARMELLE COURTIENIER Secretary**

I am 43 years old, married and mother of two daughters 20 and 18 years in France living in Switzerland.

I first worked as pharmaceutical assistant then as commercial secretary before becoming secretary accountant in my company.

I love cinema and reading, music, gardening

I joined the Anak team last year after a trip to Bali where I met Dwi and visited Amed

I became sponsor of a small Balinese boy and sponsorship fills me with joy and pride.

I am very motivated to help my all these children and Balinese families within Anak..

##### **DENIS MARX Treasurer**

French, 55 years old I am a bank executive residing in Geneva. I am married and I have a 20 year old son. My "Anakian" adventure began simply... in Bali. On holiday with my wife Laurie, an evening in march 2006... waiting for a boat in Benoa, the day before our return to Switzerland, I read the "Gazette de Bali" and Christine's interview. I was already helping NGOs for a long time but I wanted to do more... Upon my return to Geneva, I contacted Christine proposing to create an Anak branch in Switzerland. She immediately accepted and soon, the first Romand sponsors appeared, followed by a few festivals... Since then, I finally feel "useful" in this disrupted world. We all have a role to play on this Earth. Some time later, I agreed to be the Treasurer of Anak France at the Chaponost General Assembly in January 2008.

##### **MAUDE GRANGE Vice-President**

Born in Lyons in 1947, divorced

I studied law and psychology. Career: creation and running a business selling musical instruments. I like theater, reading, qi-gong, travel (mostly in Asia).

Currently, I am involved in coaching people with psychological problems.

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#### **ANAK PARTICIPATION TO A DAY OF SOLIDARITY AT COLLEGE OF ANDERSEN CEIP VIC (BARCELONA)**

The school CEIP Andersen Vic (Barcelona) invited the president of Anak, Spain, Adolfo Martin, to participate at a motivation day on February 20th within the School's Solidarity Week program.

Nearly a hundred children aged 8 to 12, accompanied by their teachers, watched for two hours the documentary "Children of the Hill" made by our association in Bunutan village in Bali about the life of a young boy and a girl from dawn to sunset and which shows what they do during a normal day of their daily lives.

This film was reviewed during its projection by Adolfo who, later, answered questions from children after a multi media show with photos of the Balinese school world: schools, classrooms, desks, students, transportation, costumes, uniforms, school materials, library, extra-curricular activities ...

Then, the young Spanish children presented a display composed of photos of Bali with others of their own school and its surroundings, illustrated by comments comparing the two sites. This composition will soon be available to us.

This experience was very interesting for all. The children could get an idea of the lives of other children their age living across the world with a different culture far from theirs, but at the same time sharing the same innocence, the same curiosity, the same games and especially the same desire to learn and share.

For our part, in addition to achieve one of our objectives scheduled for Anak: make a contact possible between boys and girls from Spain and Indonesia through written correspondence or artistic and cultural exchanges between schools and associations; although virtual as in this case, and we look forward to see live the interest that children show to other children of different culture.

We've taken note of the wishes of exchanges between students from CEIP ANDERSEN with other schools in Bali through written correspondence. simple letters, short and descriptive sentences in English addressed to Balinese children of their age... These proposals have been relayed to the English teachers whose cooperation is indispensable. We are confident in the good result of this initiative.

Thanks to Montse Rovira who put us in touch and to all the children and teachers present and motivated.

### **EXHIBITION OF BALINESE PAINTINGS IN BARCELONA**

The walls of the ETRES studio, located in the heart of Barcelona Born were decorated with traditional ceremony costumes and more than fifty paintings from the Balinese painter Dewa Made Oka from Bali and other artists from the Suwakati community in the province of Ubud that were also exposed.

The technique used by Dewa Made Oka is learned very young, within the family and requires practice in a group with the rest of the community. On the canvas, his allegorical style made with traditional China ink and natural pigments, white and black and color with elongated and stylized forms giving the impression to bear with great elegance the weight of its ancient culture. In other places, it translates into minimalist details what he sees, on an animal and vegetal world that surrounds it. This is a pictorial style of its own and that makes it unique.

The benefit of sales of paintings, 300 € will cover the costs of extra-curricular workshops on painting and local Balinese arts, that Anak offers to the boys and girls they take charge of. The locations are in the communities of Panji Anom and Pakisan, in the Singaraja province in the north and Lean, Bunutan Abang in the east in the Karangasem province

On Friday, March 28 in the same ETRES studio, Adolfo Martin, president of Anak Spain and personal friend of Oka, did a presentation to about sixty people, including Mr Allen Simarmata, socio-cultural attaché to the Indonesian Embassy in Madrid who represented Ambassador Slamet Santoso Mustafa unavailable as traveling in Indonesia.

We are very grateful to Rosa, Janina and Francesc, artists and members ETRES for the assistance they have given us to publicize our association and for the infrastructure of the exhibition.

We hope your participation in future opportunities and extend our thanks to all of you who have contributed to the success of the exhibition and, in particular, the Indonesian Embassy in Madrid for its support

### **VISIT OF THE DELS FRANCISCANS CONVENT OF THE BISBAL D'EMPORDA (GIRONA)**

On 14 January, during a visit to the Convent of the Franciscans dels Bisbal d'Emporda, we made a presentation of Anak to the residents.

Christine, Global Coordinator, accompanied by Rosa and Marta, secretary and treasurer of Anak Spain, showed two CDs.

First "Children of the hill" which describes one day in the life of a child from dawn to dusk. Then a second CD, presenting extra-curricular activities proposed by Anak English, music, dance, etc...

After the projection of two CD's, held a symposium with people who showed great interest in Anak actions and considered joining the association. We will send them the accurate documentation.