

## Dream becomes reality for budding entrepreneur



Twenty-one year old Bagas Wahyu Nugroho lives in a village in the mountainous Gunung Kidul district, three hours drive from Yogyakarta. His dream is to open a garment business producing his own T-Shirts and jackets.

Born with spina bifida, Bagas is the only son of a toyshop delivery man and wants to be independent and not be a burden to other people. His parents support him to help make his dream come true.

Bagas took a Graphic Design course in the hope that he would easily find a job after he graduated. However he has found this to be very difficult, especially with his disability and the discrimination he faces. He nearly gave up. Fortunately his parents came up with the idea of starting a business. It would be based on what he learned in school – designing logos on T-shirts.

He started with 5 million IDR (NZ\$500) from his father and with careful management of his capital he was able to start “small” with limited production and marketing.

In July 2017, Bagas got the chance to continue his education with a scholarship from Pusat Rehabilitasi YAKKUM funded by the Rehabilim Trust.

Because he has limited mobility, lives in a mountain area three hours drive from the university and his family's financial situation, he has decided to focus more on his business rather than continue his study.

“If I have to study in university, I would be a liability to my father because it is impossible for him to drive me to school since he has a job as well” he said.

With the additional capital from the Rehabilim Trust, Bagas is beginning to expand his business through work from a local garment firm producing embroidery for jackets and labels for shirts.

He also markets his products to schools, offices and through social media getting between 30,000 IDR (NZ\$3) to 100,000 IDR (NZ\$10) per item. His mother helps out with the daily operation and he hopes one day to employ people to help him.

When asked what is his dream, Bagas's enthusiastic response was - “I want to open a garment business, so I can produce my own T-Shirts and jackets. That’s why I am starting to save my profits. At this time my turnover is still low but it's getting better.”

His parents are very grateful and believe their disabled son will be able to live independently and be self sufficient in the future. “We have never been ashamed or regretted having a son like Bagas. “We are very proud of his achievement”, said his father Mr Kartimin.



# Chairman's Chat



## Looking back as we move forward

I feel it's timely to reflect for a moment on how we came about and through the support and generosity of you, our supporters, we are able to move into a new era. But still maintaining our founder's vision to provide young people with disabilities the ability to become independent and support themselves.

When Colin McLennan established what today is known as Pusat Rehabilitasi Yakkum (PRY) in Yogyakarta, he would not have expected it to still be going some 30 or more years later, even more so that the Rehabilim Trust was still in business administering what he set up.

As a result of Colin's initiative and concern, many hundreds, if not thousands of disabled children from all walks of life in Indonesia have benefited from his vision.

Yakkum Bali, now renamed Puspadi Bali, would most likely not have been established; for the founder

of that institution I Nengah Latra was originally a patient in the Yogyakarta Complex. On recovery, and with help from Colin, a Bali organisation was started.

Jan Mantjika, a New Zealander living in Bali was also a great supporter and years later is still very active supporting Puspadi Bali which has become a well known rehabilitation centre.

Two institutions established through the work of one person – Colin McLennan.

Indonesia has taken a major shift-change in attitude towards disability in recent times through greater solidarity between Yayasans (charities) in the disability sector working together and the lobbying of bureaucrats is all having an effect.

Nengah Widiasih's success at the para Olympic Games in Rio by winning a weightlifting bronze medal, the first time Indonesia had won any medal, inspired the country to take a look at the disability sector.

The Rehabilim Trust Inc is celebrating 35 years this year, and still surviving. All this from a chance meeting back in the late 1970s when Colin McLennan met a young disabled boy begging on the streets of Jakarta and decided to do something about it.

*Bill Russell*  
Chairman

## Riding for the Disabled in Indonesia

Over the last few years the Rehabilim Trust has been endeavouring to establish Riding for the Disabled (RDA) in Indonesia.

Trust Chairman, Bill Russell says the Trust is prepared to act as a go-between and help bring key interested organisations together to make this happen.

"In Malang, a local group has found suitable land and a friendly rancher who will lend horses. What now needs to be done is formally set up a Trust with a governance board with a view to appointing a CEO and trainers. Until this gets on its feet, it will have to be run largely by volunteers," says Bill.

RDA Wellington, <https://wellingtonrda.org.nz/> based at Pauatahanui near Porirua, have indicated they are keen to assist with training and advice at no cost. However, as yet, Rehabilim have been unable to source the necessary funding to bring a trainer to New Zealand to work with RDA and vice-versa, sending a RDA adviser to Indonesia.

Bill Russell says the Rehabilim Trust would be happy to provide funding for disabled young people to use the service but not funding the set up.

The present plan is for two Indonesian Trainers to come to NZ for two weeks training by RDA Wellington, this would include some veterinary care. This would be followed by a RDA Wellington representative going to Malang to provide training and further advice.

Approx \$6,000 is required for the airfares for the two Indonesians and for the NZ RDA person. We have approached NZ Aid in Jakarta and been informed that air fares are not eligible for this type of funding.



"Any suggestions as to how we might obtain this funding would be welcomed," says Bill Russell.



# Scholars' Report

Direct from the Scholars.

We now get regular reports from our scholars to hear from them, in their own words (good English practice) how they are getting on. We hope you enjoy hearing about their progress.

## Wahyu Kurniyati

I attend the PGRI Yogyakarta University, majoring in Accounting. My current situation is going well and there are no problems.

Earlier in the month I took a thesis exam and, Alhamdulillah, it went well and I am very happy because the thesis that I am working on is in an international publication journal. I will graduate in September.

I also conduct simple cash recording training and distribution of cash books in Jatimulyo village to help small entrepreneurs in recording cash flow in their business.

At the moment I am applying for a job at PT PKSS, an administration position in the BRI Bank Yogyakarta Area. Hopefully I will be accepted.



## Sulistyo Pradana

Now I am in the fourth semester. In this semester I learned to make a website and database for storing data. I am so excited to learn about that. In the process I found this a challenge because I created a website manually. I had to find a lot of references to create a website with appropriate display. But I never give up. I am very proud of me.

In the next semester I hope to design home security system using a microcontroller to monitor my house with a smartphone.

I am very grateful to Rehabilim Trust Scholarship to support my study



## Aji Nur Avianto

In March I joined a field trip to the social and politics faculty of Universitas Negeri Surakarta (UNS – Surakarta State University). We wanted to know how the organisation made it accessible for students with disabilities, especially wheelchairs.

We also showed people how to make Youtube content for Difabike members. This activity is part of the campus programme on community development. The challenge is related to transport.

I always go to these activities with friends as I am not brave enough yet to use my motor bike to campus. I only use it around our house so far.



# Scholars' Report... continued

Direct from the Scholars.



## Slamet Riyadi

Allow me to introduce my self; my name is Slamet Riyadi, I'm 22 years old, I am a new student for Rehabilim Trust, and received a scholarship in April 2019. My home is a small town in Banjarnegara in Central Java, 150 km from Yogya. It's a lovely town but cold and quiet place. I'm CTEV Congenital (club foot) in both legs. When I was young I have dreams to become a professional Game Development and movie maker. I'm very grateful for this scholarship which will help me to improve my education, my skills, my knowledge to reach my dreams.

I have already been accepted at the university of AMIKOM in Yogyakarta, doing a diploma in management information. I can't wait to start my study.

## Erico Dwi Setyawan

I have entered the 7th semester, the final stage of my school. I am very grateful for the help and support from Rehabilim. I hope that I will soon finish my studies and get a job that matches my ability.

I am attending a community service fieldwork program (KKN). The program is a compulsory subject on my campus. The KKN's program is held in the villages in the Gunung Kidul District in south Yogyakarta where we help the village community build simple infrastructure like signposts.



## Fahmi Husaen



I'm in my last semester. My target will be to finish this month and graduate then or November. My final college project is about apps that show accessible places for disabilities, the concept like a google maps.

I have also put three research proposals to the students Creativity Programme. Two of them were accepted. The first was a cheap and portable respiratory tool for low income people. The second is a sensor for monitoring muscle activity called mechanomyogram. While I also do a startup company to focus on production of orthotic prosthetics. We have yet to get the funding for this.

I am very grateful for Rehabilim Trust support, without this maybe I can't be one of most outstanding student in Universitas Gadjah Mada.

# Scholars' Report ...continued

Direct from the Scholars.

## Kloeten Scholar Uswinda Lestari



I have had to do report assignments in a hurry to meet the schedule set by the campus.

The Experimental Psychology course conducted some tests. A pin board test was done to test a person's anxiety and the accidental group did meditation with the theme of music relaxation meditation to study the effects of meditation on anxiety.

Our Training and Development courses, making accessories for people with disabilities, experienced obstacles with facilities not being available so we held them at the Yakkum Rehabilitation Centre with makeshift participants.

I am planning to take an english course to level 2 conversations at Elti Sabirin Kotabaru this month and in the 5<sup>th</sup> semester I will choose the Social-Clinical.



## Sufyan Abdurahman Kuagow

My recent activity was to become a member of a committee for motivational seminars at my old high school. The school asked the alumni to motivate students in their last year to achieve national examinations so they can continue their studies.

I was assigned to make posters, videos, flyers about the event. The purpose of this activity is so that students who will graduate can determine whether they want to work or study with confidence.

Next month's plan is an internship which will give me work experience and get data for my final assignment.

And thank you to Rehabilm for your support. I will use the scholarship as well as possible to improve my achievements in academics and organizations.

## Frisna Pranbudiantika

In this semester I conducted a study on the Analysis of Sugar Import factors in Indonesia. I have been administrator in my organization called **GESFID Community (Group of Economics Students for Future Indonesia Development)** that discusses various aspects and problems of the Indonesian economy. There is a written paper competition for GESFID members.

I have to overcome accessibility barriers to park my motorbike because it can not enter into the parking lot. Many buildings do not have disability access but they are starting to build some facilities for disability such as the street for wheelchair users.





# Scholars' Report ...continued

Direct from the Scholars.

Annisa Ramadhani



I attended a national Archery training programme to represent Indonesia at the Asean Paragames next year in Manila. There is a selection this month for the core team. "I am very excited and hope to get selected."

I want to represent Indonesia again in the field of sports and bring pride to the country of Indonesia.

I am very grateful due to Rehabilim Trust scholarship support for me because without Rehabilim Trust I can not reach my dream.

## The Rehabilim Trust Inc.

Charities Commission Certificate of Registration CC23061

The Rehabilim Trust was established originally by a New Zealander, the late Colin McLennan MBE, to support the YAKKUM Rehabilitation Centre, referred to as Pusat Rehabilitasi YAKKUM, or PRY, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. In addition, The Trust now supports other disabled children's charities providing assistance to disabled children and young adults, regardless of religion, to enable them to become independent and self reliant by learning and using income-generating skills.

The Rehabilim Trust Inc currently supports 10 young disabled Indonesians who are recipients of a Colin McLennan Memorial Scholarship valued at NZ \$1000 each, per year for three years. The Trust is looking to extend this type of charitable support.

The Trust depends on service organisations and individual donors for financial support.

### Rehabilim Donation Form

I wish to support young physically disabled Indonesians.

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