

NIAS 2021

Een stukje over Nias in algemeen. Vanaf het begin toen corona uitbrak waren de mensen op Nias in angst. Na twee jaar gaan de mensen gewoon door met hun dagelijkse activiteiten. Mensen moeten werken om geld te verdienen en naar de markt om boodschappen te doen. Tot nu toe is er heel weinig effect op Nias door coronamaatregelen. Er is geen getal van overlijden door het coronavirus, geen testtenten zoals in de grote steden. Maar tot nu toe geen doden vermeld door het coronavirus. Bijna niemand praat meer over het virus. Het leven gaat weer door zoals het was voor corona.



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SIBERUT 2021



My name is Herlina. I'm one of the Silugai Koat Dormitory alumni. I came from a very simple family. I stayed in Silugai Koat Dormitory when I entered secondary school in 2012 and graduated high school in 2018, more or less about 6 years. Silugai Koat Dormitory is a beautiful and unforgettable memory for me. I really thankful to be helped by the friends from Netherland which I considered as my own family, in providing a comfortable and peaceful place for me and my friends to stay. When I was staying in dormitory, a lot of dreams that I would like to achieve in the future. I've been taught to be independent, grateful in all conditions, and being more responsible for my own education.

After graduating from high school, I got two scholarships in different University which is located in Surabaya city, Indonesia and another one is in Cambodia. It took me a long discussion to convince my parents. In Surabaya's University, I got it through scholarship application that majoring English language teacher. Unfortunately, University provides me only for tuition fees but not living costs. I knew that my parents will not be able to afford for it. Whereas in Cambodia offered by one of my friend to study at UniED (University for Education and Development) which is majoring PSA (Preparation for Social Action) provides tuition fees and the living expenses as needed. However, I brought these choices through consultation with my family. So, I decided to study in UniED, Battambang province. My parents disagreed about my choice. But I end up studying in Cambodia aligned by the reasons: first, I was interested with the UniED Programs which are much different from Indonesian Universities in general and the second was about my family economic conditions unavailable if I study in Surabaya.



My firm and steadfastness, and eagerness to study gave me more opportunity to explore about the society life. I'm very happy to study in Cambodia even though it was out of my expectation. I loved their cultures and met a lot of friends, too. The course I'm studying about helped me a lot and I loved it. I gained more knowledge and insights. I'll return to Mentawai soon as a "Promotor Community Well-being". I really thankful to the friends who helped me a lot from the beginning until I became a university student. My hope is to translate my knowledge and skills for the betterment of the communities wherever I step on.



Hi, my name is Dominikus Undo Sabailatti I am from Mentawai, Indonesia. I live in Bandung at this moment, and I work in construction company. This is a short story about me and the way I came from Mentawai islands to Bandung.

When I was in Mentawai I lived in Silugai Koat Dormitory since I was first grade at senior high school. This place took 2 hours on foot or 45 minutes by motorbike from my home village. I still remember it took 7 hours on foot before the concrete road exist. Totally across the jungle to get in to this place. Let me tell that Mentawai is a Region in west Sumatera. We got at least 4 large islands in Mentawai.

One of them is Siberut Island that I was live in. Specifically it was in South Siberut. Silugai Koat Dormitory has a lot of students in. Including me. We came from different villages.

When I finished senior high school at 2013, I got

a little bit dilemma.

I mean, which universities I could get in with low budget. Then I started to get information about scholarship, so I went to Padang which is the capital city of West Sumatera Province. I tested for scholarship in 2 universities then I go back to Siberut to wait for test result. In Siberut, I got someone to tell me about scholarship in Jakarta, specifically in Christian University of Indonesia. The university staff came to Siberut because generally Mentawai is one of many Regions which is "underdeveloped" especially in field of education. So they put Mentawai in their list in educational mission. I mean they look for students from Mentawai to study in University for free but with selected method (by testing). I tested for it and passed the test with good result to studies in Jakarta. I really happy with this. I was never thinking I will study outside of Sumatera Island, because I know my parents finance situation and I could understand it. So, with that test result, I really happy, once more.

I went to Jakarta by Bus. And it took 35 hours from West Sumatera to Jakarta. I remember my father gave me around 160\$ and I spent 40\$ for bus trip. So I studied for architecture in Christian University of Indonesia Jakarta. In first two years in Jakarta, I lived in college dormitory, then I moved out to rent house with friends till I got my architecture degrees. I also work for parttime job in construction company before I finish college. I finished my study and got my architecture degrees at 2019, right before covid-19 came to Indonesia. In 2019 I went to my hometown to celebrate my architecture degrees with family. Yeah we often do that thing in my town. Then I came back to Jakarta at January 2020 and I got my job in construction company in Bandung, West Java. We build Rest Area around toll road. I live almost 2 years till now in Bandung.

BESTAAN VAN DE STICHTING

Op 9 december 1996, 24 jaar geleden is de stichting opgericht. Met de stichting hebben we echt een verschil gemaakt voor veel kinderen. Met hulp van de stichting konden zij naar school gaan en kregen zij de mogelijkheid om verder te studeren.

Zoals vorig jaar al aangekondigd gaat de stichting stoppen in juli 2023. Dit betekent dat in juli 2022 de laatste gelden naar Indonesië gaan. We willen het stokje overdragen aan de ouders van de kinderen van de Silugai Koat ashrama op Siberut. Aan de ouders is al 2 jaar geleden vertelt dat de stichting hun niet altijd financieel kan blijven ondersteunen.

Ook op Nias is bekend dat in 2022 de laatste financiële ondersteuning verwacht kan worden. Susi heeft plannen voor nieuwe ondersteuning voor de kinderen op Nias.

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