



I am going to Jakarta to volunteer in Mavis Pardede's Orphanage in the July school holidays. I am travelling with my husband, Ian and a team of volunteers.

Mavis has established an orphanage in Bogor to care for babies, children and single mums who would otherwise be living on the streets as many are not welcome in their family homes if they are unmarried.

Our team has been asked to build a sandpit, a basketball and badminton court and to paint one of the orphanage houses. We will also be teaching crafts to the mums and children and cuddling the babies!

The SRC voted to donate the proceeds from term 1 casual day to support the Orphanage. The students raised over \$388 which will be used to supply construction materials for our tasks. I am most grateful for this generous support.

Many people have asked how else they can help. I am in awe at the generosity of people in this community. I have organised a box for donations to be in the front office and a list of suggested items has been given to each class. Of course cash is also acceptable and will go entirely to the orphanage.

I will be sharing a report, along with photos and a recount of my experiences upon my return. As you might appreciate, I am getting very excited as the time draws nearer.

Thank you for your generosity.

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