

# HIS STEADFAST LOVE

HOUSE OF TOWDAH ORPHANAGE (TANJUNG UBAN, BINTAN) Houseparents: Bima and Titri (11 children)

A child protection agency located in Nias referred to us eight children from very difficult circumstances. In June, we flew to Nias to receive them—two girls and six boys aged seven to 16—and placed them in our Towdah Uban home. Our houseparents spent some quality time with them during the school holidays to prepare them for school. By God's grace, all 11 children (right) living with us have started school and are adjusting well to their new home.

We were also delighted and proud to witness and celebrate Elang's happy graduation from kindergarten in May (right). He started Primary 1 in July 2016.

A kind soul also gave us the funds to refurbish the Towdah Uban backyard which was ready just in time for the arrival of our new family members from Nias!



Playtime in the backyard

"And he would answer and say to them, "The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise." Luke 3:11







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### **TOWDAH SINAR BATAM ORPHANAGE (BATAM)**

#### Houseparents: Suarman and Rusmawati (21children)

Thank God our children in Towdah Sinar Batam Orphanage are able to continue their education for another year. Sixteen of our 21 children have started kindergarten, primary and secondary school in July 2017. Dede, 17, is in a special learning centre. Dian, 4 and Angel, 2, are our newest additions.

Destin, 21, (top, right) was baptised earlier this year and will begin a four-year Bachelor's Degree in Christian Education at a Bible College in August. She intends to serve in our orphanage during her course and after she graduates. She is a keen learner and a great cook and has been diligently cooking the meals for everyone in the home.

The Batam home has been in disrepair for a long time. We had to refurbish the kitchen, create new wash areas for toothbrushing and dishwashing (below) as well as purchase beds, mattresses, cupboards, tables and chairs to make the home safer and more livable. A lot more work needs to be done such as a new coat of paint for the rooms upstairs and the exterior, bookshelves, new doors, play area, etc.









Back row from left: Dafinius, Yohanes, Jackman, Monica, Honey, Fendra, Dede, Destin, Putri, Fitri Front row from left: Simon, Rizal, Laskar, Mawar, Laila, Flora, Bella, Cynthia



## **EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND (8 students)**

Giving thanks also for the continued support of 1 university student, 1 polytechnic student, 1 junior high school student and 2 primary school students. We also started sponsoring 3 kindergarten students in Uban in July 2016.

## BOTH TOWDAH HOMES (Total: 32 children)

An enthusiastic group of 10 from Mt Horeb BP (left) ministered to the children in Batam and Uban and taught them about being truthful and shining like a lighthouse to guide others to tell the truth. The children enjoyed learning English through fun games, an action song, a story as well as through the craft activity.

In the month of July alone, we spent SGD\$6000 just on school registrations/re-registrations, one month's school fees, text books, uniforms and shoes for 29 children. We thank all our supporters who felt moved to help in one way or another. We are grateful we can carry on this work for the Lord. His love for these children is beyond all measure.

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