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5miles

light the way

If someone forces you to go one mile,
go with him two miles.
Matthew 5:41

BACK TO SCHOOL

We take great pains to ensure that every child we come across is able to start school, return to school or complete his/her studies — our 5miles Education Fund (run by Yayasan Towdah in Indonesia) supports children who had dropped out of school but were eventually rescued from forced labour such as scavenging, farming, mining, and construction work. We work hand in hand with a child protection agency in Nias that identifies kids at risk and removes them from danger or harm. We currently support eight Nias students (primary to secondary).

The 5miles Education Fund also supports young children aged five to six who would otherwise not attend preschool. They are enrolled at the Bintan

preschool 5miles helped to build in June 2017. There are now 80 students in that preschool, four of whom are supported by 5miles. Our Batam orphanage also runs a home school for neighbours whose children are not able to attend preschool due to financial difficulties. There are about 10 children in the class.

The photos below feature some of the children who are supported in full or partially. In total, 5miles has helped 20 students (apart from our orphanages) from July 2017 to May 2018. We hope that with more funds, we are able to help more children outside our two orphanages to continue schooling. There are 33 children in our orphanages (22 in Batam and 11 in Bintan); 27 are currently attending formal school.



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WARUNG 541

LIVELIHOOD & FEED IN LOVE (FIL) PROGRAMME

In April 2018, 5miles rented a shophouse in Tanjung Uban (Bintan) to help families in need set up a food stall to start a business. We provide the space rent-free with furniture and equipment to get them started. We have named the coffee shop Warung 541 which is based on our theme verse Matthew 5:41. The Warung also supplies food to the needy on a weekly basis; we hope to increase the

frequency and number of packs. The cooking is done by our stall holders to supplement their income; our orphanage children and some volunteers help to pack, usually on Friday. Each meal costs \$1.50. Last week, we prepared 150 packs. Next week it will be 200. We are planning to use more environmentally friendly paper boxes to replace the styrofoam boxes.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN BINTAN (DEC 2017)

YIO CHU KANG CHAPEL YOUTH GROUP



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VISITING GROUPS—WE HAVE BEEN TRULY BLESSED

Thank you to all groups who have come to bless our children in so many ways—teaching them Math and music, doing art and craft, playing with them, cutting their hair, storytelling through puppetry and drama, and teaching English. Special thanks to New Life Church, Yio Chu Kang Chapel, Centre for New Life, Pat's Schoolhouse, AOG Cell Group, J's Salon, Mercy and family, and so many more. We cannot thank you all enough.



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