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# 5miles

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

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF TRIO ADI PIRMANI

27 MARCH 2005 TO 9 APRIL 2019

The death of a child or youth is always the hardest part of our ministry. No words can express our grief and we know that no words can comfort the family except the peace of Jesus and His comforting presence. For the past three years, 5miles has walked with Trio and his parents, Pak Sukadi and Bu Yani, who live near our orphanage in Tanjung Uban, Bintan. He was like a son to us.

Trio suffered from juvenile nasopharyngeal angiofibroma. His first surgery in Jakarta three years ago to remove a benign tumour that was blocking his nose and obstructing his breathing was successful. Unfortunately, the tumour grew again and this time it was pushing against his intracranial cavity and pressing against his optic nerve in his left eye, leaving his vision damaged beyond repair. During his second surgery on 15 March 2019, he suffered massive loss of blood and the operation had to be terminated as the risk was far too great. We waited three weeks before the bleeding actually stopped. After more than a month in the public hospital in Jakarta, we could finally accompany Trio home to Uban. Three days later, for some unknown reason, Trio started bleeding again while everyone in his home was asleep and when they realised what was going on, it was too late to save him. Trio was taken home to be with the Lord in the early hours of 9 April 2019. He had just turned 14.

There are still many miles to go with the family as Trio's father continues to work on our farm and his mother cooks for our Feed in Love programme every Friday and as well as lunch for our orphanage children twice a week. We miss you dearly, Trio, especially your cheeky smile.



Top: Trio's first surgery in Medistra Hospital Jakarta 2016, with his ENT surgeon Dr Marlinda, going home to Uban.  
Middle: Trio's second surgery in RSCM, Jakarta 2019; he lost 7 litres of blood during the operation which had to be halted before all the tumour could be removed.  
Bottom: Trio's father and brother at the burial and his parents at the farm post-funeral. We thank God that they are coping well and keeping busy.

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4)*



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# FARM DAZE

Our children in Bintan just love going to the farm and kidding around with the goats. They are a great help there, feeding the goats and cleaning up the shed. We also have been blessed with a few births from our goats; it remains a challenge preventing sickness such as bloating and subsequent death. Our farmer Sukadi (father of Trio) is helping to look after the goats and growing vegetables. Now that we have harvested one batch of long beans and two rounds of corn, he is planning to plant watermelons. We have been able to grow cucumber, chilli, watermelon and tomatoes on a smaller scale. Pak Muis lives on the farm, with his wife and three children, and looks after our 150 fruit trees which are still very young and have two to three years to go before they produce fruit - mango, soursop, durian, mangosteen, coconut, banana, longan, jackfruit, etc. In total, we have three hired hands on our land and they are part of our livelihood programme. We are now hoping to expand our goat farm and start aquaponics so we are looking for people who have the relevant experience as well as some business development skills.



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# FACES OF FEED IN LOVE

Feed in Love (FIL UBAN) continues to feed the poorer communities in Lobam and Sebong and minister to the needy. We love the way our children take part in the packing and giving out. They also pray for each community they visit and enjoy bringing smiles to the little ones. Currently we distribute 250 packets of dinner almost every Friday and once a month, we feed the 80 children of the kindergarten we built.



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# TOWDAH SINAR BATAM

We give thanks for the many blessings on our children's home, Towdah Sinar Batam, in Batam. They have been receiving more attention from the local community as well visitors from Singapore for their daily needs but the challenge has always been to finance their education and the multiple home improvements to a very old house.

We are currently working out a plan to replace the roof which has been leaking badly due to a huge hole in the roof and the heavy rains. We are also refurbishing an old van as a second vehicle for the children especially when we need to transport all of them to church, or to special sponsored events.



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