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Dear Friends,

It has been quite some time since the last Health In Harmony/ASRI update – we've missed being in touch with you! Happily, though, there has been **a host of exciting activity and changes humming along** beneath the radio silence, and we're delighted to share that good news:

Film Festival in Sukadana

Two exciting new films have just been completed about ASRI's work. Filmed in Indonesian, and with a focus on tuberculosis and on **much-needed health and environmental education for the ASRI communities**, the films have been a huge success. In one village over 100 people came to see the film. This is



particularly notable given that the showings were in direct competition with the soccer World Cup. :-)

Thanks to the subtitling provided by volunteers Rhiya Trivedi and Rebecca Sananes-Wortman, **the films also showcase the work of the clinic and the**

link between human and environmental health for our English-speaking audience. You can see them at <http://vimeo.com/12936711> and <http://vimeo.com/12933658> - and feel free to share them with your friends and family.

Many thanks to **Ikana Media, Johnson & Johnson**, and the **Potrero Nuevo Fund** for bringing these films to fruition.

Health In Harmony is Growing!

We're very excited to announce the addition of Health In Harmony's second staff member! **Please join us in welcoming Nichol Simpson, who joins the HIH community in the role of Development Director.** Nichol brings over a decade of fundraising experience, working both with small entrepreneurial start-ups, and large national organizations. Serendipitously, last month she was able to visit Sukadana, the ASRI clinic and the conservation efforts. She came home with a strengthened passion for the mission and a dedication and determination to make the ASRI hospital a reality. Nichol resides with her family in Portland, Oregon. You can reach Nichol at nichol@healthinharmony.org.

Kinari Visits the US

Dr. Kinari Webb, founder of Health In Harmony and the ASRI clinic, will be visiting the United States in September to share stories, pictures and successes. Her stops will include: San Diego, CA; Washington, DC; Burlington, VT; New Haven, CT; and NYC. Please contact nichol@healthinharmony.org if you would like to attend, help organize, or host an event for Health In Harmony during Kinari's visit.

ASRI Clinic celebrates its 3rd birthday!

In July, Kinari, her staff, and the villages of Gunung Palung celebrated the **3rd anniversary of ASRI's doors opening to improve human and environmental health for communities in desperate need**. In just 3 short years, the staff has grown from 12 to more than 40, the clinic has treated more than 10,000 patients, and, by November, 40,000 new seedlings will have been planted, bringing new life to ravaged forests. What Kinari and her staff have been able to do, with your support, is truly amazing.

Despite these exciting developments, some things remain the same: ASRI is still desperately needed – and movingly effective – in the communities around Gunung Palung National Park. This story from Kinari offers just one illustration:



“A few days ago, a sweet lady came into our clinic. She weighed only 21 kilograms (46 lbs) and was on death's door. One of our doctors, Arta, examined her, and before I even saw the patient, the TB test was being run by our wonderful nurses. Not surprisingly, it was positive – but the thing that totally shocked us was that she had already spent 2 months in the government hospital in Ketapang. They did not diagnose her as having tuberculosis, and she made no improvement during those two months. With medication, and resources like the DOTS team that helps patients through the long course of treatment, we hope we can save her life – as we have saved so many other patients with TB. Pak Asnan is our favorite recent TB success story – he weighed only 23 kg (50 lbs) when he started his medication, and now says that he is so happy to be ‘fat’ (at 56 kg = 123 pounds)!”

We are so grateful for your support – it makes possible the healing of patients like Pak Asnan and so many others.

As we grow to better meet the needs of the families and forests of Gunung Palung, now is a time when we need your support more than ever – and through the generous matching grant provided by the Reinsch Pierce

Family Foundation, your contributions can make an even greater difference than usual!

Through the end of the year, your \$100 gift becomes \$150, your \$50 gift becomes \$75 - your generosity will go *that much further* toward saving lives, saving rainforests in West Kalimantan. Please make a gift today at www.healthinharmony.org/help.html.

Many thanks, and best wishes,
Brita, Nichol and the HIH and ASRI teams

P.S. Our [website](#) got a tiny makeover - we have a beautiful story to tell, and we're working to tell it beautifully. Check back for more changes, coming later this year!