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**Prosperous coastal
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environment**

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- **Revitalizing education
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and character**
- **Revitalizing
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nurturing local
businesses**
- **Revitalizing
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Erikson Henri

“Gratitude”

Happy New Year, Happy Lunar New Year, and a blessed Ramadan to all. The start of a new year brings countless reasons to be grateful—from the smallest, often overlooked blessings to the grand and obvious ones. Gratitude isn't about forcing ourselves to accept reality because we have no other choice. Instead, it's an invitation to see how God lovingly sustains us, even in situations far beyond our control. Gratitude is strength found in our weakness.

At YPN and Kafe 1 Nusantara, we, too, are deeply thankful. We're grateful for the activities we've been able to resume and the opportunities to serve with purpose.

Five Balai Bamaian have reopened, and we're surveying three new locations. Volunteers are hard at work, giving their time and energy to create a better future for West Sumatra's coastal children. We're also thankful for new volunteer seamstresses, now in the contract phase, who will help us continue making eco-friendly fabric bags.

At Kafe 1 Nusantara, we've seen a drop in visitors. Still, we're grateful for loyal customers who are helping us spread the word about the Foundation and the Café. Activities like the Sunset English Club, Foundation Day, Volunteer Training, Peace Gen, Badminton, and Nusantara Art are gradually restarting.



Photo:
Salam Nusantara Activities

Looking ahead, we're excited for the upcoming Panggung Anak Nusantara 3 (this July) and the Kelas Barista Nusantara entrepreneurship training, which will start this March. We hope to welcome 10 young individuals to join this program.

Despite the many challenges our community is facing, we remain committed to expanding our network and partnerships to grow positive initiatives. Keep fighting alongside us! If you have creative ideas to share or develop together, don't hesitate to reach out.

As we welcome the holy month of Ramadan, we wish you a blessed and meaningful journey. *Mohon Maaf Lahir dan Batin*—please forgive us for any wrongdoings, intentional or unintentional.

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Tian and her Volunteering Journey in Balai Bamain

Written By: Wenny

It all started with a single social media post. Tian, who at the time didn't know much about Yayasan Perahu Nusantara (YPN), felt intrigued and decided to learn more. After chatting with the YPN team, she signed up for volunteer training. Once the training ended, Tian jumped straight into the field to see how the Balai Bamain (BB) activities worked. That's when she became even more determined to get involved.

At Balai Bamain, this History graduate from UNP found her own joy. The kids were always enthusiastic, though not all of them were immediately drawn to books. Some preferred playing, while others struggled to focus. Other challenges, like an unsupportive environment and the children's habits that needed guidance, made the volunteers' roles go beyond just mentoring. But it was through these challenges that Tian learned the most. She grew more patient, more empathetic, and came to understand that sharing isn't just about giving—it's also about growing alongside those you help. These activities also helped her to focus more on the positive and productive things in life.

Besides mentoring the kids, Kak Tian (that's what the Balai Bamain kids call her—though some also mistakenly call her "Kak Intan") also helps behind the scenes, like conducting location surveys and handling permits. For her, what matters most is helping the children grow well, care for their surroundings, and start to love reading. Tian doesn't have grand expectations. What's important is that the small steps she takes can mean something to the children at Balai Bamain.

Let's cheer on Kak Tian, everyone! Support and pray for her journey.



Tian
"Balai Bamain Volunteer"

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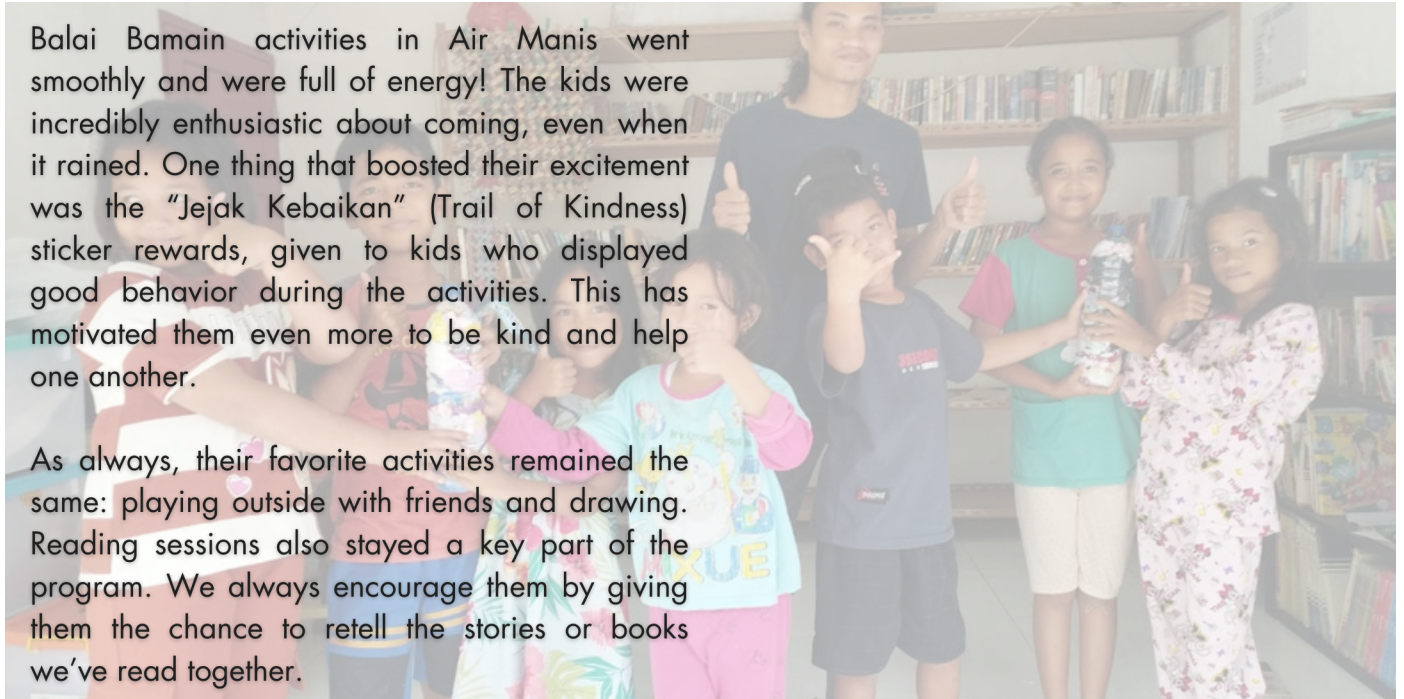


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“Jejak Kebajikan (Trail of Kindness) in Pantai Air Manis”

Balai Bamain activities in Air Manis went smoothly and were full of energy! The kids were incredibly enthusiastic about coming, even when it rained. One thing that boosted their excitement was the “Jejak Kebajikan” (Trail of Kindness) sticker rewards, given to kids who displayed good behavior during the activities. This has motivated them even more to be kind and help one another.

As always, their favorite activities remained the same: playing outside with friends and drawing. Reading sessions also stayed a key part of the program. We always encourage them by giving them the chance to retell the stories or books we’ve read together.



Rain in February

A few Balai Bamain sessions at Pustaka Jendela Dunia had to be postponed due to unpredictable weather. Heavy rain limited our activities, and over the past two months, we’ve only been able to meet once every two weeks. Another challenge has been rebuilding the atmosphere and reconnecting with the kids after such a long absence. But their spirit never fades! Every time we hold a session, they’re as enthusiastic as ever, especially when it’s time to play together.

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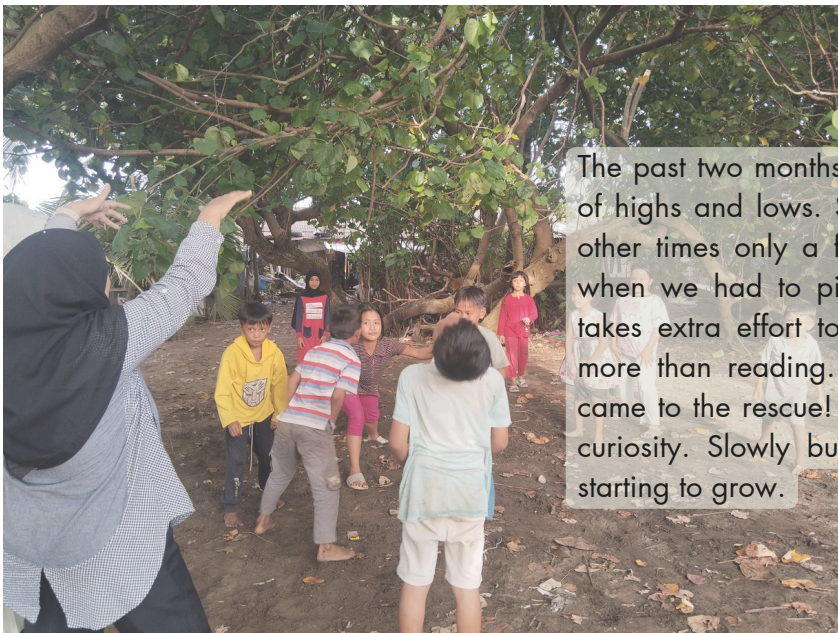


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“NEW BOOKS”

Alhamdulillah, Balai Bamain Gajah Bersatu received a book donation from Yayasan Tunas Aksara! The kids were thrilled to read the books we brought and even excitedly retold the stories. However, not all the children were drawn to books with more text—this is a new challenge for us to find ways to keep them engaged with the story.

We’re also working to ensure every child can participate in all activities. What’s interesting at Balai Bamain Gajah Bersatu is the large number of toddlers present, which means our volunteers have to put in extra effort to run activities alongside the older kids.



Igniting the Joy of Reading

The past two months at Balai Bamain Ceria have been a mix of highs and lows. Sometimes, a lot of the kids participated, other times only a few show up. There were even moments when we had to pick them up directly from their homes. It takes extra effort to get them interested—They love playing more than reading. Alhamdulillah, the new book donations came to the rescue! Engaging storybooks really sparked their curiosity. Slowly but surely, their enthusiasm for reading is starting to grow.

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SUNSET *English Club*

In January, we were on the lookout for additional facilitators to help us with “Sunset English Club.” Alhamdulillah, we got the chance to connect with a new community, “English Cafe,” who sent their instructors to help out. We’re also super grateful to David, a Sunset English Club member and a teacher at ELSI (English School Indonesia), who was willing to be one of the facilitators.

For the next few months, up until June, we’ll still need more facilitators. Some of our native speakers are on vacation, and others have moved to different cities. We really need support and collaboration from different groups to keep things running.

Now that university students are back in class, we’ve seen more participants joining our February activities. It’s such a blessing, and we’re really thankful for this!



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CRAFT DAY

Wednesdays, from 5pm

We're excited to introduce a new Wednesday activity as part of "Yayasan Perahu Nusantara Day"—it's "Craft Day"! Along with volunteers, we've invited creative friends to lead fun and inspiring sessions where we share our creativity. So far, we've held three Craft Days in February, making beaded phone charms, macramé phone pouches, and macramé keychains. Each session has been a cozy gathering of 4-6 participants.

It's a great way to connect with others, share, and enjoy the warm vibe at Cafe 1 Nusantara. We hope this activity can attract more visitors to Cafe 1 Nusantara!



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And will be back on 11 March**

