

**Fall
2025**

Mission Statement

Our greatest desire is to see the glory of God advanced in Sumba as we bring the Gospel to the Sumbanese people. Our prayer is that they may, by God's grace, embrace the Saviour of sinners, Jesus Christ, and have their lives shaped and influenced by the Bible. We desire to see lives improve spiritually and materially as God provides for and blesses us in our work.

About Sumba, Indonesia

Sumba is one of the southern islands of the large country of Indonesia.

The island's population is around 800,000.

The rainy season is from around December to March; the dry season is from April to October.



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Completion of the New Boys' Dormitory

We are thankful that the boys' dorm has been completed, and the boys could move into the building in May. When we look back, we are so amazed at how God helped throughout this project. If we look at ourselves, there is no way this could have been completed.

The need for a boys' dorm arose when the school expanded to accept students from the surrounding area, rather than only from the children's home. Many of these students would walk for many kilometers to attend Sekolah Kristen Rehobot, and so they would stay at the children's home during their studies. The bedrooms in the home got quite crowded and so plans to build a new dorm were made.

The construction began at the beginning of 2024. Local builders and labourers were hired to do the work. There were not enough funds available to complete the project and so it was halted mid-2024. Funds to finish the project were raised in the fall of 2024 when Christina and Yanrus visited Canada and the Netherlands to make several presentations about the work they are involved with in Sumba.

The dorm is set up as one large room with beds, desks and cupboards on both sides of the hallway. There are 8 bathrooms as well as 40 bunk beds which can provide a sleeping space for 80 boys. A cistern was built beneath the building to collect rainwater during the rainy season. This water is used for the toilets and showers.

Thanks from the team in Sumba:

"First of all, we thank God for His blessings, we began from nothing, and He has made it become big and beautiful. We thank you, our friends, who with your generosity and love always support us. Thank-you Sumba Mission Canada and the Netherlands for your continuous support. Also thank you Siloam Development Foundation (SDF) for supplying the furniture for the dorm and replacing some of the mattress in the home."



Quick Facts about the school

The school is divided into three parts: Preschool, Elementary and Middle School.

School starts at 7:00 a.m. sharp with standing at attention in front of the school to sing the national anthem.

Monday mornings there is an opening assembly which involves all the staff and students and on Saturday morning there is a school closing.



The school enrollment has grown to nearly 300 students this year from kindergarten to Grade 9.

On the first day of the new semester this year, the parents came to the school together with the students. The parents and the students planted trees around the school. This year they planted tropical fruit trees such as avocado, papaya and mango. We

have been planting trees around the school for several years, but this year we also planted trees around the four churches in our community.

The students are responsible to water the trees, but in previous years many died during the dry season. We hope that these will continue to grow.

Rehoboth Christian School



Meet Susanna

Susanna is a student at Rehoboth Christian School and has lived at the Pengharapan home since she was a baby.

Q: How old are you and what grade are you in at school?

A: I am 14 years old and am now in grade 9. I will soon graduate from junior high school.

Q: What is your favourite school subject?

A: My favourite subject is English and I like sports as well.

Q: What are some things you enjoy doing in your spare time?

A: I love to read a book in my free time, play volleyball or sometimes just play together with the girls.

Q: What chores are you responsible for around the home?

A: I help to clean the house and water the plants.

Q: What is your favourite food?

A: Chocolate!

Q: Tell us about one of your best memories.

A: My favourite memory is when I was able to have my own Bible and my own story book. I have lots of good memories in the home; my family is here in the Pengharapan home.





Junior High School Expansion

In June the government made the decision about the extra buildings that they promised us. They approved the plan, and the Lord willing, we hope the buildings will be completed in December, the Lord willing.

We do not currently have enough classrooms for junior high school, so for now we use the main hall as classrooms. We have divided it into three classrooms. We have to make extra tables and buy chairs.

The government is funding a science laboratory, library, office, school clinic and restroom. For this project, our government gives us the funds

(according to the budget that we proposed) and we manage the building project ourselves. We submit all the accounting and report weekly; it is a lot of paperwork!

When these buildings are ready, we hope we can use the library, science laboratory and the office as classrooms. We are very thankful because these buildings come at the right time. For the time being we are doing our school opening devotions in the school yard, when it's too hot we move under the trees. It reminds us about how we held our Sunday school classes so many years ago.

In order to transport building materials to the school addition site we needed to purchase a truck (single axle dump truck). We are hoping to purchase large water tanks that can be installed on the back of the truck to bring water to TanaMBanas during the dry season. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 to pay back the truck loan as quickly as possible. If you are able to help us with this, we would be grateful.

Above all, we thank God for His grace to us, we really can feel that He is always leading us and never leaves us. May God give us wisdom and heart full of love to teach these children.

Prayer Requests

Pray that the Lord will bless the work in the home, school and mission posts.

Thanksgiving for a plentiful rainy season. Pray that there will be enough food for the people around TanaMBanas.

Pray for sufficient staff for the children's home and the school; that new staff may be found to replace those who have moved away.

Pray for Idi, a staff member who has been at the mission for 24 years, whose husband recently passed away suddenly.

Pray that the junior high school addition may go smoothly and that those doing the work would be kept in safety.



A note from the mission field...

"We want to thank you, Sumba Mission Canada for helping us to make the final payments to the workmen and other bills to complete the boys' dormitory. We thank all our friends who continuously pray for and support us. We are so amazed at how God works through all of you so that we are able to do His work here. We pray that God may bless you in this work. May God be glorified and be known among His people."

*"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
Phil 4:19*

Mission Posts

The work in the mission posts is doing well; we see an increasing number of children who attend the mission posts. We pray that God will bless these children and bless His Word which has been spread among these children. May the children be light among their families.

We long to reach other children from other villages but cannot extend to another mission post at this time. We have a limited number of people to do this work. Perhaps in the future more teachers or staff will be available to help reach other children.

Using a donation from SDF chairs were provided for two of the churches where we hold mission post meetings. Before the chairs arrived, the people would sit on pieces of wood or large stones through the services. Some of the members are elderly and are grateful for the new chairs!



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