



MISSION

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation honors the name of the founder of Subud, Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjo. It serves to build a lasting financial capacity for the Subud community, with dedication to the long-term aims of the World Subud Association.

VISION

The Foundation envisages a Subud community that is active and effective in the world, in all fields of human endeavor. It supports this vision by providing financial and other assistance to a wide-range of activities and programs, including social and humanitarian work, cultural endeavors, youth projects, and others.

VALUES

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We are committed to working through inner guidance, combined with common sense and best practice, in making decisions and carrying out our actions.

Diversity

We value diversity of the human spirit and recognize the uniqueness of each human being.

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We base our relationships with our donors, recipients, and the community on mutual trust, candor, and transparency.

Sustainability

We believe in effecting sustainable change with transformational goals and measurable positive outcomes, recognizing that how things are done is as important as what is done.

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Search for trustees begins

The Subud World Congress in New Zealand in January 2010 will be a time of changeover for many committees and organizations in the Subud association, and this includes the Muhammad Subuh Foundation.

The ex-officio trustee, Osanna Vaughn, will be replaced by the incoming World Subud Association chairperson selected at Congress. In addition, trustees Simone Paige, Dahlan Foah, Olvia Reksodipoetro, and Leonard van Willenswaard will see their current term end. They will have the option of re-testing, if they are willing to accept another four-year term.



Back row, left to right: Rayner Sutherland, Osanna Vaughn, Leonard van Willenswaard, Hannah Baerveldt, Muchtar Martins. Front row, left to right: Dahlan Foah, Ismana Haryono, Simone Paige, and Olvia Reksodipoetro
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As the outcome of testing is impossible to predict, nominations for additional candidates for the vacancies are now being accepted. If you are willing to step forward, or you know someone you feel would be a good trustee, contact your national committee, zonal representative, MSF trustee or national liaison, or an international World Subud Council member to inquire about the possibility of nomination.

For further information about the work of a trustee and the selection process, please contact Rayner Sutherland, MSF CEO, at: Rayner@dccnet.com

How to define the Muhammad Subuh Foundation?

By Simone Paige, MSF trustee

In a discussion over the role of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation at a June East Coast meeting, a member tried to clarify the role of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation: "It is our financial institution," he said. As a member of the MSF board working each day to create space and opportunity for Subud's development in places like the Congo, the Ukraine, Lebanon, and South America, I am uneasy with the general view that MSF is our Subud bank.

Testing with WSA in Ascot and Amanecer revealed the deeply expansive role of Bapak's foundation in the world, were we able to live up to the potential. A further receiving showed the energy and forward movement when the World Subud Association and the Muhammad Subuh Foundation were able to work together in harmony. In those receivings, we felt the reality of Subud's capacity to improve the world. One could not help but wish we had all members together to participate in these receivings. Such energy and power were present.

Thinking about the role of MSF, I wonder how we might one day approach the potential that Bapak saw for this foundation. If members think of us as a bank, and not a jointly owned foundation that requires vital life support, will we grow into this role? Since joining the board four years ago, I have become more aware of the quiet commitment and dedication that lies behind Subud projects. But some of our most dedicated pioneers lack the essential support they need. In Ascot two years ago, we did *latihan* (the spiritual practice of Subud) with some of those working in Kalimantan, and everyone felt these hard-working members were very much alone in their challenges; they needed far more support from the membership. When I speak of support, I mean not merely financial support, but, perhaps more importantly, our appreciation, prayers, and feelings of connectedness.

When I first came to MSF, it still had the reputation of being a small cadre of mostly middle-aged white men doing business together, drawing up initiatives as they raised money amongst their friends. But seeing the nature of the work as a member of the board, I am reformed. I have learned far more than I thought possible about building ownership and building regulations in places like India, Indonesia, Vietnam, etc., about the extremes of life in the Congo, and of working with laws in Europe to achieve charitable giving status. Looking at building plans while discussing for hours how to assign ownership of a Subud center initially seemed like tedious work. *continued, page two*

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When I tested my role on the board, however, I felt the enormous privilege of my job. Learning how to join forces to create new spaces for worship, gatherings, sharing Bapak's talks and the history of Subud, and feeling the presence of the Subud world is to enter the realm of grace. Our work has to do with inviting all to take part in the Subud family created by Bapak, which holds us in a large embrace. While I was resistant or ill at ease with many aspects of the work that did not seem in line with my skills, my testing on the work of MSF showed that it was the most significant work I could find on earth.

And because I love to understand how different cultures interpret the world, I have been surprised by the joy of traveling to distant countries, not only physically; working together one feels the inner, as well as the outer geography. MSF work engages us in translating the needs of groups, their culture, as we discuss their plans and jointly investigate how to build a secure and viable worship space. Recently the MSF board has partnered with international helpers ("IH's"), zone reps and Susila Dharma International officers who are able to visit places the board cannot afford to visit. Reports on these visits help us determine a group's capacity to undertake a building project or an enterprise to support the new center. Finally, we work as partners through follow up with regular reports on progress. The result of closer communication is that national committees, zone reps, and IH's are actively involved in supporting group endeavors.

Working on the board has taught me more about purification, our Subud culture, and Bapak's emphasis on working together in harmony than I could have foreseen. I am humbled by the spirit of submission combined with hard work that so many Subud members bring. In Subud we all learn that work on a committee or on any project goes well beyond the official task. When we first imagine the duties, we have no idea of how our personal evolution and the growth of the team will evolve into broader understandings.



Simone Paige, MSF trustee

One big surprise was that handling money for Subud is just as potentially explosive as handling money anywhere else. Many people planning projects are happy to know board members, perceived to hold the purse strings. But another aspect of handling money came clear to me as I progressed through the next phase of my education/purification via taking on the duties of an MSF board member. The attitudes toward money run wildly in Subud as they do elsewhere. Some of us in Subud are intimidated by money and people with lots of it, some of us want more of it, some of us want to control it in more efficient ways, and some of us wish it would go away as a life problem. Bapak certainly understood all of these forces and urged us to jump into the fray by doing enterprises to hasten our purifications. The power of the *latihan* is that each job has the potential to bring you to the hard spots in your feelings and also has the potential to give you the courage to face the hard spots. The ego is such a tough customer when it comes face to face with our inner purification. Often I felt in the *latihan* that I was being stretched like a piece of elastic to be able to encompass the largeness of the task. I have found this process of purification which allows us to work on more levels, brings us a new aliveness, and shows us how deeply the *latihan* goes into our lives.

I listened to old tapes of Bapak, realizing anew his genius for handling the issues of money and other issues. His surrender was complete: If we have no money for food, God has not given it to us, so we must be patient. If this man insists on buying a jewel from me, well now God is providing for us. If I lose something, I just say it has changed places.

After a few moments of quiet in a circle at our East Coast meeting, we all opened our eyes. I was to speak about MSF. Opening my eyes to that circle of my "Subud family" sparked in me a realization that if not for Bapak I would not be sitting with these people in a circle; indeed, I would have lived a very different life. I would not be working with people from Nigeria, Malaysia, New Zealand, and Indonesia. What a loss were I not to feel the vibrations of worshiping with my sisters who pray through the lens of Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, or Buddhism, who encompass the layers of religious culture. I would not feel the security of living with the knowledge of opening to God's grace at any moment.

When friends ask me about my various travels to Indonesia, Spain, South America, etc., I say that the trips are terrific but not as you might think. I meet strangers who are brothers and sisters immediately although I see their countries from inside the board meetings. I come to worship with them in order to experience something that provides for our continued mutual growth. In our worship we hope to come closer to offering our talents to allow more people to feel the reality of reverence for each individual, for the solidity born of surrender to God's will, for the discipline to develop our talents, so that more people will feel their joy and have their sorrow lifted by God's presence in their lives.

I am thankful for a role that shows me over and over the depth of the *latihan* that gives us the courage and strength to work for the good of all. I write as a convert, as one who had only a vague notion of the wider world of Subud efforts, who failed to have the extra measure of dedication to take an interest in our Subud outreach across the world.

Thank-you Bapak, thank-you Ibu Rahayu, and thank-you to my worldwide Subud family.

Simone Paige, MSF trustee

FOUNDATION SUPPORT: HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS



Rusdi Noor, Yayasan Usaha Mulia project manager, together with Bardolf Paul, chairman of Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta, meet local residents in the Bukit Batu area of Central Kalimantan

A New Beginning in Bukit Batu

At the recent MSF meeting in Spain a \$20,000 grant was provided to Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta to continue their exciting community development work in Central Kalimantan. We asked Bardolf Paul to write an article for this issue of e-NEWS to help explain to readers how YTS will use these funds to continue their work. Bardolf writes:

Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta (YTS) is a Kalimantan-based foundation that was established in 1997 by the Subud mineral exploration company, Kalimantan Gold, with the purpose of improving social and economic conditions in Dayak communities close to the company's exploration areas. Up until this year, YTS has worked only in very remote locations.

With the receipt of a grant of \$20,000 from the Muhammad Subuh Foundation, plus other funding, this has now changed. This money will go to a new project in the subdistrict Bukit Batu, Central Kalimantan, aimed at improving the quality of livelihoods and well-being of the population in this area. This subdistrict is where Rungan Sari, the Subud community, is located and is close to the provincial capital of Palangka Raya.

The funds from MSF will be added to existing contributions from the Blond Trust, Susila Dharma Britain and the Kalimantan Support Group, and will make it possible to implement the first year of a multi-year project that will,

WSA and MSF Jointly Supporting Subud Members in Need

By Rayner Sutherland

At the 2005 Subud World Congress in Innsbruck the World Subud Association Care Support Program was formed with the mandate of supporting Subud members in real need. The Care Support team is made up of Garrett Thomson, Rosanna Hille, Kumari Beck and Rayner Sutherland as the coordinator. Other very actively involved resource and support people are Leonard van Willenswaard, Julia Hurd, Susila Dharma International Executive Director Virginia Thomas and the MSF Board and team. The WSA Care Support Program currently has two services: the Subud Emergency Fund (formerly known as the International Almoners) and the Subud Education Fund. Kumari Beck is the coordinator for the Subud Education Fund and Rayner is the coordinator for the Subud Emergency Fund. Ruth Thomas and Maksum Gonzalez share the roles of Subud Emergency Fund deputy and secretary. Ruth and Maksum are fluent in Spanish, French and English.

The context of many Subud members' need for support is that they are often living in a developing country with minimal formal government support programs and where the average monthly income could be as low at \$10-\$15 USD. These same countries often have very high

from the beginning, work in all seven communities in the area.

There will be close collaboration and integration with the program of Yayasan Usaha Mulia, which is working in the same communities, and with the other Subud-managed projects in the subdistrict, such as Lorna's and Gaye's tourism venture.

On the 19th of June, the Yayasan started facilitating participatory planning in the community of Marang, which historically is very significant, because this is one of the spots where Bapak landed when he first came to Central Kalimantan in 1980. In fact there is a 10 hectare plot of land owned by Subud, and the road leading to the plot is appropriately named 'Jalan Subut'. While we were there many questions were asked about what we were going to do with that piece of land.

After completing the planning process, the Yayasan will assist the community in implementing priority elements in the plan. Where external support is needed, YTS will link the community to the government departments that provide relevant programs and services. Where technical support is required, YTS will provide funds and local technical expertise. The objective is to empower the community to become more proactive in managing its own development and in reaching out for the support it needs.

This process will continue for the remainder of the year: each month YTS will initiate a participatory planning exercise in each of the remaining six villages. By year end, all seven communities will be ready to submit their plans to the annual government bottom-up planning process, which begins at community level in January and moves up to subdistrict, district, province and finally to the central government in May.

By getting their plans into this process, these communities will be much better positioned to receive government support in the following year. Moreover, as government is very unaware of the conditions in each village, by receiving focused plans from each community, it will be able to target and tailor its services and programs to address the real needs in these communities.

As in other areas where YTS has been implementing this approach, we expect to see a systemic change and improvement in the relationship between government and communities, what we commonly refer to as 'improving the quality of governance'.

What makes this project particularly significant is that all of the funding comes from Subud sources. In YTS, we have a special feeling of responsibility because of this, and we will do our best to maximize the results.

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unemployment, sometimes aggravated by issues like social unrest, widespread violence or even war. Often, too, there may be a lack of easily accessible clean drinking water, little medicine and the need to pay a fee to send children to elementary school.

So, in the context of these already very difficult circumstances any unexpected and costly setback or tragedy can often be beyond the means of a Subud member, their extended family or their Subud group to deal with. If a Subud member living in a developing country has an accident, suddenly becomes ill or is even attacked and needs to pay for an unexpected and urgently needed medical operation, this is often beyond their means. If a Subud member who has been the sole bread winner in the family suddenly passes on and there are many young children in the family to care for, this will likely lead to real hardship with not much hope of overcoming this situation without some support from the larger Subud community. If a Subud member's home is badly damaged in a natural disaster, such as a flood, earthquake or hurricane, the Subud Emergency Fund can supplement the overall assistance that Susila Dharma International is likely already providing. If a Subud member and their children have come on hard times, can't find work or enough work and are about to be evicted, and, as is the case in some countries, six months' rent is needed in advance to secure a new residence, then it may not be possible for this Subud member to come up with such a large sum of money without financial support from all of you.

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Very recently an international helper who has been very involved in helping the Subud Emergency Fund support a few different Subud members gave the following update on the situation of these members. The details of gender may have been changed and some of the more specific and extreme details have been omitted to conceal people's identity. The helper related: One member who was unable to fund an operation did eventually have the operation (paid for by the Subud Emergency Fund). When I saw him again, he was well. Had it not been for the money, he was sure to have died leaving several children without a father. The second time this same family was helped was when a child in this family became ill also and once again, the money provided was able to fund the operation that no doubt saved the child's life. Another Subud member was one whose spouse died in a tragic accident, leaving many children to care for. She too was eternally grateful for the money sent as she managed to hang on to their house and was able to feed the family until the older children and neighbours were able to help out. A third Subud member was able to put a deposit on a small house. He was living at different friends' homes going from one house to the next. Now he has his own place and feels more secure after being evicted from their own home after his spouse died. The spouse's family were the evictors as the member had no legal title to their own home. These are just some of the many different kinds of hardships our fellow Subud members sometimes have to face and which all of you were able to help alleviate.

Just since 2006 over \$40,000 USD has been provided to Subud members in real need of support. Each year since 2006 more and more members have been supported. In 2008 alone sixteen grants were provided roughly totalling \$14,000. In the first six months of 2009 there have already been ten grants provided. The support is provided to Subud members living in many different countries. More needs to be done to reach out to Subud members living in certain countries where we seldom, if ever, have provided support. The proposed budget for the entire Care Support Program for 2009 is currently \$22,000. The support

provided does not match the need faced by many Subud members and we are constantly trying to stretch our limited dollars as best we can.

The World Subud Association ("WSA") and the Muhammad Subuh Foundation, through your essential support and donations, jointly help to make this program a reality and thus provide crucial assistance to all of these Subud members who sometimes, through no fault of their own, need some support. The program is officially a part of WSA's services and is accountable to the chair of the International Subud Committee. The program obtains much of its funding from your national committees. The Muhammad Subuh Foundation also provides a very significant grant each year to both the WSA Subud Emergency Fund and the WSA Subud Education Fund. The funding from MSF is made possible because of your generous bequests, donations and enterprise contributions to MSF.

Once the WSA's new website is finished, the Care Support Program will have its own webpage within this larger website. Members will be able to easily and quickly find out how to apply to either the Subud Emergency Fund or the Subud Education Fund and to download the applications in a variety of languages. In the meantime you can download the Subud Emergency Fund and Subud Education Fund applications from the Subud World News website at <http://www.subudworldnews.com/> Just click on ISC/WSA in the column to the left and then scroll down until you see the Care Support section. The applications are available in Spanish, French and English.

Alternatively you can contact Rayner at Rayner@dccnet.com, Ruth or Maksum at maksumandruth@gmail.com or Kumari Beck at Kumari_beck@telus.net

If you feel moved to help support a Subud member in need you can do so by making a donation through the Muhammad Subuh Foundation website at <http://www.msubuhfoundation.org/> Once on the MSF website you first click on "How to Donate" and then click on "Contributing". You can then choose to enter an amount in the "Subud Emergency Fund" box or you can enter an amount in the "General Fund" box and then in the comments section below type in "for Subud Education Fund." You can use your credit card to make this donation on-line.

Thank you very much for taking a quiet moment to reflect on this. Your support is genuinely and deeply appreciated and valued!

Rayner Sutherland, MSF CEO

FOUNDATION SUPPORT: SUBUD HOUSES

Mina Clavero, Argentina

Mina Clavero is a popular mountain resort in the central region of Argentina.

Subud members have created a lovely center on a large -- 5,500 square meter -- plot on the banks of a river, three km from downtown Mina Clavero. The Subud house is about 220 to 230 square meters large with a 160 square meter meeting hall.

The principal use of the house is for the spiritual practice of Subud and social gatherings of members, such as birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, New Year and the like. When members of the public want a place for seminars, teachers' meetings, graduations, baptisms and so on, the group does not charge for use of the space and only requires payment for a 45 kilogram gas cylinder for heat in winter and a small fee for cleaning the place.

Near the Subud Hall there is a guest house that can accommodate five people. It is rented mainly to tourists in the summer, over Easter and long weekends. The rental income pays for the bulk of the maintenance costs of the Subud Hall. The group advertises rental of its guest house on the internet, for instance, at <http://www.subudworldnews.com/centres/centres.php?countrID=7>

At times, when there are major expenses, such as those for roof repairs, the matter is discussed among the members and somehow money is raised so that the place is always in good shape.

The local group is small. Currently there are five members but in summer there are more as out-of-town Subud members come to stay in their homes on the property.



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