



# MUHAMMAD SUBUH FOUNDATION

*Supporting The Aims Of Subud For A Better World*



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« **Bapak arrives in Sydney, 1971, Courtesy WSA Archives, Canberra**

During his lifetime, Bapak would travel around the world many times. The average distance was equal to traveling to the moon and back with 232,000 kilometers to spare.

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# WELCOME

## *Message from the Executive Director*



It's now been over three years that I've been involved with the Muhammad Subuh Foundation. It is an honour to work for the Subud organization that bears Bapak's name and was founded in his honour.

I have been fortunate to have participated in several testing sessions with the International Helpers and, on one occasion with the World Subud Council as a whole, about

the role and significance of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation to the future growth and development of Subud. Each time the receivings have been very special and of a noble and high spiritual nature. I encourage others to experience this testing yourselves so that you can gain some inner understanding or insight into the purpose and significance of the Muhammad Subud Foundation. This kind of testing lends itself well to testing at a Subud gathering.

While the Muhammad Subuh Foundation still needs to grow and develop considerably more before it can truly begin to realize Bapak's vision and to manifest the receivings of our testing, some real steps forward are indeed now beginning to take shape.

One key role of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation is to support projects and programs that strengthen the long term development and capacity of Subud in the world. Since 1997 the Muhammad Subuh Foundation has provided close to 3 Million USD in financial support across virtually every key area of the Subud organization.

This funding has, in part, gone to: (1) the World Subud Association for such things as International Helper travel; the WSA Archives; and the WSA Care Support Program to assist Subud brothers and sisters in real need; (2) Susila Dharma International Association to provide support both to SDIA itself for its own operational and service needs and to many of the excellent Susila Dharma projects throughout the world; (3) dozens of groups throughout the world to purchase, construct or renovate their very own Subud houses; (4) Subud youth to assist youth in attending such events as World Congresses; and (5) Subud International Cultural Association for its own capacity building and for various SICA projects.



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### MISSION

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation honors the name of the founder of Subud, Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo. It serves to build a lasting financial capacity for the Subud community, with emphasis on 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 many fields of human endeavor. It supports this vision by providing financial and other assistance to a wide-range of activities and programs aimed at improving the condition of the communities they serve, including social and humanitarian work, cultural endeavors, child and youth

### VALUES

As trustees of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation, we are guided in our work by the following values:

**Integrity** In making decisions and carrying out our actions, we are committed to working through personal integrity and best practice combined with inner guidance and common sense.

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

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

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

Recently the Muhammad Subud Foundation has not only been involved in funding the restoration and preservation of Bapak's deteriorating audio tapes – which Faisel Sillem so carefully maintained for decades – but also took on the actual work of managing this project. To ensure that this was done in a professional way and to a high standard the Muhammad Subuh Foundation contracted with an expert company based in Belgium, called Memnon. MSF also contracted with Amalijah Thompson, a Subud Canberra member, for technical advice and support for this project. The project is nearing an end and has been very successful. Imagine how special it would be if today we could hear the actual voices of Jesus and Muhammad.

Preserving Bapak's voice for future generations to hear, and to do this work in a professional way and to archival standards, is an important responsibility for this generation of Subud members to properly fulfill. But, this is only part of what is being done. Bapak's videos, photographs, key documents and other material that provide the context and further evidence and proof of Bapak's presence and of the early days of Subud as well as Ibu Rahayu's talks and videos will also be preserved to professional archival standards.

MSF continues to cooperate and collaborate with the World Subud Association and together the two organizations have recently embarked on a joint fundraising drive. MSF's fundraising drive is called the Legacy Project and seeks to raise 1 Million USD over the next ten years to support the needs of the WSA International Archives over this period. The Muhammad Subuh Foundation pre-funded this project from its capital holdings (\$210,000 in 2012 and a commitment of \$60,000 for 2013) to ensure that the preservation and restoration of Bapak's audio tapes could begin right away. There was an urgent need to begin immediately, before deterioration of the early audiotapes caused them to be lost forever. Fortunately, Memnon has been able to actually restore most of those deteriorated tapes.

Another key role of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation is to build and professionally manage an ever increasing financial capacity that can be used towards the long-term growth and development of Subud. So, we ask Subud members

everywhere to really not only get behind the Legacy Project but to also make a donation, enterprise contribution or to leave a bequest to the Muhammad Subuh Foundation. It is only through your support and generosity that the Muhammad Subuh Foundation can both continue to provide considerable support to these many important initiatives and to further begin increasing its financial strength and thus become a solid financial foundation for the future growth and development of Subud.

Please visit the Muhammad Subuh Foundation's new website where, among other things, you can find more about the Legacy Project and how you can get involved, watch some of the new MSF films posted there and – hopefully, you'll feel inspired and moved to make an online donation to support the work of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation. Every donation, no matter its size, helps and is genuinely appreciated.

May God bless and reward all of those dedicated and committed Subud brothers and sisters who have passed on and who so generously remembered the Muhammad Subuh Foundation in their Wills: Konrad Baerveldt; Simone Paige; Simon Davis (bequeathed on his behalf by his wife Ismutijah Davis); Ilbert Walker; and Hardwin Pelham.

May 2013 be a blessed year for all of you, for the Muhammad Subuh Foundation and for Subud as a whole. Recent events throughout the world only reinforce the world's desperate need for the latihan kedjiwaan of Subud. Through your support, the Muhammad Subuh Foundation can play a key and pivotal role in strengthening Subud and preparing Subud for its eventual spread throughout this troubled world.

*With Love,*



## THE GIFT OF

# Giving

*" We invite all of you to help this foundation develop, because the strength and success of this foundation depends on your involvement to help protect and support it, so that the foundation will serve and assist the growth of Subud."* Excerpt from Ibu Siti Rahayu talk, Innsbruck 2005

**T**he new year is a time for resolutions, a time to make a promise to do things just a little bit better. We ask you to consider making a gift to the Muhammad Subuh Foundation. The Foundation supports the long term development of Subud. Projects include Subud Houses, translations of Bapak's and Ibu's talks, social and humanitarian efforts, International Helper travel and the new Legacy Project in support of the archives (see article page 6) There are many ways to give both large and small, all gifts help the Foundation to strengthen our Subud world.

You can donate through a bequest or endowment or a one time or recurring donation. You can designate your gift for a specific project or to the General Fund.

### Funds

The Foundation currently has four established funds which it manages on behalf of the Subud community. Each fund has a different focus and purpose and its own specific investment and distribution restrictions.

You can also establish your own fund. A fund for charitable giving provides a flexible solution for making a difference in our Subud community, with possible tax-advantages depending on your country of residence. We're here to help you every step of the way to establish a fund that matches your charitable intentions.

As an individual, or with the participation of your family or group of friends or enterprise, you can choose a fund type and whether to support an ongoing cause or participate in a special project.

Please review our new website for more information [www.msubuhfoundation.org](http://www.msubuhfoundation.org) or contact our administrator Lillian Shulman at [lillianshulman@netscape.net](mailto:lillianshulman@netscape.net) for more information.

## A JOURNEY FROM

# Tokyo to Malvern

by Ismutijah Davis

**I**n November 2009 my husband Simon died, he left this world. He left certain monies to his children, grand children and great grand children.

After I had administered the Will, I was moved to send to the Muhammad Subuh Foundation the same amount of money that Simon had sent to each of his children. Two years later I donated our plot of land in Kalimantan. I have always felt that the M.S.F. is very important, in fact the mainstay of Subud in the material world.

When I am looking at the web-site that wonderful feeling of Bapak pervades.

In August 2010, in Malvern, England, during the annual British congress, Samuel Simonsson, M.S.F. chairman at that time, gave a presentation of the work of M.S.F., which I attended. Later I sent an e-mail to Lillian Shulman which follows:

*Dear Lillian,*

*Greetings. I have wanted to write to you for a little while to thank you for arranging for Samuel to remember Simon during his presentation at the British congress. It was a great blessing.*

*In 1967 I attended the congress in Tokyo.*

*During a testing session with the ladies Bapak asked us to walk like a princess from Solo. As you can imagine this was a very beautiful receiving. My soul was happy, complete, dignified, gracious.....all my forces were in the right place.*



Photo: Simon, who is now Paul, and Ismutijah with their little grandson, Harrison.

*In 1972 I met Simon.*

*I was astonished because he looked at me with the eyes of his soul and I had never been looked at like that before, also I found I was feeling like the princess from Solo. The feeling died away and I felt I was being shown what I could grow to if I was with this man. We married..... There were difficulties. His previous family found me difficult to accept and then Simon became ill. He was ill for a long time and this caused me considerable*

*suffering; the last months were dreadful.....*

*I remember thinking that the feeling of the princess from Solo had never returned. Simon died, I send money to M.S.F. and then I go to the British congress. I attend the M.S.F. presentation.*

*When Samuel entered the room I immediately saw that he carried himself with nobility. He introduced himself and explained the ways they raised money, one was bequests and in this respect he wished to remember Simon Davis. When he said the words 'Simon Davis' I felt a great expanse as if Simon's soul*

*spread out. I could feel his smile. When Samuel said he would like to thank him and his wife Ismutijah, with the word 'wife' the Princess of Solo arose in me and I smiled back.*

*I cannot describe to you the blessing of that moment.*

*with love,  
Ismutijah*

There is a postscript I would like to add

During October 2010 I had a dream. I was in a galley of a ship. It was completely fitted out with new up to date furnishings and equipment.

Sitting around the table were a few Subud members, myself and Simon. Simon got up and walked to the other side of the galley as if to leave.

He suddenly collapsed. I ran to him and realised he wasn't there. His clothes just lay empty on the ground.

At this point I awoke and as I did so I heard Simon's voice right inside both my ears. He said 'I'm Paul now'. As he said this he slipped over me covering my upper body like a vest. At the same time I was aware that Bapak was in the room. My understanding is .....when I think of my husband as Simon I remember the sick man and I feel grief. When I call him Paul I am given a breast plate and grief is no more.

Thanks be to God

## LEGACY PROJECT

# Update

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Ibu Siti Rahayu at Rungan Sari, Central Kalimantan (December 2012) Photographer: Sahlan McKingley

The Legacy Project is a global campaign to raise funds for the WSA Archives. The most urgent archival need right now is to ensure that Bapak's original recorded talks are restored and preserved. Many of these original early recordings are in poor condition and in danger of being lost forever.

The project also aims to make sure photographs, films, writings and historical documents are collected and cared for and to make the archives more accessible to Subud members worldwide.

Since the launch of the Legacy Project in June at the America's Gathering in Vancouver, there have been a number of presentations held around the world. A film and a brochure have been produced by the Foundation to raise awareness of the project.

The most recent presentation was held at Rungan Sari in Central Kalimantan during the recent Zone meeting in December. Foundation trustee Olvia Reksodipoetro presented the film and explained the purpose of the project.

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Bapak, Hussein Rofe and early members of Subud Indonesia, 1950s.

Screenshot from Legacy Project Film  
Original photo courtesy WSA archives, Canberra

MSF administrator Lillian Shulman also presented the film to about 100 members at Menucha, the Subud USA Pacific Northwest regional kedjiwaan gathering in November. While, MSF Chair Bachtiar Lorot spoke about the Legacy Project to members at the European Gathering and Subud Britain Congress in August.

If you are hosting a Subud gathering, congress or meeting in your country and would like to arrange a presentation please contact Miriam Padilla  
[legacyproject.donors@gmail.com](mailto:legacyproject.donors@gmail.com)

The Legacy film and brochure are available in 7 languages. The film has been subtitled in Spanish, French, Russian, Japanese, German and Indonesian.

**You can also join us on Facebook for the latest Legacy Project news at**

<http://www.facebook.com/LegacyProject>  
and read more about it on the Legacy Project page on the Foundation website

[www.msubuhfoundation.org](http://www.msubuhfoundation.org)  
where you can also find out how to donate!



## NEW WEBSITE

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation has a new website that had been designed to be more in line with the Legacy Project and includes new features. Please take a few moments to view the website and find out more about the work of the Foundation. You can also read our latest annual report in English, French and Spanish.

[www.msubuhfoundation.org](http://www.msubuhfoundation.org)

# FROM *the* ARCHIVES...

## The Nine World Journeys of Bapak



Photo: Bapak at the airport in Chile, 1963, Courtesy WSA Archives, Canberra

**B**apak first came to the West in 1957. Since then he has made nine World Journeys (up to 1974), visited 37 countries (many several times), travelled half a million miles during which he gave nearly 800 talks, most of which have been taped. He also travelled extensively over the years to centres and groups throughout Indonesia, giving talks at Jogjakarta, Semarang, Solo, Bogor, Medan, Bandung and elsewhere, as well as at Cilandak.

The facts - gathered from Vincent Sillem's masterly and painstaking Travelog - are staggering and speak for themselves: but they imply much more.

During this time Bapak conducted a continuous and voluminous correspondence with the membership, and gave counsel when asked on every conceivable aspect of the human condition, temporal and spiritual. In all, a conservative estimate of four million words-- enough to keep a publishing house busy for years.

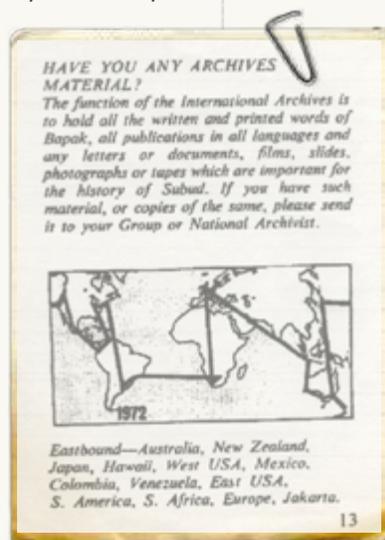
Surely no other Spiritual Guide in the history that we know has ever circled the earth so many times, or has left such a wealth of guidance for those who come after, or charted

the kejiwaan with such insight, humour and compassion, or opened the door so wide for so many - through the Grace and Power of God in the latihan of Subud.

Bapak comes to us as a man of this century, in a jet plane, wearing a lounge suit, smoking a cigar, drinking coca-cola, a family man with a string of bonny grandchildren. He plays the gambang and sings to us. He talks to us of the Prophets and the Holy Books; and, like a father, tells countless stories of Bima and Ardjuna, Djaka Wisnadi and Sri Ruhanasari, and many others.

Bapak urges his children to work hard, to start enterprises in order to realise the gift of the latihan. And to demonstrate, Bapak works harder and longer hours than anyone. The light in his bedroom shines all night long.

Bapak is now 72. His Ninth Journey (the longest) was undertaken when he was 70. He travelled 62,000 miles, visited 18 countries and gave 61 talks in 85 days. At the finish all the members of his party were exhausted when they returned to Cilandak. But Bapak went to a football match in Jakarta in the same day, to watch the touring Brazilians (especially Pele) play an Indonesian eleven.



## WHERE ARE THEY

# Now?

### Bina Cita Utama School, Central Kalimantan

**F**rom a dozen students to more than 100, the little school that could has made great strides since it opened seven years ago in the heart of Borneo island.

It all started in 2003, when a group of parents and educators got together to find a way to teach children in the area, most of whom lived in the Subud community, Rungan Sari. There were few options in the province and none of the schools taught in English. So a small “home study” center was born.

Just two years later, Bina Cita Utama officially opened its doors to 28 students. BCU was the first ‘National Plus’ school to be registered with the Department of National Education in Central Kalimantan. National Plus schools incorporate both national and international curricula.

The Foundation began its support of BCU in 2005. Over the years it has provided more than US\$ 40,000 in grants mainly to support construction of new classrooms. The most recent grant came in 2012 when the Foundation provided US\$ 7,000 to help build three more. The new classrooms have been instrumental in enabling BCU to grow to its present size.

Today the school is home to 119 students from first grade through high school. It has won numerous awards in the province for math and the arts. Students have gone on to study at major universities.

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Students and teachers of BCU, 2012 Photographer: Simon Cherpitel

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The school also provides a place for Subud families who are running enterprises in Central Kalimantan to educate their children. While many Subud volunteers have given the students a wider outlook on life, bringing with them experiences from around the world. The BCU scholarship program means that the up to 15% of students from poorer families are able to attend school.

The future of BCU looks bright. The province is growing fast, the population has tripled in the last three decades and Rungan Sari itself is also developing. Bina Cita Utama means Nurturing Noble Ideals and it is these noble ideals that will make the a difference in Central Kalimantan and beyond.

## Subud Istmina, Colombia

By Lillian Shulman, Based on an interview with Honorata Murillo de Mosquera at the Americas Gathering in June 2012 at Vancouver B.C.

Supporting Subud members to obtain their own Subud houses has been at the core of the work of the Foundation. In this edition of Enews we take a look at Subud Istmina in Colombia.

Honorata is a member of the Bogota Subud group, but she was born in Istmina, that's why she wished Subud to come to Istmina. And many were opened there, but they had no Subud house and were doing latihan in the house of a member. So in 2008, Honorata and her husband Reynaldo donated some land on which a Subud house could be built. Funding for the house construction came from donations of Colombian members as well as from MSF, and Honorata and Reynaldo contributed the balance that was needed to complete the house. There are about 26 members at Istmina and 22 at the nearby Quibdó group. Both towns are located in the Chocó Region. Helpers from Medellín and Bogotá sometimes come for a visit and latihan.

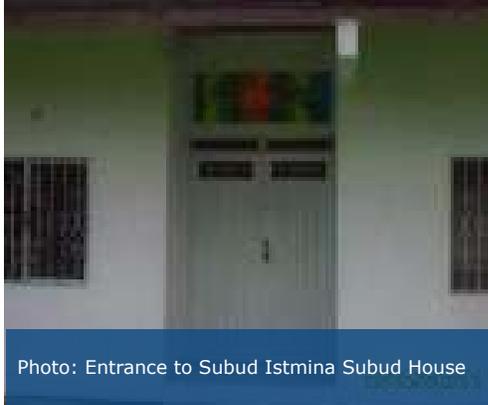


Photo: Entrance to Subud Istmina Subud House

Quibdó has the distinction, we believe, of having had the oldest Subud members in the world --Soraida, who recently passed away at 108 years of age, was considered the best cook in town, being especially well known for her rich tamales. Her sister, Petrona, passed away at 102 years of age.

When asked how the group has progressed since having their own Subud house, Honorata replied that the group is now working in cooperation with a Colombian social organization on starting a nutrition program for children to be located in the Subud house. Istmina is in a very poor area in the countryside and the project aims to provide lunch for children who would otherwise go hungry or have insufficient diets.

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation was glad to be involved in the Subud house construction project of the Istmina group and sends best wishes for the development of their nutrition program.

## *In Remembrance...*

The Foundation would like to warmly remember longtime Subud member, Luqman McKingley, who left this world on October 3rd, 2012 and is buried in the mountains outside Jakarta next to Suka Mulia. Our prayers are with his family. Luqman's support and dedication to Subud and the work of the Foundation over the years has touched the lives of many Subud members around the world. His love, humor, intelligence, creativity and prodigious energy and talent in so many fields truly graced and blessed many lives. He will be greatly missed.



Luqman McKingley at Suka Mulia, West Java Photo courtesy: Sahlan McKingley

# DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS

*Thank you to all Subud Members who have generously given to the Foundation in the past year. Bequests to the General Fund give the most benefit to MSF and Subud worldwide. We would also like to thank those of you who have recently given to the Archives Preservation Fund to support the new Legacy Project. The archives are a living legacy and funds will be needed on an ongoing basis so please remember us when you wish to give back.*

## **Legacy Project**

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### **Earmarked for Susila Dharma projects and outreach**

Estate of Ilbert Walker

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