



**Access to information has united the world in joy and sorrow.  
We now occupy a Planet conjoined in awareness.**

This is proven again and again: when I put out a call for help following disasters, or when we just need to pay the bills, our compassionate supporters the world over respond by sharing generously. Writing our annual Bumi Sehat Foundation report is always emotional, this year more than ever, for there is so much to be in gratitude for.

When you look over the Bumi Sehat Human Service Statistics for 2014, keep in heart that this is the service YOU have given. Miracles happen because YOU care. Healthcare and Education are human rights, but they are not free. Because YOU care, Bumi Sehat is able to share opportunities for a better, healthier life, with the poor, displaced, often homeless, marginalized people who we serve.

You are receiving this report, a document of our gratitude, because each of you has been kind. Each of you has been a piece of peace, by donating to Bumi Sehat.

Our gratitude is truly beyond words, but we share with you some photos of our work, so you may see the faces of some of the people you have touched and uplifted. I can promise you that our entire Bumi Sehat team in Indonesia, the Philippines, and those linked with us helping from all over the world, will continue to do our very best; to help people and preserve our Earth in every way possible.

## **2014 Bumi Sehat Foundation Annual Gratitude Report**

*by Ibu Robin Lim*



## Since I just don't know how to thank you, and because I am a storyteller... may I share some Bumi Sehat stories from 2014...

Just three days before Christmas a young couple from Sumba arrived. They had walked for two hours to reach the clinic! Marcelyn, only 19 years old and in advanced labor, was supported by her husband Martius, age 21. We midwives began our routine procedures of hugging, meeting and greeting a mother in labor. Marcelyn had had no prenatal check-ups. We assured her that we would still help. Her blood pressure was normal, but when I listened for the baby's heartbeat, something was not right.



"Marceyln," I asked, "has your baby been moving and kicking?"

"No Ibu, not since three days."

There was no fetal heartbeat. We switched on the ultrasound, and found the baby was no longer alive. There was nothing we could do, except give Marcelyn and Martius some space to cry.

"We have no family here. We have no money." The shattered young man cried.

We learned that Martius had been transferred from Sumba to Bali by his boss. When business was no longer profitable, the boss went back to Sumba, leaving this young couple without money, not even a boat ticket home. Their breath smelled of acetone, which happens when one has not eaten for many days. This couple had been living in a hovel. Friendless, hungry, desperate to find work and expecting this baby, they felt blessed when they heard of Bumi Sehat, just one day earlier.

We learned they were Christians, so I called Pastor Hans and his wife, Tanti, who had their children at Bumi Sehat. I asked them to help with the arrangements to lay this baby to eternal rest.

Nothing we could do would bring back the baby girl Marcelyn had carried for nine months under her heart. However, because they found Bumi Sehat, albeit late, we could arrange and pay for the Baby's funeral. A few days later, the bereaved couple celebrated Christmas in the little hollow block chapel with Pastor Hans' congregation. This community, many of them displaced from other islands, embraced the grieving couple and had found Martius a job. It was not a Merry Christmas, but one of new beginnings.

The Bumi Sehat Baby Valentino Memorial Lab has tested over 1,000 people. Nine of these patients have been found to be HIV+ in 2014. Because of your support, they are all on anti-retroviral therapy and doing well. A young mother, whose baby was born two weeks after her husband's death, is now very healthy on ARVs. She is engaged and will soon marry a childhood friend. With the help of our HIV counselor and Bumi's doctors and nurses, this family has hope.

Cinta came two to three times each week, to join the prenatal yoga classes at Bumi Sehat. She explained to us during prenatal care that her first child, born in Java, had died after one week. Born with no anus, the baby needed an operation to live, but they had no money to pay. Her second baby was lost in a miscarriage. Our Bumi Sehat midwives reassured Cinta, promising her that we would find a way to pay for surgery, should this baby be born with a similar condition as her first born.

When Cinta came to our clinic in labor, she progressed quickly, and soon, her husband Nyoman was seated behind, supporting her as she pushed. They were a couple of two cultures; she cried out for strength, "Allah Akbar," while he sang Gayatri Mantra in the tradition of his Hindu ancestors. They were a bridge of love. We midwives cried silently as Cinta pushed; each of us praying in our own way for a healthy baby. Om Shanti... Alhamdulillah! A healthy bright-eyed baby girl was gently born.



***The Bumi Sehat Baby Valentino Memorial Lab***



In the aftermath of the Philippine disaster resulting from super typhoon Haiyan in November 2013, (The most powerfully wicked storm to make landfall in recorded human history!) YOU, our Bumi Sehat Family... responded.

We teamed up with Wadah Foundation, and the Bumi~Wadah team went into action as early responders. We provided family survival buckets, loaded with food, tarps, tools, water filters and solar lanterns. Our first 500 babies were born in a tent! (Stables were unavailable.)

With the help of the Philippine Military, the Barangay leaders of San Jose, the municipality of Dulag, Leyte Island, and the local Rotary Clubs, plus the health authorities, we now have a small, yet very busy clinic. We have 5 Filipino Midwives, 2 skilled nurses and a devoted logistics and support team. International volunteers, including midwives, EMTs, nurses, doctors and doulas, helped form a team that is non-stop, providing medical care 24/7 for one of the most broken-hearted places on Earth.

Storms continue to plague this island. One night last November, while 8 mothers were in labor, the wind broke our windows. By morning, 7 babies had been safely born, with one mother, due to complications, requiring a lengthy emergency transport to the distant hospital. Thank heaven, and the Ferreros Family, for our ambulance!

When Typhoon Ruby destroyed Samar Island in November 2014, Bumi~Wadah split into two teams, sending one team off with their skills and brave hearts, providing relief as the only medical support to aid San Sebastián, Samar.

26 December 2014 was the ten-year anniversary of the 9.3 earthquake in Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia and the resulting Indian Ocean Tsunami that separated hundreds of thousands of people from their souls. Because of your support, Bumi Sehat's Aceh clinic is still open. We are in Gampong Cot, planted there by the genius of Yayasan IDEP, our partners in early disaster response. In our area, all other relief organizations have left, though the suffering in the aftermath of the tsunami still plagues the people. We have no exit strategy. Recovery, reconstruction, rehabilitation... yes; but more profoundly, Bumi Sehat is woven into the fabric of the communities we serve as they continue to heal from unimaginable grief. Because YOU persevere in loving and supporting the healing of Aceh, Bumi Sehat's clinic remains open. We now have a Youth Education Center. Together, we are rooted in Aceh.

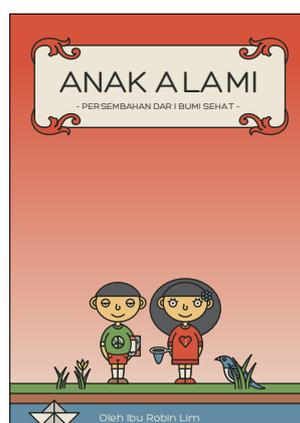
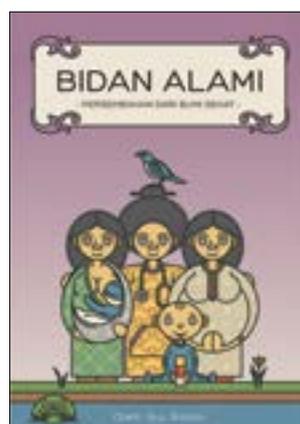


**2014 TOTAL Patients, Students & Human Services rendered  
by Bumi Sehat Foundation International: 165,365**

<b>BALI</b>	
Babies Born	365
Prenatal Check-ups	3,596
Neonatal checks	583
Postpartum care	730
Prenatal Yoga	1,080
Patient Care Illness/Injury	3,633
Acupuncture, Traditional Medicine	3,329
Pediatric care	509
Ambulance Transports	327
Capacity Building	3,249
Lab tests, including HIV	1,310
HIV/AIDS Education Workshop participants	1,140
Midwifery Education Participants	12,559
Community Medical outreach	184
Elderly Yoga and Activities	3,890
Youth Center Students	2,068
<b>Total 2014 Patients &amp; Human Services at Bumi Sehat Bali:</b>	<b>38,600</b>

<b>ACEH</b>	
Babies Born	105
Prenatal Check-ups	1,181
Neonatal checks	105
Postpartum care	210
Home visits	306
Patient Care Illness/Injury	14,320
In-Patients	202
Ambulance Transports	683
Home Visits	287
Referrals	39
Prenatal exercise/mothering class	447
Youth Center Students	4,082
<b>Total 2014 Patients &amp; Human Services at Bumi Sehat Aceh:</b>	<b>21,661</b>

<b>PHILIPPINES (BUMI-WADAH)</b>	
Babies Born	777
Prenatal Check-ups	4,048
Postpartum Evaluations	1,862
Ultrasound Evaluations	157
Midwifery Education Participants	67
Home visits	471
Patient Care Illness/Injury	18,355
Ambulance Transports	364
Vaccinations	752
<b>Total 2014 Medical Services</b>	<b>26,856</b>
Meals Provided	64,208
Family Survival Buckets	500
Solar Suitcases & Lamps	40
Water Filters Given Away	3,000
Glasses and Clothing	10,500
<b>Total 2014 Human Services</b>	<b>105,104</b>



**Health Education booklets  
provided free by Bumi Sehat**

Our oceans are too warm, our planet is ailing, and the disasters keep coming. Landslides, floods, typhoons, tornadoes, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis, and... These are just the "natural disasters." Our humanity is also threatened by the sorrow and destruction rained on us by unnatural disasters, those caused by hatred and characterized by conflict. Each of you is awake, and each of you knows deeply that it is 11:59! At the tipping point, we are faced with our desperate last minute, when we must join together in compassion, love and action, to save our planet and our place on it, as we know it. We face extinction, unless we build a lasting Peace, and secure the reversal of environmental destruction.

We are joining hands and building world peace, one Mother, one Baby, one Family at a time. Bringing the future stewards of our Air, Land and Water gently into the world, and securing human rights by providing educational opportunities and healthcare to people in need. Thank you for believing in us. You share our vision and you make this healing of people, of our beloved Planet, possible.

**Thank YOU... We LOVE YOU.**  
**Ibu Robin & Team Bumi Sehat International**



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