

## Success Story



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I entered the Widhya Asih Singaraja Orphanage in 2008, while I was in high school. My parents were unable to send me to high school, and even during junior high school I was assisted by one of the junior high school principals who educated and cared for me for 3 years. This was due to the uncertainty of my family's income and their seasonal employment; some seasons have plenty of jobs available, such as during the clove season, however this provided unreliable income. Sometimes my parents also tried to buy and sell coconuts to make money, however that was not enough. Because the results were still minimal, they could only provide enough for daily necessities.

Long story short, I found the Widhya Asih Orphanage. When I first arrived at the orphanage I was neither scared nor worried, as I was already accustomed to living independently from a young age, and being far from parents was quite normal. Widhya Asih provided me with a huge amount of opportunities through activities designed to help me develop skills; however the only activity I chose was how to link Crackers. And, even then, I only did that for a couple of weeks. After that, though, I focused on helping in the administration, especially with the finances.

Once I had finished high school, I was ready to go out and work. Apparently, God had other plans in mind. I was given the opportunity to serve for a year while looking for a support sponsor of further study to earn a Bachelor's Degree. In the end, there was a sponsor willing to help with my undergraduate education; Cornelius Block whom I found through the Gotong Royong Foundation. It was truly amazing and very enjoyable to be able to study up to a Bachelor's level, as it meant I could have a degree the same as outsiders, and to be able to

have tertiary level education, despite my parents not being able to support me financially. After my undergraduate education, I was once again blessed with the opportunity that God provided so that I could further my education to a Master's level. It took one year and four months to complete the Master's degree, and I received the award of cum laude and being published in an international journal. It was something I had never considered possible; being able to study up to the Master's level. Through Widhya Asih, it has been possible for me to establish beneficial relationships with outside parties, both from Bali and also from overseas. Perhaps if I hadn't lived at Widhya Asih I would have married young, and had children by now. My life was changed from "Nothing to something."