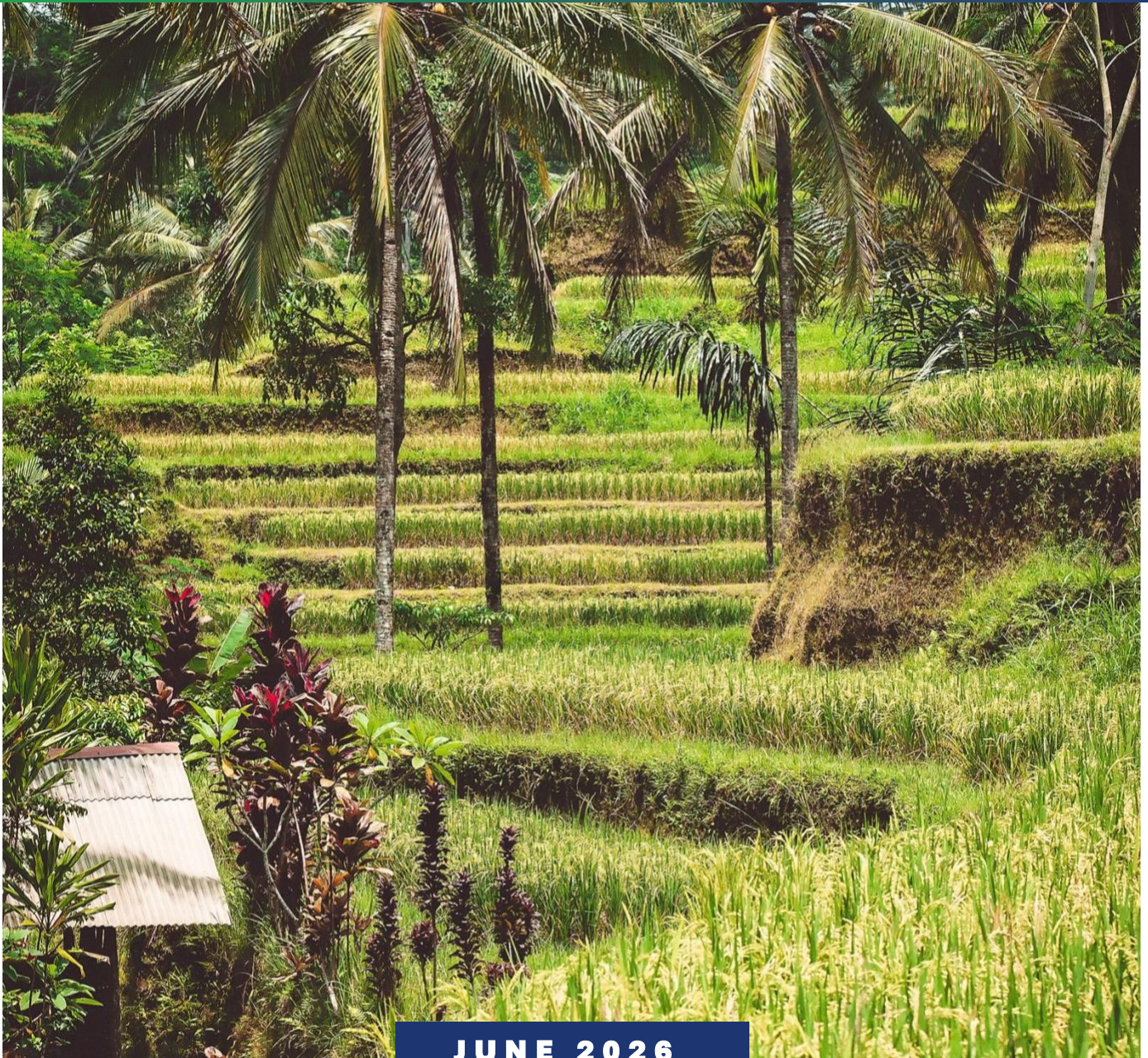


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IMPACTING CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES



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Ruth & Naomi Community Centre - Indonesia

Our vision is *Together, Transform, Thrive*. We envision communities where women, children and families rise together, experience transformation and thrive with dignity, hope and purpose.

Because of the generosity of sponsors, 2025 was a year of preparation and breakthrough for the Ruth & Naomi Community Centre. Through your donations, we were able to build a playgroup for 2026 and begin a new micro-enterprise project through food stalls across villages in Bali.

We successfully opened our first food stall in the village of Abienbese, providing a sustainable livelihood for one single mother, Ibu Ariyati, through Ruth & Naomi Kitchen. Today she is able to earn an income with dignity, support her children and build a future filled with hope. This success has encouraged us to expand the vision in 2026 by opening more food stalls in different villages.



The three key impacts of Ruth & Naomi Kitchen are

- building a future filled with hope
- providing for families with dignity and ownership
- creating community and belonging

Our next focus will be at the Ruth & Naomi Community Centre in Denpasar, where one food stall can create jobs for three families through different shifts, multiplying impact through one small business.

Each food stall costs approximately \$200 to build, with an additional \$100 allocated as initial business capital. We are implementing a “pay-it-forward” model, where 10% of takings from each stall is saved as capital to build the next food stall for another single mother or widow. Through this simple but powerful model, every small investment can transform a family’s future and create lasting impact in local villages.

From one small food stall, hope is growing. Together we are building a future filled with dignity, connection and possibility.



Chrissy Sulisty

Project Officer, Ruth & Naomi Centre, Indonesia

Bonga rural projects - Ethiopia

2025 was an especially challenging year in the Bonga rural area of Ethiopia, where our sponsored children and community development projects are based, due to malaria outbreaks. This has placed additional strain on families who already face limited access to healthcare and preventative resources. However, your continued support is helping us respond with care and purpose.

Abba Lukas, who coordinates the Ethiopian side of WFA projects, plays a central role in running and expanding the Community Development Projects in the Bonga rural area, so that they are well coordinated and responsive to local needs. During the malaria outbreak, Abba Lukas played a vital role in supporting the most vulnerable members of the community, by providing essential mosquito nets to reduce the spread of malaria, alongside community education on prevention, early symptoms and the importance of seeking timely treatment. Abba Lukas has also placed a strong emphasis on children's education, providing stationery to ensure children can continue to attend school, despite the economic strain on their families. In addition, he has extended compassionate support to elderly widows in the community, many of whom have no surviving family members. These women receive medical assistance and food support to meet their basic needs, interventions which have significantly improved their wellbeing and ensured dignity and care for those who would otherwise be left without support.



Some of your sponsorship funds continue to be pooled for agriculture, fish farming, cows, chickens and bee projects. These initiatives benefit the local community by providing food, income-generating opportunities, employment and education around growing their own produce.

Chickens: We are excited to welcome chickens to Bonga. They are doing well and producing eggs, which are being sold to reinvest money back into the project. Unfortunately, the cost of chicken feed remains high.

Fish Farming: The fish farming project continues. However, we are keen to expand it despite ongoing maintenance issues with the enclosures and the need to employ a guard to protect the fish and vegetable gardens from monkeys. Having a guard is a costly but necessary measure.

Coffee: Five thousand coffee seedlings were planted last year and are expected to produce their first fruit this year.

Bees: The beehives and honey production continue to be very successful, with all produce selling quickly at the market.

Cow House: We are thrilled to announce the completion of the "Cow House" and the purchase of several calves. Abba Lukas is currently seeking a milking cow, however these are expensive.

Bonga Barta Soccer Pitch

The community soccer pitch project, located at Bonga Barta School, has made good progress and is approaching its final stages. The pitch has already become a symbol of opportunity and engagement for students and the wider community, supporting youth development, teamwork and physical wellbeing. Completion of the remaining work has been challenged by recent increases in costs associated with hiring machinery for final levelling, surface preparation, and finishing. Rising equipment and fuel costs have placed additional financial pressure on the project, slowing progress despite strong community commitment and volunteer support. The new school principal, Samson Alemayehu, is facilitating the Ethiopian side of this project and he is confident that, together, we can address these challenges so the soccer pitch can be fully completed and opened for regular school and community use.

A big thank you to the incredibly generous sponsors, John from the North Sutherland Rockets Soccer Club in Sydney and Annette from Sydney, who made it possible for soccer kits and boots to be sent to Ethiopia for Bonga Barta Soccer Pitch. Because of this support, more young people will have access to proper sporting equipment. Soccer balls are still urgently needed so these young people can play.

Emma Lewis
Project Officer, Ethiopia



Bonga Barta Soccer Team at the Soccer Pitch in the kits donated by sponsors

Donations of any amount towards these Bonga rural projects - to purchase badly needed soccer balls, to finish the work on the soccer field, to support community agriculture, to supply children with school stationery - will be gratefully received. Please contact Emma Lewis (embella008@gmail.com) or WFA (office@worldfamilies.org.au).



Mission Uplift - Indonesia

Mission Uplift provides support for the relief of poverty and for education of children in Indonesia, specifically by supporting the Bukit Karmel children's home in Bogor. In July 2026 a small team will visit Bukit Karmel, catching up with the staff and children, engaging in personal development programs and health checks. This trip will also include some basic mechanical safety training related to the school buses and scooters that are available for transporting children to school. This arose from last year's visit, when the team had the opportunity to repair the oldest minibus. Work included replacing the shock absorbers, engine mounts, starter motor, brake pads, two tyres, the windscreen wiper motor and parts of the dashboard electrics. One of the most appreciated fixes was the horn - essential in that region and greatly welcomed by the drivers.

Ongoing maintenance is a constant challenge at Bukit Karmel due to rough road conditions and limited funds for preventative care. Reliable transport is vital, as children travel from Bukit Karmel located in a mountain village region to different school, education programs, public bus connections and medical appointments. Importantly, the repairs were carried out alongside older students and two driver staff members. This hands-on approach helped them learn basic safety practices, vehicle fundamentals and simple repair techniques. And with access to resources like YouTube, we discovered that many basic services and repairs are achievable.



As a result the minibus was back in operation in time for the 2025/26 school year, where primary school start times shifted one hour earlier. We also repaired audio and PA devices, working with two students responsible for the equipment. They were guided through safe troubleshooting and conducting basic repairs, using a soldering iron and a multi-meter, resulting in a working amplifier and four children being able to play guitar again - sometimes a little too loudly!

For the upcoming 2026 trip, the program will include training on scooter safety inspections and basic servicing. The goal is to build confidence in the children to look after their equipment, while ensuring their daily transport remains safe and reliable. If you would like more information about Bukit Karmel or to become a sponsor, please contact Ben Bonython at missionuplift@outlook.com.

Ben Bonython
Project Officer, Mission Uplift, Indonesia

'Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness'

Desmond Tutu

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