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FRIENDSHIP FOR PEACE AND HEALING

A Report of Willem's journey (From
IofC Netherlands) in Indonesia



Building trust across
the world's divides

IofC Indonesia team hosted Willem Jansen from IofC Netherland from 6th August to 2nd September 2022. Mr. Jansen visited 7 cities to reach out friends of IofC as well as to experience and mentor the Trustbuilding Program in Indonesia. He visited Jakarta, Bogor, Yogyakarta, Magelang, Bandung, Kuningan, and Makassar South Sulawesi.

Willem Jansen was campaigning peace in International Diversity Camp



In Jakarta, we meet with Inaya Wahid, the daughter of the 4th Indonesian President Mr. Wahid. Inaya is our friend who met IoFC in India and then joined the 22nd Asia Pacific Youth Conference in Cambodia. She hosted us with a cup of tea and snacks in the afternoon. During this visit, we also learned about the late Mr. Wahid and his vision for Indonesia, peace and humanity. One of his popular quotes is “there is no peace without justice.”





(From left), Al Wazin & Miftahul Huda (IofC Indonesia), Willem Jansen (IofC Netherlands), Imas Uliyah (Al Wazin's Wife & chief of Madrasah Tsanawiyah An-Najah, Bogor), Annajah's Teacher.

The next day, Mr. Jansen and Miftahul Huda had a visit to the An Najah Islamic Boarding School and Jagat Arsy School. We were hosted by our friend Abdullah Al Wazin for early morning breakfast and followed by a seminar attended by 600 students. Mr. Jansen mentioned that this visit was also about healing the historical wounds as the Dutch have a dark history as part of the colonialization in Indonesia. He then shared with us that Dutch people live in the past while Indonesian live at present. In most of the occasion, Mr Jensen ask the apology from what happened in the past with colonialization.

Visit Annajah Islamic Boarding School, Bogor



August, the month of celebration of the independence of the Republic of Indonesia, is a special month for the Indonesian people. This month is a moment for the Indonesian people to reflect on the meaning of independence for each and every one of us Indonesian. Each individual and generation of the Indonesian nation has its own meaning for independence.

The process of contemplating the meaning of independence is inseparable from seeing and reviewing what happened in the past. We have fought and struggled for the independence of the Indonesian nation. Through the process of reflection and reinterpretation, a new hope will emerge and this can help us create a better future together.

Indonesia, in the process of achieving its independence, of course, could not just forget the role of the Dutch in it. Interaction, conflict, and bitterness during the process of independence were unavoidable. Therefore, the urgency to look at the past with open eyes and hearts is important in shaping the character and soul of Indonesian, a nation that is open and honest in seeing itself.

Departing from that awareness, Initiatives of Change Indonesia (IofC Indonesia) facilitated a fellowship visit from the director of Initiatives of Change Netherlands (IofC Netherlands), Dr. Willem Jansen to the Annajah Islamic Boarding School, Rumpin Bogor. This visit is here to fulfill the urgency of open and honest reflection between individuals, between the Indonesians and the Dutch, in looking at the past. Pesantren, which is one of the oldest Islamic educational institutions in Indonesia, the country with the largest Muslim majority in the world, is a strategic partner in the ongoing reconciliation process between the Indonesians and the Dutch.

Students of Madrasah Tsanawiyah An-Najah, Bogor





Al Wazin & Willem Jansen listen to students performance in front of audiences

The dialogue process that took place during this fellowship visit is the beginning of building interactions in the context of reconciliation between individuals, Indonesian, and the Netherlands. This visit to the Annajah Islamic Boarding School was so special because the discussions also involved students, teachers, MTs leaders, and Annajah High School. During the discussion, young students, with their naivety and innocence, had the opportunity to interact with representatives from IofC Indonesia and the Netherlands on this very sensitive and urgent issue. On the other hand, the representative of the Dutch IofC, Dr. Willem Jansen got a special impression and learned a lot about pesantren, especially the role of pesantren in caring for Islam and Indonesia's modern education.

Finally, the urgency of the continuation of such dialogue becomes very important. This is because in this dialogue involves important actors in maintaining the diversity and harmony of the country; Muslims, students, and the younger generation. Not only that, these actors also play an important role in representing the face of Indonesian Islam as rahmatan lil 'alamin.

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Visited Yogyakarta



The next visit was to Yogyakarta. Dr. Willem went to Yogya from 12-16 August 2022. Ferry as the team of Trust Building hosted Willem. Willem visited several places. First was at Gajah Mada University in ICRS (Indonesian Consortium Religious Study), and met Mr. Zain (Zainal Abidin) as the director of ICRS. This is the first face-face meeting for both of them.

Before, they met at an online conference. Mr Zain was so happy to welcome Willem. In the meeting, they discussed how religion takes a role in life and politics in Indonesia. Mr. Zain also shared about the revival of local religion or indigenous religion, the government already accommodate and acknowledge these religions. Then Mr. Zain talked about the book he wrote with his friend about

Shariah and Human Rights. How the Syariah of Islam is actually in line with the idea of human rights.





Willem Jansen at Borobudur Temple area, which is the largest Buddhist temple in the world. Borobudur, also transcribed Barabudur is a 9th-century Mahayana Buddhist temple in Magelang Regency, not far from the town of Muntilan, in Central Java, Indonesia.

The next day, Willem visited Mendut temple and met a monk and they had small talk. They talked about the Buddha's role in the world through meditation. Then the temple itself tells us that Buddha and Hinduism were the oldest religion in Indonesia and that the people could live in peace and harmony.

Mendut Temple





(From left) Willem Jansen, Elive, Mr. Habib & his wife.

Then they visited IofC Senior name Dr. Habib Chirzin and had lunch together. Habib shared that the power of Quiet Time (QT) was very powerful. One time, Mr. Habib went to Europe and he did not have money to rent a hotel, then he did QT and remembered that he had one friend in that country. He emailed his friend, he received a response that the friend was ready to provide the accommodation and the meal for Habib and his wife.



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Visit Linggardjati Museum

lofC Indonesia team with Willem Jansen from lofC Netherlands and Joshua Price, Peace Generation's Intern, from United States of America (USA)



On the date of our Independence Day, 17th August 2022, the team and Willem visited one of the historical museums for Indonesia and the Dutch, museum Linggarjati. This museum was the ground for The Linggardjati Agreement. The Linggardjati Agreement (Linggarjati in modern Indonesian spelling) was a political accord concluded on 15 November 1946 by the Dutch administration and the unilaterally declared the Republic of nesia in the village of Linggarjati, Kuningan Regency, near Cirebon. Here, the Dutch recognised the republic as de facto authority in Java, Madura, and Sumatra.

In this building, there is a gallery of photos on the wall that capture the moments of that time. After we finished looking at the galleries, we did reflection and share.

“This agreement happened because of the friendship of Sutan Sjahrir as the Prime Minister for Indonesia and Willem Schermerhorn, as the Prime Minister for the Dutch. The friendship and the dialogue were the best models for us to face the conflict, negotiate, and reconcile each other from the Linggarjati agreement”, Willem Jansen.



“It must be very hard, so many difficulties here and there in Indonesia, Jakarta and Yogyakarta were not safe enough to hold the agreement, we just declared our independence one year ago, 1945, yet it’s never easy to be independent because before we were colonized by the Dutch. The strong leadership of Soekarno and Hatta, along with Sutan Sjahrir, enables the Linggardjati Agreement. This was a great success for Indonesian, although we could only reclaim Java, Madura, and Sumatra Island. I really thank all delegates from Indonesia and the Netherlands because they can sit and dialogue in the midst of war. And I am so proud of Sutan Sjahrir to be the appointed leader in this agreement, he is a real Indonesian and has very big heart for all. I will continue the spirit of Linggarjdati to the current conflict and difficulties in my context. Thank you so much for the lesson. I am so proud to be an Indonesian”, Hayati (IofC Indonesia)



More gifts from Linggardjati Museum, Kuningan



International Diversity Camp



International Diversity Camp Participants enjoyed icebreaking session

On the 19th-21st of August 2022, IofC Indonesia collaborated with Peace Generation and Young Interfaith Peacemaker Community (in West Java) for "International Diversity Camp". This event is more about affirming the idea of celebrating diversity among the human race. We are Different, but We are One. The first day, it talked about "Me", the next day elaborated more about "You", and the last day was about "Us".

Our team contributed the sessions on Healing Historical Wound and Honest Conversation by Willem Jansen from The Netherlands; Nenden, as her expertise delivered Quiet Time and Family Reconciliation; Huda helped on delivering the session on Breaking Prejudice, and Hayati helped as a committee and Facilitator in the Family Group.



A few participants of International Diversity Camp with Eric Lincoln (Co-Founder Peace Generation Indonesia)

The participants were coming from 3 nations: the United State of America, The Netherlands, and of course Indonesia. There were 14 Christians and 16 of them attended this event. In the 3 days of the sessions, participants got to know and dig deeper about themselves and others. The important part of this session was about healing the wound from within and without, between male and female, between Christians and muslims for the history of the world. Finally, it is also about healing between nations, The Netherlands and Indonesia.

"These 3 days event was my sweetest and most highlighted experience in this month, I was so happy meeting and sharing with all of the participants, I still have the feeling up to now for what we had in the camp", said one participant, from Indonesia.



International Diversity Camp Participants after campaigning peace at Asia Afrika street in Bandung.

Other participants shared:

Meeting Pak Willem was such a relief and opened my mind and understanding of the past and history. Pak Willem also has a great personality, he is such a comforting and the best listener in my family group. He listens to all of our stories and makes sure all of us are included. The way he values our stories makes me want to value my story too. too.

He made me realize I also have a historical story that makes me special, not just a human being that full of trauma and blaming myself. Learning about my history and accepting it make me realize all that happens in my life is part of me. I can choose whether to accept it and be happy or be sad about it. I've been blaming myself because my past is full of trauma.

International Diversity
Camp Participants after
campaigning peace at
Asia Afrika street in
Bandung.



I am the type of person that is scared of my own past and doesn't want to deal with it because my past just brings a lot of traumas that I don't want to learn. Mr. Willem give me an understanding that in the past we can choose to learn and take the positive from it. Accept what happens, learn how it affects us today, and see it from a positive perspective. I realize doesn't matter how far or how fast I run away from my past, my past is part of me that makes me who I am today.

Thanks to Pak Willem's methodology about historical retracing, I figure out how to learn about my past without being scared or feeling cursed by it.

Thank you Pak Willem I feel so lucky to meet you :) and now I am eager to embrace myself so I can keep moving today without blaming my past too much. Thank you, I am Glad to know you Pak Willem :)

More gifts from International Diversity Camp



Walk The Talk at Makassar

One indicator of a person's quality in life is to measure the suitability between what is said and what is done.



*Willem Jansen & Miftahul Huda
are in front of The 99 Dome
Mosque, Makassar*

7 years ago, I visited Makassar for the first time with only 5.000 cash rupiah in hand and a 1-year-old baby who couldn't walk well. Was that a desperate condition? Difficulties had made me even have a stronger faith to live a life believing that God exists and is very faithful to His work. I do this by becoming His extension in fulfilling humanity's task to maintain peace and helping and strengthening each other. My 5.000-rupiah cash in hand did not make us afraid and it was proven that we could still eat well and be full, and sleep comfortably without any shortcomings.

The hospitality of the host who once welcomed me now has transformed into one of the biggest organizations in peace in Makassar, MIPG (Mahabbah Institute for Peace and Goodness).

They have developed and consistently continue to do the work of promoting peace, especially between Muslims and Christians. Seeing this makes our lives feel more meaningful and we want to continue to live and do this work as long as possible.

The time has come, and God allowed us to meet again with the same mission and different circumstances. We can now bring a few gifts so that the mission can run more smoothly and they can focus on the impact and process of transformation and our collaborative relationship becomes closer.

The same lesson about the importance of taking a break to reflect and listen to our inner voice by doing Quiet Time, the same principle, the 4 standard values of life (honesty, purity, unselfishness, and love). Guided by this principle, we can continue to promote and maintain peace, to inspire young people that life is still worth fighting for, and that this country is too beautiful to be damaged by conflict just because we are different.

Ainun, Mentor of Trustbuilding Program Makassar, and Willem Jansen in Training of Facilitator Trustbuilding Program Makassar



This Training for Facilitators, apart from keeping the connection, is also to increase the capacity of the MIPG team so that their work in promoting peace is up to date and they have a stronger mentality. They themselves have a lot of burdens, yet they serve people, listen, be the bridge, and process a long reconciliation, they absolutely need good energy inside.

7 years ago, and 7 years in the future, let's continue to talk about the same thing, do the same thing with the hope that things will change for the better so that our children and grandchildren can continue to enjoy the beauty of peace in themselves and the world, reconnect with past wounds, then heal them, reinterpret the life with a different point of view!

Heal yourself, heal this nation, and the world will be better!

TrustBuilding Camp held in October 2022 by inviting 50 young people from Makassar and its surroundings to gather, practice and learn and explore their potential, strengthen the moral values of life, increase their capacity as young people who are tough and ready to face global challenges, and ignite the spirit of peace!



Mentors & participants of Trustbuilding Program Makassar wear traditional costume from their own culture

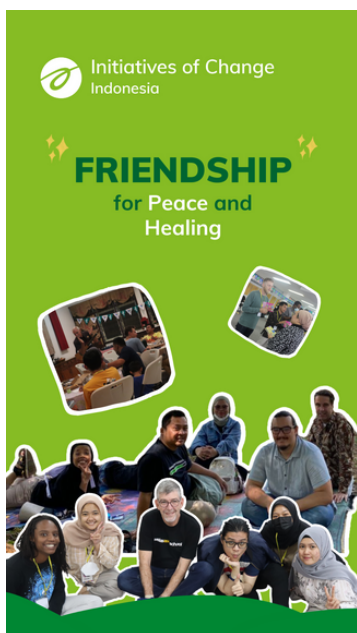
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<https://id.iofc.org/friendship-peace-and-healing>



Visually can be accessed here:

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Reflection from the Host:



I felt grateful and honoured to have Willem Jansen visiting Indonesia to join our program for Trustbuilding in Makassar and in Bandung as well as did the outreach in Jakarta, Bogor, and Kuningan.

This is one of the most highlights to have his visit in Indonesia as for 2 years during the pandemic covid 19 we didn't have any official

meeting or hosting our international guest or friend from the other country.

I think Indonesia and Netherland have special connection and deep friendship, especially we have been working together and been in touch with Netherland teams for many years through Henny Depouse and Johannes Depouse. I think this is the second generation that Willem came to us, having interaction directly, sharing story about the past what happened between the two countries as well as to see what is the current situation and what would be the future look like. With his visit, we got so many learnings, insights, especially the relationship between the Netherlands and Indonesia in current situation and also in the past and also in the future.

Also, what I got from him is asking for forgiveness from his side, from personal side, what happened in the past between the Dutch and Indonesia. I think he made it very humble, and the forgiveness come across to Indonesian people and it's becoming the inspiration. What about responding the past, the black history in our life? Do we have courage to ask for forgiveness? So that our heart is free from hatred and also free from the anger and becoming purified or clean heart as we didn't carry the burden the black history in the past.

His present or visit to Indonesia is a milestone where somebody from the other team from IofC network joined us and understood about what we did, what we are doing in Indonesia as well as he has better understanding and better

experience to experience what lofC Indonesia looks like and I think he has done a great job. He wrote his article about his visit to help the world understand what our team looks like. And I think there are a lot things to be grateful for and we hope to have him again and our friendship, the lofC Natherlands and lofC Indonesia can be stronger and I look forward for the next collaboration to find healing and also hope for the future.

-Miftahul Huda





Healing Historical Wound

It is a tough job, where we have to go back in time and look back at the tragedies, wounds and things that are very painful.

For us, the Peace Warriors, this is what we need to do because only by going back to the past, looking

back, accepting all wounds, and fully realizing that it has happened.

Uncle Willem was in Indonesia for four weeks, every move he made thrilling my heart, he didn't expect that the traces of colonialism from his country were still clearly visible in the form of buildings, houses and forts, all of this really hit him to the core. He saw how much arrogant his country, the Dutch have left us a very deep wound for all of us, especially the strong mental effect on the Indonesian which is very difficult to erase.

The wounds for both sides, both who colonized and whom have been colonized, and it reminds me of the feelings in 2012 when I attended APYC in Australia where Chinese-Indo and Timor Leste friends were so mean to us, the

Indonesian Delegation team, we were surprised, we were confused and we were afraid, why they were so mad at us, because we don't feel doing anything bad to them!

It turns out that it wasn't us who incised the wound, but our ancestor who might as well have just followed someone's orders to devour their families and property mercilessly and left only trauma and wounds that were so deep, and made them trembled when they saw us and heard the name of our country!

A feeling of immeasurable shame, but we are carrying out the reconciliation process for a better future for all of us, even though it is hard because we bear the shame but on behalf of the Indonesian, we apologize for all their losses due to

the crimes of individuals at that time.

How Uncle Willem felt and how we felt that time more or less is the same, because we have to bear the shame and feel guilty for the crimes that other people have committed in the name of a country!

I think one certain level that cannot be reached by everyone when he speaks out and confidently loves his country is that apart from taking care of the nature and its unity, he also admits his mistakes!

Recovery from its wounds require tears and courage, not just a matter of theory or talk but real steps to actually face the wound and then

REINFORCE it so that everything becomes a reflection of learning so that we can be a more responsible for this life, **KEEPING, CARING FOR and MAINTAINING PEACE** is absolutely our responsibility together.

Now, let's live in the present, let the past be in its place for us to see occasionally so that we can continue to focus on being able to foresee a better future.

Make more good memories so that bad memories will no longer dominate our minds and hearts!

-Nenden Vinna





This is my first time interacting with the Dutch for such long time (one month). The confession from Willem was shocking me as Indonesian. Before his sharing on this, I do not know how much this colonialism impacted to the Dutch because I haven't heard about this. Now I have sympathy towards the Dutch for what is happening now with the guilty feeling. I pray the best healing also for them and

they can have a peaceful life.

I learn that the impact of colonialism is that bad for both sides, so how can we live hand in hand as human being to collaborate towards a mutual benefit. Thank you so much for coming and be with us Pak Willem!

-Nurhayati Syafii



My visit to Linggarjati Museum with Willem is one of my highlights in 2022. As an Indonesian, I have never heard of Linggarjati, until a few years ago, IofC NL posted an article about it. It was a mind and eye-opening experience to be able to re-visit the history behind the Linggarjati Agreement between Indonesia and The Netherlands.

I also got to have a brief yet insightful conversations with Willem while we were on our way to Bandung. Grateful that as IofC family, we can share what works and what doesn't in terms of running programs or projects in IofC. Hopefully we can continue this connection and collaboration between IofC Indonesia and IofC NL to keep the spirit alive.

-Alifah Djula



"We were thrilled to have Mr. Willem Jansen visit our Islamic boarding school, Annajah, and share his insights on the history of Dutch and Indonesian relations. His presentation was both informative and inspiring, and gave us a greater understanding of the complex and nuanced history between our two countries. We are grateful to Mr. Jansen for taking the time to visit us and share his knowledge, and we

hope to have the opportunity to learn from him again in the future."

"In addition to providing us with a deeper understanding of the past, Mr. Jansen's talk also left us feeling hopeful and inspired for the future. His perspective on the potential for cooperation and mutual understanding between the Dutch and Indonesian people was truly

uplifting, and has left us with a renewed sense of optimism for the future. We are grateful for the opportunity to have learned from such a knowledgeable and engaging speaker, and we hope to continue fostering positive relations with the Dutch community in the years to come."

-Abdullah Alwazin



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