

IBU RAHAYU TRAVEL FUND

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hamburg, March 2004

As this New Year begins, it becomes apparent that we need to build up a Travel Fund for Ibu Rahayu's travels. In spite of the increasing difficulties Ibu experiences when travelling, she is still willing to visit countries and I would like our support to reflect our recognition and gratitude for her effort.

When Ibu travels to well-off countries they cover the costs themselves. The shortfall arises when Ibu visits those countries that cannot afford it. This year, Ibu has been invited to Sri Lanka and India in September and another possible trip to Viet Nam may lie in the future.

As is only appropriate, Ibu travels in business class with one companion to assist her, while the translation team (usually two people) travel in economy. These tickets are rarely inexpensive, especially as we need to ensure that they are flexible and can be cancelled or changed at short notice which usually rules-out 'special rate' flights or package deals. In addition, the current low exchange rate of the US dollar is raising flight costs for us.

Building a fund for Ibu's travel will be very useful, and will provide ISC with flexibility to buy tickets in advance which could help us save money. After careful thought, we have decided to set ourselves a goal of \$15,000 for this fund. The breakdown of how this would be spent will be published with all other financial information.

In this same segment of SWN, you will find up-dated ISC/WSA bank account details, including the all important IBAN numbers for the European accounts (eliminating transfer costs between Euro currency countries). Please email us with details of any transfers made for the purpose of Ibu's Travel Fund so that we can easily earmark them. In the near future, we hope that MSF's credit card facility will be available again and we will be able to offer that alternative. However, in the meantime, please do not let this delay your support, and please advise ISC of this support by a message to treasurer@subud.org

As always, we are very grateful for your thoughts, comments and suggestions.

We thank you most sincerely in advance.

With best wishes,

Osanna Vaughn
(WSA/ISC treasurer)