



## Christchurch... rising from the rubble

*Arif Matthee writes...*

Recently I went for dinner with two of my dear Subud friends from Christchurch. Instead of going to the movies afterwards we ended up in the area around the venues where the international congress was held in 2010. Actually, we could not get close because the area was still fenced off.

Well, the devastation was significant. Caledonian hall gone, Congress centre gone, Metro coffee shop gone, Crown Plaza gone. In fact two years after the earthquake in February 2011, buildings in the city are still being demolished, and driving on many roads is still like being on a rollercoaster ride. Very little of the rebuilding has started and many believe it will take at least ten years for it to be completed.

The members in the group have been through a long period of difficulty and stress for the last two years and many are still in the process of having their houses repaired or rebuilt.

The local committee has done an enormous amount of work in dealing with the earthquake repairs and supporting members in the group. Fortunately the aftershocks have become rarer and less intense.

In early April, I attended a group meeting and I think many of you will be pleased to know that the enthusiasm that was in the group before the earthquake was reignited.

It was proposed that the house on the property be brought to a state so it can be rented and this *cont* >



*Cashel Mall or "container city" or "restart" an area where businesses have creatively used containers to set up to get back into the city. This is close to where most of the shops used to be.*

### WORLD CONGRESS XIV WEBSITE ONLINE:

The World Congress website is now up and running at [www.subudworldcongress2014.com](http://www.subudworldcongress2014.com). You will find updates, useful information, basic explanations about congress, our go green and social awareness activities, links to tourism information and lots of lovely pictures of the congress site and environment... you will also see the latest about online registration.

ONGOING UPDATES: Every WSA e-Newsletter will contain a congress update focusing on different aspects of the content of the programs, so keep yourself informed by checking out the Congress website but also Subud World News, Subud Voice, WSA newsletters and the Youth Blog.

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was enthusiastically supported. The idea of renting out the hall was also floated. Lachlan, the new chairperson, gave us some homework by handing each of us a sheet displaying the layout of the current buildings on the land so we could pencil in any of our preferred alterations or additions.

Hammond Peek (of Oscar Fame J) reminisced about the good times he remembered when the group pooled together to build the original hall and when working on the new toilet block some years ago. Many expressed a desire for renewed activity.

Leaving the meeting I felt elated and relieved for many in the group. After a long period of physical and emotional demolition it was heartening to see many members coming out of hibernation with so much renewed energy and motivation.

*Renewed energy and motivation...*

## A visit by the International Helpers

*What is the value of the International Helpers? Harris Smart finds there was real benefit, personal and collective, on their recent visit to Melbourne...*

We don't often have stories about the International Helpers in Subud Voice. They are quite rare.

And usually when we do have one, it is because the International Helpers have been to some very remote and exotic place, and have done something extremely dramatic and exciting.

So, for instance, most of the stories we hear about them usually involve visits to the Congo, to the "heart of darkness", and are adventures involving serious privation and real danger.

But what happens when they visit somewhere more "humdrum", more peaceable and settled, like Australia, for example?

Well, brothers and sisters, I am here to testify about what happened when they visited one Australian group.



*International Helpers with members of the Melbourne group. Luqman Harris is seated in the foreground. At this right are Renata Peek, Ibu Joyowidarbo (who was travelling with her husband) and An Dien Madden. Isti Da Silva is just on the other side of Luqman's head, and Pak Joyowidarbo is standing at the back second from left of frame. (Photo by Isti Jenkins)*

### The Lucky Country

Australia is, of course, quite different from the Congo. We are still probably the "lucky country", one of the, if not the, most stable, prosperous and trouble-free nations in the world.

And in Subud terms, we also have to be one of the luckiest countries around. We own many Subud houses, we have a relatively large membership, we are fairly energetic, we have young people, and on the whole, we get along fairly well and are well governed.

What happens when the International Helpers come to a place like this? Is there anything for them to do? There don't seem to be any huge or dramatic issues to "solve".

And I think we often do have the idea that the value of the International Helpers is to go around the world "fixing things up" or at least with some degree of effectiveness asking God to do so. What do they do when faced with a situation where things are more or less OK, rather than desperately in need of help?

We recently had a visit from five of the six Area One International Helpers. (Area One, of course, covers the Asia-Pacific region, a huge area stretching from Iran in the north down through India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia etc., picking up Australia and New Zealand along the way, and then heading up across the Pacific to include Japan.)

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The helpers who came were Luqman Harris and An Dien Madden from Sydney, Pak Joyowidarbo and Isti da Silva from Indonesia (Pak Joyowidarbo was also accompanied by his wife). Renata Peek came from New Zealand. Unfortunately, Amarjit Singh from Malaysia was ill and could not come. They spent two weeks travelling around Australia visiting all the groups around the East Coast. That's eight or nine groups.

*They bring a  
grace, a  
blessing...*

### Bringing Renewal

They arrived in Melbourne on Saturday March 13, and the visit began in the late afternoon with a meeting with all the helpers. Someone asked, "Tell us about some of the highlights of your work," and the international helpers shared some interesting stories and things they had learned from being International Helpers.

We did latihan of course with the whole group. Lately my latihan has been in a very sad and sorry state. Hardly there at all. Most latihan I just sit there in a semi-doze. I stand up for the "relax and begin" and then sit down again. No energy, no life, no vitality, no awareness, no wakefulness. I've taken comfort in a recent statement of Ibu Rahayu's that when you get old, it is OK to sit down for doing latihan. (I figured that as I am 70, I qualified.) But for the first time for a long time I actually managed to stand and move around for a while.

Sunday was for the whole group beginning with latihan and general testing. My latihan became a little bit more awake. The international helpers were impressive in that they were unfailingly courteous, humble and helpful. One of them had remarked, "There is nothing special about us. We are not spiritually high or anything like that. We are ordinary." And there was no sign of conceit, or vanity or putting themselves up on a pedestal or anything like that. Quite the contrary.

### The Wings

On Sunday afternoon some time had been set aside for the "Wings Coordinators" to meet with the International Helpers. In Australia at the moment we are making a big effort to develop the Wings and we welcomed this opportunity to talk and test with the International Helpers.

In Melbourne at the moment we have four wings coordinators; Isti Jenkins Youth, Stephen Bryson Haynes SES, Halimah Russ, SICA and myself Susila Dharma. Plus we have Peter Jenkins who is the Australian Committee Councillor and acts as a reference point for the Wings on the National Committee.)

I was able to test about my role as the Susila Dharma Coordinator. How was I doing? Could I do better etc.? And I was able to test about the significance for SD Australia at the forthcoming SDIA AGM in Indonesia. This was valuable in clarifying my role and indicating that there was a real value in my attending the meeting in Indonesia.

But of most value to me was that we also did some testing about the state of my latihan which had a very good affect on me, awakening for me again my experience of the latihan. Sure, it is different now from what it used to be when I was younger. It is quieter, more inward. OK, but it did not seem right that it'd virtually gone away altogether. And I saw plenty of other old men around the place, even some older than me, who still had energetic latihan with lots of sounds and movements.

So I experienced a re-awakening of my latihan. So I am extremely grateful for the International Helpers visit.

### A Grace, A Blessing

It seems that the International Helpers do carry a grace, or a blessing when they come around. My own personal experience of being revived and renewed was an example, and no doubt every International Helper visit is woven together of many such individual stories.

I could see that the visit had an energising and uplifting effect on those who attended. As well as lots of latihan, I heard lots of laughter and lots of excited chatter. There was a cheerful and harmonious feeling in our halls. We shared good food. I saw people in deep and profound conversations. I saw little "interest groups" of five or six people talking and sharing together.

On the Monday night the International Helpers visited Templestowe, *cont >*

*They weave  
together the disparate  
elements of the  
Subud World*



one of the other Melbourne groups (we have three at the moment). It is all too rare that the members of the three groups all come together, so thanks to the International helpers for providing a reason for that to happen.

The visit confirmed for me that there is great value in the International Helpers. They truly are “Bapak's helpers” and they fulfill a function something like when Bapak himself used to be alive, the function of coming around to provide a sense of focus and renewal in Subud groups.

They weave together the Subud World bringing news and inspiring enthusiasm, not only on the kejiwaan side, but they also make people aware of everything that is happening. I noticed that one of them was handing out the latest Susila Dharma brochure, for example.

So they are not only about "fixing" big problems in poor and trouble-stricken places. They also bring that much-needed grace to those of us in a more affluent world that also has its unique problems and pressures.

PS: Amarajit writes...

Dear Luqman, Harris and All,

My heart feels so full of joy and thankfulness to Almighty God that His Presence through his instruments (IHs) had brought such joy and divine energy to all my Subud brothers and sisters in Australia, especially to those senior members who seem sometimes to be on a plateau, and every other Subud brother and sister.

I am truly grateful to bro Harris Smart for having put into words the Grace that is experienced but difficult to describe!

I am truly sorry that I could not share in this blessing due to five weeks of bad flu but I rejoice with one and all.

## Visit to the Congo

Susila Dharama Visit to the DR Congo, February 2013...

From February 3 to 15, Rachid Nour-Eddine, international consultant in organisational management from Algeria/Canada, Paul Roberge, a building contractor from Montreal, and Virginia Thomas, SDIA's Programmes Director, worked together with the growing SD DRC team on a number of issues in project development, management and capacity building.

Bachtiar Lorot from Spain joined the team on February 6th as our Agricultural economist to help us consider the feasibility of an agricultural support project as an extension of the Community Health Centers initiative.

Overall the visit to the DRC was a success, although there are still some challenges that need to be addressed as SD DRC grows and develops.

Meeting expectations: Pilot Health Centre in the Lemba Imbu Community

Congratulations to our SD nationals: SD Britain, SD Canada, SD France, SD Ireland, SD Netherlands, SD Norway, as well as Muhammed Subuh Foundation and the Blond Trust who all took a first step together to pilot a model of community-co-managed, quality, affordable care in the form of a Community Health Center (CHC) at Lemba Imbu.

As planned, the pilot is functioning well and has reached the break-even point, just over six months after it opened, with a small operational cushion of about \$3000 in the bank. In the medium term, these funds will be available to support the Community Health Committee (COSA) to put in place health promotion and prevention programmes that should dramatically reduce the need for services for the treatment of preventable illnesses such as malaria, tuberculosis and typhoid.

One of the reasons for the growing popularity of the CHC is the presence and credibility of Dr. Jean, a fully trained medical doctor, in a country where most patients will never see a doctor but rely entirely on nurses for their healthcare.

He described to us the illnesses that are common in the pilot CHC at Lemba Imbu: 8 out of 10 [cont >](#)



Lemba Imbu Clinic.

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children have anaemia, mainly due to a lack of iron in the diet. Families are not eating the vegetables they produce but are choosing to sell them instead, putting the health of the children at risk.

More severe cases of anaemia are also due malaria and a tendency towards self-medication by treating the fever with paracetamol, rather than treating the malaria itself. The fever will continue for several days, decreasing the hemoglobin in the blood.

Dr. Jean has shares his analysis with the COSA and it is taking action: COSA members have planned a number of campaigns to address the problem of self-medication, and to mobilise community members to deal with the stagnant waters that are contributing towards the high rate of malaria in the community.

During the course of our visit, it was proposed that the COSA also initiate a nutrition campaign in local schools and with mothers about the importance of consuming green vegetables to prevent childhood anaemia. The fact that the COSA is developing strategies to address and prevent community health issues is a good indicator that the CHC is beginning to fulfill its broader function of promoting health and well-being in the community, rather than simply providing a space for treating illness.

The number of births at the center has been on the rise since its opening, and the SD DRC health team recommended that we now proceed with construction of the maternity ward.

Thanks to the contributions of SD France, the pharmacy at CHC Lemba Imbu is extremely well stocked, and the community members appreciate the fact that the fee for care includes all medications. This was a decision voted in by the COSA and seems to be very successful.

### **Lemba Imbu Health Mutual – An Extraordinary AGM!**

The SDIA team was able to attend the extraordinary general meeting at Lemba Imbu of the revitalised Health Mutual Association that is associated with the pilot CHC. A Health Mutual was created a number of years ago but has not been self-sustaining. The SD DRC contribution was to support the community training and facilitation process only, without any financial contribution to the functioning of the Health Mutual.

With the financial support of SD Canada, Subud Quebec and the Blond Trust, and technical support from colleagues at the Mutual de Santé de Kisantu, SDIA-SD DRC built a team to train and support the community in the management of its own Health Mutual Association (HMA). The HMA is a key part of our strategy to increase accessibility to health care, helping families save for healthcare when it is needed.

The re-establishment of the HMA at Lemba Imbu was preceded by a feasibility study that looked at the size and resources of the community to determine whether and to what extent local people had the means to contribute to a comprehensive health insurance package. The study demonstrated that the people of Lemba Imbu understand very well the need for a HMA. Many families are experiencing serious problems of indebtedness as a result of health care received, or are unable to get needed health care because they do not have the ready cash to pay for treatments.

The meeting was very dynamic and decisions were taken on the above issues. The package of care approved will include coverage of routine medical consultations, all medications, pediatrics, gynaecological, prenatal care and obstetrics, ultrasounds, as well as hospitalisations. Community members noted that one of the advantages of the HMA was to give members greater purchasing power of available health services. The officers of the HMA had already begun negotiations with health service providers to negotiate preferential rates for HMA members.

The experience of the HMA at Lemba Imbu has been truly impressive; to see a community come together to determine democratically both their capacity to pay and their priorities for health coverage, focusing on health services for women and children.

It will provide a basis for community training and outreach activities at both Nkandu and Kingantoko. Already the Health Zone at Kasangulu has asked SD DRC to provide training and support to the formation of Health Mutuals in a number of communities near Kingantoko, in light of a new law soon to be passed requiring Congolese citizens to adhere to a HMA. SDIA-SD DRC would like to support other communities in this participatory process.

*These stories have been extracted from the SDIA Network eNews which is published around eight times a year from information sent in to the office. We welcome news items!*

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# Rights of the child: UN, Geneva

Heather Bates writes...

This was my 3rd visit to the UN in Geneva as a designated rep. for SDIA.

It can be somewhat overwhelming: the sheer size, number of people, notice boards, leaflets, meeting rooms with Roman Numerals, it needs a short time for orientation, and for absorbing the beauty of the setting, overlooking the Lake and mountains of Geneva.

This visit was for the 'Day of the Child', part of the week's presentations on Child Rights. The main sessions of the Human Rights Council are held in a gigantic circular room, with a huge video screen for projecting images of the different speakers, who might otherwise not be seen.

The desks for the delegates of different countries and organisations with permanent reps. are in serried circular rows, each desk with its own microphone and earphones, with switches for simultaneous translation. Observers like me do not have desks, but chairs equipped with earphones for simultaneous translation.

Initially, each delegate has two minutes to report their countries' actions and questions, and will be cut off if they go beyond that time. Later in the day, during the more general discussion, invited speakers are given 6-7 minutes, so they really need to be succinct in addressing issues of concern.

It is not sufficient to simply sit, listen, and take notes, because there are numerous other 'side events' taking place, offering information and discussions about a variety of valuable, and relevant, issues.

In a 'side event' meeting, with the NGO (Non-Governmental Organisations) chair, the importance of the role of NGOs was emphasised. We have the projects, are working 'on the ground'. Those officials working within the fabric of the UN are reliant on reports from NGOs to bring issues to their attention.

## Effects of Less Money

I attended one meeting which seemed relevant to our organisation as a whole: The effects of fiscal reductions on the work of voluntary organisations. As governments introduce more severe austerity measures in their countries, affecting their own population, they are also cutting back on International Aid.

This results in less assistance, especially with health, and one speaker said that it is no longer possible to attain the reduction in maternal and neonatal deaths previously hoped for. Reduction in health care also has wide implications for the control of HIV/AIDS: not just for drug controls, but funding needed to develop medications that are 'child friendly': adult doses and methods of administration are not always right for children.

Similarly, education about the disease is difficult, the stigma huge: many children not knowing what their medication is for, and as they get older ceasing to take the medicine.

Increasing austerity is having other effects too: In Europe there is an increase in youth unemployment, resulting in depression and loss of self esteem .. and the risk of Child Poverty exceeding 21% has long term effects on the future of our society.

Child poverty, child migration, slavery, physical and psychological violence, there is much to draw our attention to what needs there are in the wider world, but I find one of the positive effects of attending such events is the awareness of how much positive work is being done to combat these evils. There is much that is good in our world!

## Superb Displays

The corridors connecting different buildings in the UN are wide, high, and usually lined with large windows. They are ideal settings for exhibitions and there were 3 superb displays. One showed the work of travelling health clinics in the more remote areas of Italy, tackling a wide variety of problems in challenging situations, bringing healing, support and education.

Another corridor was lined with almost life size photographs of victims of landmines, showing them in recovery, with various ingenious prostheses laid out on a table. The photographs were all taken with sensitivity: my favourite was of two elderly men in a rocky terrain; both damaged by mines, helping one another across a primitive wooden bridge over a stream, the black and white photograph bringing out their *cont* >



*United Nations European headquarters  
in Geneva.*



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comradeship, compassion, and shared humour.

For me, the most important exhibition was mounted by the organisation PLAN International, drawing attention to their 'plan' to have every child's birth registered. Part of the exhibition invited the observer to consider what it would be like if your birth had not been registered.

No entitlement to healthcare, education, identity papers; no protection against being put into military service too young, more difficult to prove who you are if you are stolen away. Many births are not registered simply because the country requires such registration to be done by 'The head of the household', who is a man and if there is no adult male, a boy child will do, or even an older male neighbour... just not the mother!

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*Child poverty, child migration, slavery, physical and psychological*

## SDIA Annual Conference and Meeting 2013

SDIA is pleased to announce the dates and location of our primary 2013 SD Networking event and annual meeting. Thank you to SD Indonesia for hosting us and to Ruslan & Rahaju Morris for offering the Club Bali Resort at a special Subud discounted price.

Please contact the SDIA office ([info@susiladharma.org](mailto:info@susiladharma.org)) to let us know if you are planning to come. We will develop and send out a Registration form that you can send the office, and please contact the hotel directly for reservations there.

Our activities for the week are still to be developed, so stay tuned and send us your suggestions. We anticipate a relaxed week for latihans, networking with both projects and nationals to deepen our understanding of working together, workshops, visits to projects, sightseeing and having fun together. The focus this year will be on SD activities in Asia.

**Dates:** August 18-25, 2013

**Location:** Club Bali Resort at Kota Bunga, Cipanas, Java, Indonesia. This is near YUM and SD Indonesia projects and also Bapak's resting place at Suka Mulia.

**Rates:** There are separate rates for International vs Indonesian participants, and prices include accommodation AND 3 meals and 2 coffee breaks!

**International guests:** US\$ 15 + 21% tax & service = US\$ 18.15 per person, based on twin occupancy for studio and 1-Bedroom.

**Local Indonesian guests:** US\$ 10 / Rp 100,000/person, with local standard occupancy.

Other costs during the event may occur such as local transportation from Jakarta, day trips, and miscellaneous costs... to be announced.

**Food:** Club Bali serves Indonesian and western breakfast. There will be a good range of tastes and kinds of food for lunch and dinner including vegetarian (not spicy, but hot chilli sambal on the side of course!) "We always try to serve food as healthy as possible in our resorts, no MSG, no canned food, less salt and sugar"

As a special bonus, Spa treatments will be offered at a 50% discount.

For more information about Club Bali Resort and bookings, contact Ferry, FOM, email: [ferry.firmansyah@clubbali.com](mailto:ferry.firmansyah@clubbali.com) or telephone. 62-263-581234.

Check out also <http://clubbalipuncak.com> for more information on our lovely venue.

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## More about 'nafsu'

*Ari M. Kartodirdjo writes...* I'd like to comment regarding the word "Nafsu" that I have just read about in the Subud Voice, no.25, April 2013.

I'm a semi-longstanding Subud member from Canada, Vancouver to be exact, and my first language is English, my ethnic extraction is Javanese, and I grew up partially in Indonesia and was ensconced in Javanese culture..

I am a translator as well as interpreter for the provincial courts of BC in Vancouver (freelance, part-time only) for Indonesian to English and vice-versa. I've also done translations of several articles in some editions of the WSA Newsletter before, working with Julia Hurd.

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In Indonesian, the word "Nafsu" could be best translated into English as 'virile primordial urges'. They apply to urges concerning hunger (nafsu makan or appetite), or being of a sexual nature (nafsu birahi), curiosity (nafsu ingin tahu) etc etc... you get the picture. Lower forces indeed.

Lower forces indeed!

However, in a Javanese context, "Nafsu" does also include in its image, a sense of awesome strength and violence. Nothing refined or compassionate. So to 'remind' (or make aware) a person of their being inured with such an undesirable nature, they are usually politely cautioned with the words "ojok nesu mangke kegawan nafsu". Roughly translatable as 'Don't fret, because you might get sucked into a rage...' Very lower forces indeed.

The 4 colors of nafsu mentioned in Anthony Bright-Paul's article are such examples; and they have their anglo-western counterparts, too. The dark of evil, the red of rage, the yellow of fear, cowardice or sheer terror, perhaps even the green of avarice, ... and the white of strength in holy spirit.

Hopefully, this does give a better insight into Bapak's use of the word "Nafsu" in his explanations to Western Subud members. Indeed, we are embodied with primordial urges that are either a blessing or a curse if only we are able to abide with their true nature and temper our mindful actions accordingly.

The only thing one might say people in the West are not commonly aware of is that with the spiritual exercise of surrender and communion to God, there is indeed help in facing and dealing with nafsu. That when psychiatry, psychology, and personal efforts are not enough, spiritual efforts and divine aid can help. This is where Subud and the Latihan Kejiwaan come in.

While the West takes a pragmatic, technically descriptive view of the process (as was just outlined), most ethnic Javanese (myself included) tend to observe and digest the whole thing as a single nuance, all in one go. Therefore, when asked to describe it in all its entirety, one usually finds it a bit too hard to do! Hence "nafsu", like many other Subud concepts, has indeed been hard to appropriately describe.

Thank you for your kind attention and patience to read this all through.

## Bapak's urgency about a Subud Bank

*Ilaina Lennard writes...*

In the talks Bapak gave in the 1970s, he spoke with tremendous urgency about setting up a Subud World Bank. He even said that Subud might dwindle and die unless we could establish such an institution.

And we did try – first in Germany with SKM and then with Bank Susila Bakti in Jakarta, on the mezzanine floor of the S. Widjojo building. But when a recession hit Indonesia, we lost the bank, and later PTSW was also sold.

Long time members will say that we made many mistakes with these ventures, as we also did with other enterprises. But perhaps – despite the present economic downturn – we should now put the past behind us and begin to think again about making Bapak's advice a reality. Then we will be more prepared, and can go forward with a lighter step, when the right time comes.



*The S. Widjojo Centre in Jakarta where Bank Susila Bakti was located.*

*Harlinah Longcroft, our Subud historian writes...*

## Reasons for a Subud Bank

P.T. Bank Susila Bakti was not the first banking enterprise established by Bapak. In the early days of Subud, before it spread to the West, Bapak had already established a small bank in Sumatra, and had made attempts to establish a bank or participate in a banking enterprise in Java. So why did he feel banking was so important? Bapak gave a number of reasons.

Perhaps the most fundamental was this – and I cannot now remember whether this is in a talk, or whether he said this during a Board Meeting. Bapak said: Money is the benzine that makes the world go round. Subud must therefore be involved in money.

If people in the Commercial World see that the bank is successful, and yet it is owned and run by people who follow the latihan, then they will think, 'Well, that's very interesting. I will join Subud too, so that I can worship God and be successful in a worldly sense as well.'

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And so Subud will spread through the world of business and commerce. From commerce it will spread to government, and the latihan is really needed there, because governments control the development and use of science... On another occasion at which I was present, Bapak said that if science developed faster than the spiritual side of humanity, it would lead to a major disaster.

So that, in my opinion, was the basic reason for Subud to be involved in banking. However it was not the only reason. Bapak felt that Subud enterprises – he hoped from around the world – would be able to borrow from a Subud bank at reasonable rates, and then repay (of course with interest), then the bank would be able to lend again to Subud enterprises from this interest, and so on.

Subud money would go round and round and grow. Subud enterprises would, in this way, be supporting each other, and money would not be wasted on interest going to other, non Subud, banks.

Bapak also wanted the Subud bank to help its borrowers – both Subud and non Subud – by advice regarding financial management. So he wanted BSB to lend to market traders, and he wanted the bank to help them to establish good bookkeeping practice, so that they could manage their own profit and loss, and by better financial management become ever more successful. In actual fact, I believe the bank only began to get around to this shortly before it was sold.

*Why did he feel banking was so important?*

### Serving the Local Community

Bapak also believed that Subud enterprises should serve the community in which they were established. The BSB staff were given opportunities to improve their level of banking competence. So, a messenger boy might, if he showed reliability and common sense, be eventually given a job as a trainee junior clerk. If he were able to undertake that, he could progress up the ladder.

Staff who were high school graduates, if they showed promise as clerks, would be sent to the Jakarta banking college run by the Government. And so their qualifications and earning power were improved. Bank staff were encouraged to use money in a practical way.

They could take out soft loans against their salaries in order to buy small modern houses purchased for them by the bank. By supporting the staff, the staff spread what they were learning around their friends and family. Some, but not all, joined Subud.

Bapak also expected enterprises to support Subud and Subud charities. So in addition to the twenty-five percent after tax contributed to Subud or Subud charities, BSB, for instance, also helped to fund the Subud periodicals in Indonesia.

Bapak always wanted the Subud bank to have a very public face – he wanted it to be a bank that provided checking accounts. Checking accounts often do not make much money and cost a lot to manage so the reason was not commercial so much as to bring Subud before the public.

### Lessons to be Learned

There were some big and fundamental lessons to be learned from the experience of BSB. First of all, if a Subud bank lends to Subud enterprises, the enterprises who borrow must put repayment, and interest payment to the Subud bank, BEFORE all other considerations. Many Subud borrowers treated the Subud bank as some kind of generous uncle, and put repayment LAST or even NEVER on their priorities. This created very big problems for the bank.

Furthermore, any financial institution established by Subud members, must be funded according to the normal protocols of the industry – and not entirely by what in Australia are called "Mum and Dad investors". Of course ordinary Subud members can and should play a part – but if business is being done, as Bapak anticipated, with the commercial world, the capital underpinning of the bank must be established on very robust foundations.

Before BSB was actually operative, Subud Mums and Dads were founding PT S. Widjojo, and then Anugraha, and then making an effort to found a large hotel in Jakarta, and of course Kalimantan etc. The problems in these major undertakings was not so much a limited pool of commercial expertise available within Subud itself – and "available" means available because not everyone with the expertise was prepared to put on hold their successful commercial lives and devote their time to an enterprise.

It was far more the genuine inability of Subud investors to provide a continuous stream of investment capital needed to support these enterprises and to weather the ups and downs of profitability. Profitability is not only dependent on good management skills, it is also dependent on *cont* >

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market forces over which individual enterprises have little if any control.

### The Inner Experience

Having said all that – which certainly needs to be said – the inner experience of working in a major enterprise is quite extraordinary and is very different to what people think it is. I am not going to describe here my own experience, however in the eighteen years that I worked for the Subud bank, I heard Bapak talk about matters to do with enterprises on countless occasions – and I would like to end by sharing one or two of these insights with you. In my opinion they explain a lot about how those working in or with enterprises should approach this work.

In the early days of the bank, I discovered that another enterprise was having Directors' latihans, and testing sessions. So at a BSB Directors' Meeting where Bapak was, as usual, present – and at which, as usual, I was taking the Minutes – I asked Bapak if BSB should have special latihans and testing as was being done at this other enterprise. Sharif Horthy was present as translator, and when he translated this to Bapak, Bapak said: "Sharif! Is this true? Tell them to STOP IMMEDIATELY! NO special latihans! Just the general latihan! NO testing!" And so BSB was not allowed to go down this path.

Again in the very early days, Bapak was explaining to the Directors, how they should work. He said: You are the Director of the Bank. You are in your office, sitting behind your large desk, when in comes a Chinese. (Indonesians cannot read the facial expressions of the Chinese – and neither can I!) You do not know if he is a good Chinese or a bad Chinese. He wants a very large loan, so what are you going to do? Are you going to sway back and forth as you "receive" whether it is good to grant the loan?

If you do this, you may look odd, and he may, indeed, be rich, and take his business elsewhere. Or are you going to excuse yourself, and go to the toilet to test – in which case on the first occasion he may think 'Poor man! He has diarrhoea!' but if you do this every time he comes to see you, he will again wonder 'What's up?' and again you may lose a good customer.

So that is not the way. When you are working in your enterprise, you should always be in a quiet state so that you KNOW when he enters your room, whether he is a good Chinese or a bad Chinese. (In other words, if you are in a quiet state you are aware of the latihan, and can KNOW without actually having to test.)

And lastly, a story about confidentiality. After the bank had been in existence for years, some Subud members were saying something like this: "Bapak says there are no secrets in Subud, so surely this means that enterprises should always tell everybody everything about their operation and business activities." This matter was raised with Bapak at one of the meetings.

Bapak replied: Commercial enterprises must keep secrets otherwise their competitors will get to hear how they operate and what they plan, and that is foolish and bad for business. When Subud members are really aware of the latihan in themselves, they will also be aware of the latihan in others – so when this is the case, there are no secrets in Subud.

### Where did the money go?

We use the term "Subud Enterprise" very loosely. Actually, all enterprises are "Subud members' enterprises". The Bank and PT S Widjojo, were no exception. They were the enterprises of Subud members. They belonged to the investors.

So, when BSB was sold the money from the sale went back to the owners – the investors. If they asked the distributors to give it to the Subud organization, or a Subud charity, or to transfer it to an investment in P.T.S. Widjojo, then that is precisely what happened. Most people wanted the money from sale sent back to them, themselves. So that is what was done. I, myself, did the first distribution.

Over the years there were further distributions to the BSB investors, as some of the outstanding involvement of BSB with PTSW and other major projects were eventually sorted out.

In closing I should add that the bottom line in enterprises, is team work. Bapak told a staff meeting at the bank that one should never hit someone over the head with his or her mistakes. One should just observe – so that on the next occasion when they were likely to drop the ball, you are behind them and can catch it!

*In this article, when I have "quoted" Bapak, I am only repeating what I can remember, and not working from a recording of Bapak, or notes taken at the time.*

“Money is the benzine that makes the world go round”

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# Critical success factors

*From the Subud Projects web site...*

Bapak probably never used the term 'critical success factors' about commercial enterprises or projects in other fields, but he was very clear in his advice about the absolute prerequisites necessary for success and equally clear about the things that would lead to failure. Extracts of his advice collected loosely under a dozen or so headings follow. Most of the advice was made in relation to enterprises, but seems to apply in other areas as well.



## Courage and Faith

What is important is two things: one, that whatever happens, your faith in Almighty God never wavers or becomes shaken; that you always maintain a firm trust and faith in the power of Almighty God *Sri Lanka, 20 March 1981 [81 CMB 3]*

Brothers, your latihan has come a long way, but what's the point of having come a long way if the horse is sick? Meaning that the feeling with which you receive the latihan lacks courage.

The fact is that because you lack courage your latihan has no effect, no result, in your life. Why is it that only Bapak, who is one man, alone, and an old man at that, is making progress? Why is it that only his progress can be seen outwardly while all of you remain just as you are? The fact is that in God's Power we have every kind of guidance, every kind of teaching. For God is Almighty, All-Rich, All-Capable, All-Intelligent, All-Understanding. If we want to be a film star, we will succeed. If we want to be a comedian, we will succeed. If we want to be whatever we want to be, we can succeed: providing we have courage. That's all that's lacking. So Bapak hopes that you will continue with your latihan, but based on a feeling of courage and acceptance and submission and patience.

The basis for all this is already there: your ordinary every day knowledge, what you have learned. But it remains as it is. There's no development. Because you lack courage. Whereas, there is a saying that one who has received God's grace can do anything, can achieve anything. But why is it then, that people who have the same knowledge that you have, who have not received the latihan, actually succeed more and can do more and achieve more than you can? It is because you lack courage. And therefore, what you receive remains unused and undeveloped. *Cilandak, 26 May, 1987*

And you don't need to be afraid because the latihan is the guidance of Almighty God. So as long as what you are doing is right and doesn't deviate from the truth, you have no cause to fear anything. And in all your actions and activities you will never be without some form of teaching and guidance from within.

*Cilandak, 26 May, 1987*

What is important for us is to have faith in God Almighty and to go ahead with confidence and do what we have to do . . . Simply have faith in God and go ahead with confidence in yourself and in the power of God *Melbourne, 14 April, 1976*

Don't say, "But where is my capital? Where is the wherewithal to do something?" Were you born with capital? You were born with nothing. Were there banks in the old days? When man first started out in this world did he have banks he could go to borrow money from? Man started out with nothing. Banks were made by men not men by banks. And so with everything in this world. Why then are we lacking in resourcefulness? why can't we find the way to develop our own lives?

We have come from nothing and we have become something and from this something we go back to nothing: a "nothing" that envelops everything. And that makes the cycle of life complete. This "something" that is in this world, is this world, is the reality of this world; and is something we should face with courage and confidence because it too is filled with the Power of Almighty God. *Cilandak, 16 January, 1981*

Then of course you ask 'What about the capital?' Well now, don't ask about the capital. The capital *cont >*



is you. The capital is the people. The capital is not money. Don't think that. If you are the capital, that capital is deposited within you. Then who is the banker? It's God, isn't it? So the banker is the Lord God and the capital is in yourself. *Cilandak, 28 March, 1976*

“The capital is you...”

But Bapak wants to tell you frankly: Cost is never a problem. When we want to do something, the cost that it takes to do it is never a problem, as long as you really have faith. Faith in the One Almighty God. If you really start out to work on an idea that is really right, an idea in accordance with God's Will, and if you truly have faith in God, then cost will never be a problem to you. Again, Bapak wants you to look at Bapak. *Jakarta, 17 January, 1981*

To read more quotes from Bapak about “critical success factors” such as harmony, co-operation and perseverance go to [www.subudprojects.net](http://www.subudprojects.net)

## New enterprise launched by Simon Curran

*Hanafi and Levana Fraval, SES co-Chairs write...*

A young Subud member (in his early 30's) just started an enterprise with a partner who is supportive of his Subud connection. Below is the link to it. We think this is a great product and are supporting his enterprise. The enterprise is producing sports and safety wear items lit up with fiber optics.

To make a contribution to this enterprise click on:  
Fiber Optic Athletic Gear: Revolutionizing Sports and Safety by noxgear — Kickstarter  
Ph: 323-272-3323 Fx: 323-272-4539  
Hanafi: [fbeco@me.com](mailto:fbeco@me.com) • Levana: [lfraival@me.com](mailto:lfraival@me.com)



Fibre optic sports vest.

## The wagon train *David McCormack writes...*

Here is an analogy that has been with me lately which like all analogies is only a heart and mind way to paint a picture and is not the reality itself. Whether it is of any use to others I have no clue.

The wagon train is what we are on. We stop as we go and surrender to Almighty God despite the wilderness and difficulties and apparent slowness of the journey. Some keep the awareness as they work. We do not look behind at the comforts but only towards our new home.

The first pioneer was destined to find and mark the trail to a pristine destination. The continent was closed before that. The signs he marked and instructions guide the pioneer and those willing to sacrifice to have a fresh start. It is hoped as many pioneers arrive with the equipment needed to live in the Promised Land and what they lack is lent.

The pioneers in the wagon train with the help of everyone can get there safely only if everyone realizes the need to stay together in patience and endure the slow, slow process, forgive each other and not be daunted.

The faint of heart will arrive at seemingly impassable flooded rivers and scorching deserts that block the way. And even while those are daunting one always needs to be aware there are those who have lost their wagons who will need help as well.

But the proof they can be crossed is that others have done it before. They succeeded through harmony, patience, giving of one's self to others in need, following instructions, firmness of heart, and hard work. They surrender to Almighty and cling to strong faith even when under attack or watching others perish.

May the creatures that have lent help find their way home. May we arrive as the Most Merciful wills, *cont >*



*Westward Ho the latihan!*

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God willing in a pristine place and with as many wagon trains to follow as the land will sustain or as Allah in wisdom and mercy wills for us. ●

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## Passing of Mikhail David

We are sorry to announce the passing of Mikhail David on his way to hospital at 10:20 (Jakarta time) on the morning of April 18, 2013, following a four month illness. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Ary Suteja, their daughter and son, and Mikhail's mother, Maryam David.

A Subud member of Greek origin who had lived in Indonesia for decades, Mikhail was dedicated to culture and the expression of art in all its facets; he was involved in many projects including a music school and the outstanding JakArt Festival.

Mikhail will be buried April 19, 2013, at Suka Mulia.

About JakArt, "... an homage to human creativity and intellectuality, the capability to express the essential truth about life and the capacity to understand and appreciate the thoughts and feelings of other human beings."

Since 2001 JakArt has held six festivals, organized and staged 12 major productions in over 175 cities in four continents, held over 1800 performances in more than 800 locations with the participation of more than 3000 artists from 50 countries. JakArt has worked with more than 350 government and NGO organizations, foreign embassies and has involved more than 2000 enthusiastic volunteers from all walks of life. JakArt has received the endorsement of UNESCO and is founding member of The Association of Asian Performing Arts Festivals (AAPAF). ●

*(From Subud World News)*



*Mikhail david*

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## Rahmaniyah Bowden

It is with sorrow that we share the news that Rahmaniyah Bowden, who recently celebrated her 95th birthday, passed away this morning, April 18, 2013, in hospital in Brighton where she had been for a few days. She was surrounded by her family.

Born Countess Ilona Edelsheim Gyulai, Rahmaniyah married Istvan Horthy, the vice-regent of Hungary, when she was 21. Her husband, an outspoken critic of the Nazis, died in an extremely suspicious plane crash; and when the Nazis invaded Hungary, Ilona, her small son, her father-in-law and his wife were arrested and imprisoned in Germany. After the war, Rahmaniyah's life moved between Portugal, England and Iraq. In 1958, through her son Sharif, she joined Subud.

Rahmaniyah was among the first International Helpers chosen by Bapak at the beginning of the eighties. At the time, the task took the IHS all over the world, wherever they were needed.

Rahmaniyah stood down from the function at the World Congress in Sydney, in 1989; but her commitment to Subud and the Latihan has never waned and she was present at many national, zonal and international gatherings and meetings. Another great achievement was the writing of her biography, Honour and Duty, which can be purchased at [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk)

Rahmaniyah will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered. May God grant her further grace in the life beyond.

*From Subud World News. To see a collection of photos of Rahmaniyah at various stages of her very full life go to: [http://www.subudworldnews.com/dyn/news/SWN\\_en\\_RahmaniyahsBirthday.pd10](http://www.subudworldnews.com/dyn/news/SWN_en_RahmaniyahsBirthday.pd10)*

*By Leo Horthy, from Facebook:*

My grandmother Rahmaniyah Bowden's spirit left this earth last night at the age of 95. This was all very sudden and unexpected as she had been well. In the last email I got from her a few weeks ago, she said the hip she broke last year had miraculously healed and she could walk again.

She was born Countess Ilona Edelsheim-Gyulai in 1918 and later became Horthy Istvánné when she married my grandfather. She worked as a Red Cross nurse during WWII and then a secretary, a farmer, a [cont >](#)



*Rahmaniyah Bowden*

world emissary, and the author of her own best-selling autobiography.

She stayed engaged until the end and when I last saw her in November she had just returned from Budapest where she was interviewed for Hungarian TV setting the record strait for her father-in-law, laying out the historical facts as she had recorded them in her diaries from all those years ago.

She never gave up, and pushed herself harder than anyone else I have known. If there was one thing that she could still do, she did it and she was selfless until the end. I believe it was her faith in Almighty God (in all his incarnations) that allowed her to do this.

I remember her recounting a story of a talk she gave at a catholic cathedral in Budapest. Someone from the audience asked her "Well, are you a Muslim or a Catholic?" to which she replied "Well that's easy, I'm a Muslim Catholic." to which the crowd gave her a standing ovation.

Granny – thank you for all you have given me, you will be sorely missed. Much love, Leo

## A message from SICA

SICA is inviting Subud members doing creative and innovative work — and/or their projects and enterprises — to become Associate Members of SICA.

Please spread the word to your members and groups everywhere.

"Creativity and innovation — awakened by our own inner selfhood— are at the core of SICA's work," says Latifah Taormina, SICA Chair. "Including Associates whose work exemplifies these attributes will strengthen the both of us, and together, we can help each other build a more truly human society."

Information and Application forms in English and Spanish are available on SICA's website. Click this link: [subud-sica.org/userfiles/pdfs/SICA.AssocMemInfo&App2013.pdf](http://subud-sica.org/userfiles/pdfs/SICA.AssocMemInfo&App2013.pdf)

If you have any questions contact us at: [sica@subud-sica.org](mailto:sica@subud-sica.org)

## Mozart-Erdélyi recording project

From Csaba Erdélyi and Mary Wold...

I would like to bring to your awareness the upcoming second and final part of the Mozart-Erdélyi project, which will be the world premiere CD recording of my string sextet arrangement of Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante, K.V.364. When the CD is released it will be a complete novelty on the market and will give fresh spiritual nourishment to many people.

Another Subud brother, Hamilton Cheifetz, professor of cello at the University of Oregon, is also playing in this recording. The project is administered by Sinfonia da Camera of the University of Illinois, the orchestra where I have been principal viola for 15 years.

*Mary Wold, Artistic Manager, writes...*

The Sinfonia Concertante is one of Mozart's well-known and much loved compositions. It has been recorded dozens of times. Nevertheless, Csaba has a unique relationship to this double concerto. In 1984, he was chosen to play it for the soundtrack recording of the film Amadeus. In 1992, inspired by the conversational, intimate quality of exchanges between violin and viola so reminiscent of Mozart's best chamber music, Csaba arranged Mozart's original orchestra score for string sextet. Every note that Mozart wrote can be heard in this arrangement, even the oboe and horn parts. Thus, Mozart's masterpiece can now be enjoyed in a new way...

The Mozart-Erdélyi Recording Project will launch a CD on the market that will have two parts:

1. The original Mozart Sinfonia Concertante K. 364 performed by Federico Agostini, violinist, Csaba Erdélyi, viola, and Sinfonia da Camera of Illinois conducted by Ian Hobson as recorded in February, 2012.

2. The world première recording of Mozart-Erdélyi Sinfonia Concertante K. 364 for String Sextet with Federico Agostini, first violin, Csaba Erdélyi, first viola, Roger Chase, second viola, Hamilton Cheifetz, first cello. [cont >](#)



*Csaba Erdélyi and Hamilton Cheifetz.*



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This second part is scheduled to be recorded in May and still needs to be fully funded.

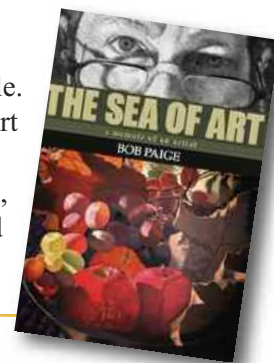
For further information about the Mozart-Erdélyi Recording Project, contact Mary at [wold.artists AT gmail.com](mailto:wold.artists@gmail.com).  
Read her complete interview with Csaba.

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## The Sea of Art – a memoir of an artist

The autobiography of Bob Paige, a long time Subud member from Philadelphia, is finally available. It tells the story of Bob's life as a professional artist and art teacher along with his ideas about the art he encountered and created along the way.

Bob passed away in 2012 and the book was his last project, which he worked on for several years, even as his body began to fail him. Bob loved art and the story of his life with it is engaging and moving. Check out Bob's art and find the link to buy the book here: <http://www.bobpaigeart.com>



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## El Camino *Zone 3 Rep Paloma de la Vina informs...*

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING 29 JUNE – 06 JULY 2013, POIO MONASTERY, PONTEVEDRA (SPAIN)

You are very welcome to come and join us during the Kejiwaan mornings assisted by the International Helpers and all the helpers willing to serve our members.

In the talk she gave on the 8th of December 2012, our dear Ibu Rahayu said: "Kejiwaan events like this are a discipline for our true natures. Times like this can be an awakening or a way for each of us to correct ourselves."

Our Kejiwaan Gathering is called: El Camino, the Way.

During the Gathering, and because it would be also a good time to know what MSF, Enterprises, Susila Dharma and SICA are up to, there will be workshops and presentations of some interesting projects. Also, on the 1st of July there will be a nice presentation of the XIV Subud World Congress in Puebla 2014.

Because it is also a time for holidays, there will be trips to Pontevedra by night, Vigo, the Cies Islands, Combarro village AND, on the 3rd of July, you are all invited to become pilgrims and walk down to Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, where we hope to have the opportunity to see the Botafumeiro swing along the central nave of the Cathedral. It will be an unforgettable experience.

Contact: Paloma de la Vina : [delavina.k@gmail.com](mailto:delavina.k@gmail.com) for more information and booking form.

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## Caretakers for Seven Circles *Lusiyah Rott writes...*

We are seeking a couple to manage a beautiful 10-room Retreat Center in the Sierra foothills close to Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. Retreat or B&B hospitality experience would be helpful. Must be willing to do what is required in the areas of housekeeping, general maintenance, swimming pool maintenance, grounds keeping, cooking, taking care of guests, and all other aspects of operating an Interfaith Retreat Center.

The ideal candidates will continue our vision of a retreat center that serves people of all faiths, ethnicities, age groups, and sexual orientations for spiritual growth and renewal and personal development. Ideal candidates need to support making the retreat center suitable for the needs of each visiting group so as to leave guests with a memorable experience in which they felt cared for.

The couple must be fully committed to the center, be able to work well independently, have a passion to make people happy, and enjoy serving guests. Also important are excellent social skills, multitasking abilities, culinary skills and some computer and marketing skills.

This is a live-in position only, and candidates must be professional, non-smokers, and in good physical condition.

On-site housing including utilities will be provided in addition to salary. Initial interviews will be via phone but the final interview will be required on site. Background checks will be conducted. Please email resumes, current photo and any other information that you feel would be important in our decision making to [info@sevencirclesretreat.org](mailto:info@sevencirclesretreat.org)



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## The first OZ SYAI Ski Camp Booking Form

If you want to join 'the Wonder-world of ice and snow' in Australia along with your other Subud buddies please book and send \$20 deposit BY Mid-May!

**WHERE?** The SYAI SKI- CAMP is happening at THE MOUNTAIN VIEW RETREAT, 194 Great Alpine Road, Harrietville, 3741

**WHEN?** From Wednesday the 25th September until Sunday 29th September 2013

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**HOW MUCH?** \$70 per night per person, but will include Breakfast and Dinner and we would vacate the rooms by noon on Sunday.

**HOW TO BOOK?** Transfer \$20 deposit to, Subud Youth Account. The number is : BSB 013268 188349166 and send an email to Zaakir Ismail [zak@otsana.com](mailto:zak@otsana.com) saying your deposit has been transferred and giving your contact details.

**WHAT IS THE ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENT?** The accommodation arrangement is Multi-share, each room with its own ensuite. We will occupy Unit One which holds 40/50 people and have exclusive use of the adjoining Lounge!

**WHAT ABOUT GETTING THERE?** Best if you make your own travel arrangements, check out the website and contact friends or Isti Jenkins, [istijenkins@gmail.com](mailto:istijenkins@gmail.com) Mobile 0488923855.

**WANT TO STAY LONGER?** There are Subud members in Victoria who are happy to Billet you before or after the event..... Please let Isti know or make your own arrangement.

**NEED MORE INFO ON THE VENUE?** [www.mountainviewretreat.com.au/deals.html](http://www.mountainviewretreat.com.au/deals.html)  
[www.facebook.com/mountainviewholidayretreat](http://www.facebook.com/mountainviewholidayretreat) • [info@mountainviewretreat.com.au](mailto:info@mountainviewretreat.com.au)  
Look forward to seeing you there, Isti, SYA Coordinator.



*Australian youth would like to see you at the ski camp.*

## THEY WERE THERE – the Best of Subud Voice

### Have you ordered your copy yet?

THEY WERE THERE is an anthology of fascinating articles from early issues of Subud Voice, as compiled by Ilaina Lennard. Paperback: 186 pages.

Perhaps there are many Subud members nowadays – especially those who are new to Subud – who don't know very much about its early days in the West, so it is hoped that THEY WERE THERE will help to bring alive for them some of the things that happened at that time. Its chapters include:

- Bapak's horoscope – what a good astrologer saw
- Vivid descriptions of how Bapak died, and of events surrounding his death
- A talk about Subud's early days, given by Husein Rofe, the first Westerner to receive the Subud contact
- The chaos surrounding Bapak's first visit to the West
- Who was Bapak? and the third secret of Fatima
- Life with Bapak and Ibu
- The present state of the world
- How our thoughts affect us
- Destiny – and when we experience misfortune
- Varindra Vittachi's talks at Amanecer
- What it was like to be at the Amanecer World Congress

#### How to order

Please go to [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) and type They Were There – the Best of Subud Voice in the search box and follow the on-screen prompts to the shopping basket, setting preferred payment method, delivery and billing address(es) and postage rate. Books normally take 3 – 5 days to arrive depending on postage price paid.

If you are not computer literate and need help, phone Ilaina on (+44)(0)1242 707701

Profits from sales will help keep Subud Voice FREE and ongoing for another 25 years.



## Subud authors

### Would you like to sell more books at Subud Congresses?

It's often difficult to provide copies of books for sale at World Congress and other Subud Gatherings, because of the cost of transporting them. So we propose creating a leaflet for distribution at such events as a simple, cost-effective way of achieving both awareness and, more importantly, orders.

We (three of us so far) can create and have printed a thousand A5 double-sided, full colour leaflets with space for 10 books for about £300, which would mean if ten of us got together, it would only cost us £30 each (or £30 a book if an author wanted more than one book displayed), just as an example. But we need to know in advance how many authors are interested (and how many books they would like to advertise) before going further and finalising costs.

Please contact Ilaina Lennard: [ilaine.l@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ilaine.l@blueyonder.co.uk) Tel +44 (0)1242 707701 if you are interested in joining us.

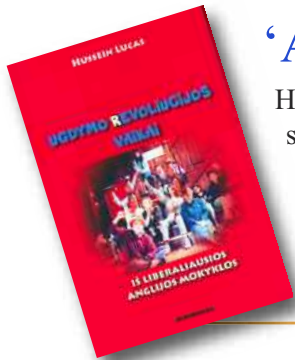
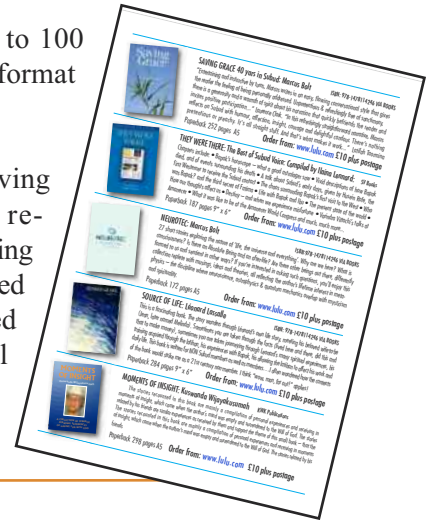
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### Example

**MOMENTS OF INSIGHT: A collection of strange personal experiences of having fun with God:** by Kuswanda Wijayakusumah: KWK Publications: The stories recounted in this book are mainly a compilation of personal experiences and receiving in moments of insight, which came when the author's mind was empty and surrendered to the Will of God. The stories related by his friends are similar experiences as received by them and support the theme of this small book – that the power of God enfolds all His creatures and can be felt as His guidance in encompassing their lives. Paperback : 9” x 6” : 114 pages : price £10 plus postage. Available from [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com)



## ‘After Summerhill’ in Lithuanian

Hussein Lucas's book “After Summerhill: What happened to the pupils of Britain's most radical school?” is now available in a Lithuanian translation.

It was launched at the Vilnius Book Fair earlier this year. The publishers are Euroknyga It Ltd. – [info@euroknyga.lt](mailto:info@euroknyga.lt)

A Chinese translation will shortly be available.

## Whisperings from Within

Whisperings from Within is a new book by Nuraini Magnusson from Melbourne. It is a collection of songs, verses, prayers and prose illustrated with drawings and paintings by the author. It is the sequel to her previous trilogy Humble Wanderings.

The book is concerned with universal spiritual themes. Nuraini writes...

“The whole of the universe is life and all of life is within the universe and with it is light, even in the dark. And everything and anything that can exist, small and large, is in that life, as in an egg, which is also life.

“And all that can be contained, in its beginning and its end, and beyond its beginning and its end, is within and beyond this universe.”

*Nuraini's husband, Rapahel, writes in a foreword to the book:*

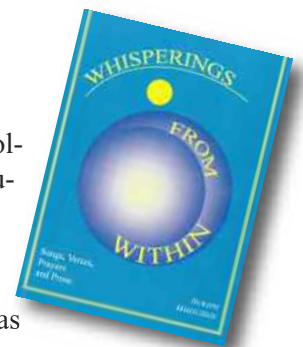
“As we all know, the world is changing enormously with technology, and the way we interact with one another, and ourselves, is changing. As human beings we are only on the planet for a ‘short while’ and for most of us, I'm sure, ask ourselves at one time or another ‘Why are we here?’ Throughout Nuraini's book this question is clearly answered; to worship Almighty God and live life to the full as best you can.

“The way I prefer to read Nuraini's work is, on occasion, opening a page or two at random and just absorbing a piece of her craft – often it says a great deal – rather than attempting to read her work from cover to cover. Nuraini's purpose is 'to give you, dear reader, a chance to share, hopefully to enjoy, and if need be, to perhaps to help you in some way!'”

Here is an example of one of Nuraini's sensitive poems.

Nothing matters  
but the presence  
of God  
within us,  
Through avalanche  
and snow storm,  
jungle and desert,  
He is there,  
as we pray.

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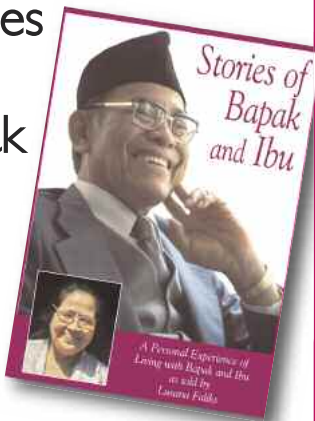
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