

Harapan Nias Elementary School

North Sumatra, Indonesia

as told by Famachoi Wa'u, Principal, 2018

Famachoi Wa'u, Principal of Harapan Nias Elementary School, tells the story of its inception and use of ICA methods:

"In 2007, two years after the tragic 2005 tsunami in Nias we started the Kindergarten. During the first year we had 23 students. In 2011, we started the Primary School with 17 students.

At the moment we have 257 students, 178 in Primary and 79 in Kindergarten All students come from their homes since we do not board students.



"The Training of ICA has equipped me a lot in starting and running the school. I used most of the ICA methods, like writing down the vision, brainstorming issues, listing the strengths and weaknesses, anticipating challenges, and writing proposals. Reflection time (learned from the ICA) has become our tradition after various events. I normally run the teacher meetings similar to the ICA's way: every participant should be involved in saying and doing.

We would be honored for you to visit our school. The School is in Nias, North Sumatra, my home island. It is about a two hour flight from Singapore with stop-over in Medan."

Famachoi Wa'u lives in Nias, North Sumatra, Indonesia. Wa'u is a former staff member of the Kelapa Dua Human Development Project in Indonesia. Wa'u was on the ICA staff in five nations: India, Indonesia, Kenya, Philippines and the USA. He is now the principal at the Harapan Nias Elementary School which he started after the 2005 tsunami. He is married to Damai and they have three grown children. This photo is Wa'u in front row on a recent Teachers Day with his fellow teachers in Telukdalam, South Nias. Most of us wore the uniform of Indonesian Teachers Association.

