



INDONESIA

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Between the Indian and Pacific Oceans is the archipelago island nation of Indonesia – acclaimed for pristine resort beaches and lush green tropical forested volcanic mountains that produce robust coffee beans. Indonesia is not only an island between two oceans, it is separated by extremes of natural beauty and other areas where refuse is cast aside by islanders who unintentionally pollute water supplies when doing so.

Water is collected by adults and children alike who walk 5-6 kilometers daily, and what they collect is from rivers and wells. Rainwater is trapped during rainy season by those without well access. **Whatever their source of water, it is untreated and contaminated by either the environment or storage containers that are unclean or used for multiple purposes without proper washing and sanitization between uses.**

The Lombok education system is challenged with teachers in rural community schools who lack the knowledge and resources to provide health and hygiene education to students. The result is an endless cycle of generations who throw garbage into rivers, live in dirty environments and use unsanitary bathrooms. **Education is the cornerstone if the tide is to turn in Indonesia and the Lombok area.**

“Hal” is only five-years-old, but may soon suffer effects from polluted well water that produces skin diseases, diarrhea and malaria (due to dirty environments). His family is among the more than 60 percent of the population living without access to clean water in the Lombok area. River water is used for cooking, cleaning dirty utensils and to bathe. Pollution causes itching and shortness of breath — a destiny of stark contrasts.

