



JUTTA LINNA

Seeds of Hope intern

VOLUNTEERING IN the children's home isn't probably the most predictable internship placement when you are studying business in a University of Applied Sciences in Finland. Still, that's the choice that **Jutta Linna** made and she has been very happy with it. Jutta didn't arrive at her choice until almost at the last possible moment, though, because she had just arrived back home from Cyprus at the time of the application deadline. Jutta had been studying in Cyprus and she was supposed to do her internship next.

- Some of my friends had done their internships as cashiers or something like that but I wanted something more special. I was also looking for a way to go abroad again and I knew that this time the destination should be outside of Europe.

So, when Jutta started seeking internship places, she found Asia Exchange's website and information about the Seeds of

Hope children's home in Bali. That was something that really interested her.

JUTTA DIDN'T have a lot of time for the application procedure but still, with the help of Asia Exchange staff, she got accepted to Seeds of Hope. Only a couple of months later Jutta hopped on a plane once again and this time it took her to the small Indonesian island of Bali. Jutta started working in the children's home in the beginning of September and she's going to be there until this December. The time has gone really fast.

- Especially the first days were just a blur. I don't remember a lot about them because there were so many new names, new faces and new things to absorb.

It is still difficult to try and remember every little face in the large children's home: there are over 60 children at Seeds of Hope. In addition to working at Seeds of Hope, Jutta also lives there. Her

room is exactly like the ones the children are staying in. Through her internship, Jutta has gotten a much more real Balinese experience than most of the students living in villas and other luxurious apartments.

- There is no running water, for example, but it really isn't something that I'm missing when I wake up in the mornings, Jutta says.

JUTTA HAS enjoyed working at Seeds of Hope extremely much. It has taught her many new things about the Balinese life - and about herself, too.

- I've become more confident when facing new situations and new people. Before I came here, I wasn't completely sure if I would be ready to take care of all these children. I am ready now, though, most certainly.

Most of Jutta's work consists of living with the children, taking care of their problems and speaking English with them because the

children really want to learn the language. Jutta also teaches them English in class as often as possible. Jutta's job description may not sound that hard but it definitely takes a lot of energy. You really have to be motivated to have a

completely different kind of internship experience if you go there. But if you have the will, Seeds of Hope might be the best internship in the world.

- The best thing about working here is the feeling that you're

needed and there's a point to you being here. Nothing's better than that, Jutta says.

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