



# The Blind, not so Challenged

The Blind prove to be capable and proud men and women through Outward Bound.



**F**or 3 days, from July 11th through to 13th 2008, twenty six blind men and women pushed their own limits through Outward Bound Empowerment program. The goal of the program was to help improve their self-confidence and help them realize that their physical limitations are not and should never be an obstacle to succeed.

They took on challenges that people with eyesight would normally do, such as ropes course at 7 meters above ground; canoeing on lake Jatiluhur, building rafts and later use them to cross an island. The program was successful. Fajar, one participant said after the completion of the program, "This is a powerful program. I learned so much about myself, not only about my limitations, but in spite of that, what I'm capable of doing!"

The participants were gathered through Laetitia. A non-profit organization for the blind, deaf and physically disabled. Outward Bound Indonesia has sponsored the physically disabled for Outward Bound Empowerment programs since 1996.

Outward Bound Indonesia was founded in 1990 and since the beginning has been proactive and insistent in its humanitarian role in society by giving Leadership scholarships to underprivileged people, such as the blind, the physically challenged, teachers and youth at risk. In 2007 Outward Bound Indonesia has formed an official collaborative humanitarian movement called OBI Care (read: OB I Care) that fuses together different corporations to help sponsor those less fortunate on a Leadership and Personal Development Outward Bound Program.

#### BACKGROUND OF OUTWARD BOUND® INDONESIA

Outward Bound Indonesia (OBI) is the pioneer of Outdoor Training and Experiential Learning in Indonesia . OBI is a member of Outward Bound International whose schools have reached 35 countries across the globe. OBI's mission is to help people discover and develop their potential so they can help themselves, others and the world around them. OBI was founded in 1990 and has 2 Center locations in Jatiluhur, West Java and Payangan, Ubud, Bali.

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