

### **School of Distance Education Ramadhan Program 2015**

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#### **Abstract**

On July 4, 2015 during Ramadhan, the School of Distance Education (SDE), in an event led by Dr. Wan Afezah Wan Abdul Rahman, once again organized a community program involving the staff and the students. There were about 60 participants. The program was to deliver donations collected among staff and students such as clothing, food and “duit raya” (donation money) to the orphans at Ummu Salamah Orphanage in Grik, Perak, the poor in Kampung Padang Dan in Baling, Kedah, and the poor in Kampung Ulu Kerian in Grik, Perak. The goal of the program was to contribute and give back to the community. The program started at 7.30 am at SDE where we, the staff and students, uploaded donation items into our transports. The first stop was Kampung Padang Dan, where we donated clothes to the villagers. We gave donated clothes, groceries and donation money to 28 poor families at the same location on May 23, 2015. This time, the idea was to deliver more clothing items as per the request of the villagers. Next, we proceeded to Orphanage Ummu Salamah in Grik, Perak as our second stop. At Ummu Salamah, Dr. Main Rindam delivered a motivational speech and organized a game with the orphans, followed by a “duit raya session”. This was when the orphans could not hold back their tears as they received more than 20 packets of duit raya. We delivered food, new baju raya, 40 new mattresses, money for kitchen expenses and building construction, and duit raya to the orphans and five families. At Kampung Ulu Kerian, Grik, we donated food and duit raya to 30 needy families. We donated about RM19,500 for the cause. The donations were intended to alleviate some of the burden of poor families in preparing for the upcoming Aidilfitri celebration. The program has given us a humbling and memorable experience. It also increased our understanding of the hardship of the poor. We headed home to USM at 6 pm tired and happy.

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