

Unity in Action: 503 Task Forces Build Hope with Church Facility Construction in Kenyam

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NDUGA- In a remarkable display of unity and compassion, the Para Raider Infantry Battalion 503/Mayangkara Kostrad, under the Indonesian Armed Forces Operational Command HABEMA, has turned a community vision into reality. On Monday, 25 November 2024, the Soldiers began constructing a vital church facility in Kenyam District, Nduga Regency, Papua Pegunungan Province. This collaboration with Bombam Village residents and the Kenyam Kingmi Yerusalem Church marks a new chapter of hope and togetherness in the region.

The initiative was born out of ongoing Social Communication (*Komsos*) activities, led by Captain Bangun, an officer from the 503 Task Forces. Through dialogue with local leaders and church staff, the Soldiers identified the community's need for an enhanced spiritual space and committed to making it a reality.

Lieutenant Colonel Gurbasa Samosir, Commander of the 503 Task Forces, emphasized the broader purpose of their mission:

"Our goal is not just to secure the region but to build stronger communities. By addressing essential needs like this, we forge bonds of trust and contribute to lasting development."

The construction project was met with enthusiasm from the Bombam Village community, who joined the Soldiers in their efforts. This spirit of collaboration highlights the shared ownership and responsibility that lies at the heart of the initiative. Reverend Yohanes Murib of the Kenyam Kingmi Yerusalem Church expressed his heartfelt gratitude:

"Thank you, Commander 503, for your kindness and commitment. This church facility will serve as a beacon of faith and hope for our community. God bless you and your team."

The program has also drawn praise from Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, Commanding General of HABEMA, who recognized the project's significance:

"The 503 Task Forces' dedication to building this facility reflects TNI's mission to accelerate development and uplift communities in Papua. This initiative exemplifies the power of collaboration in driving meaningful change."

This construction effort transcends physical infrastructure it's a symbol of the deep connections forged between the military and the local community. Through initiatives like these, the 503 Task Forces continue to demonstrate their unwavering commitment to unity, progress, and the betterment of the lives they protect.

Every brick laid is a testament to the strength of partnership and a shared vision for a brighter future in Papua. As the church facility rises, so too does the collective hope of Bombam residents, embodying the spirit of togetherness and resilience.

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