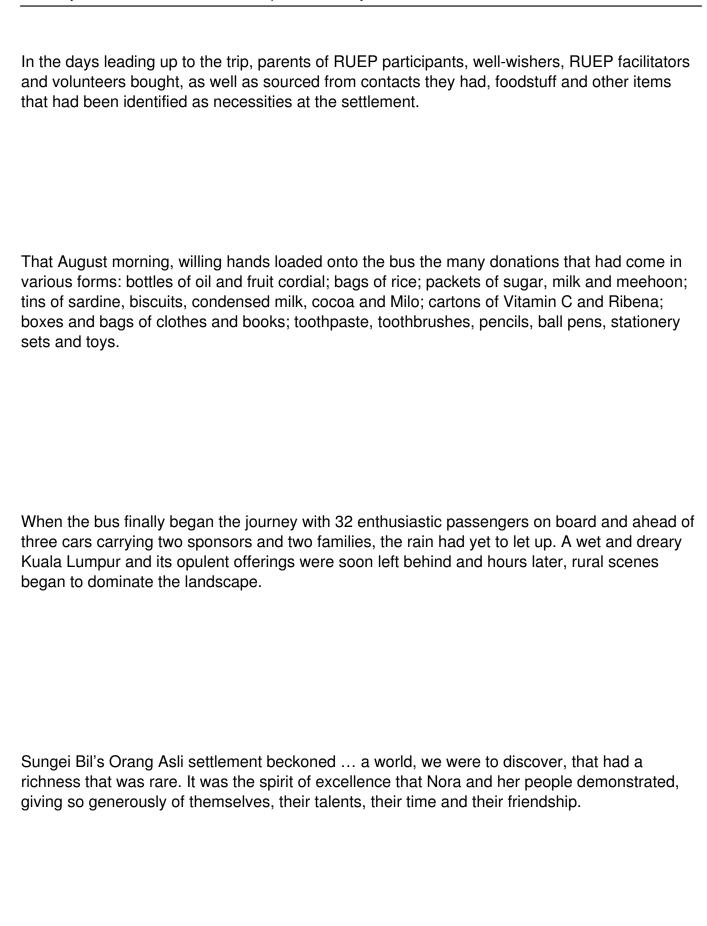


HEAVY rain ushered in the morning of Aug 25, 2012 but it failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the young participants of SABM's Rural-Urban Exchange Programme. They came early to the

Rumah for the day trip to the Orang Asli settlement at Sungei Bil, Slim River in Perak, their first RUEP 2012 venture into a rural area.
Our hope was that the excursion would help awaken our urban children, even the few from disadvantaged homes, to the fact that glaring disparities exist in the standard of living of Anak-anak Bangsa Malaysia in current times. And perhaps they would come away from that experience recognising how much they themselves had and what those in unfortunate circumstances lacked.
Weeks earlier, four RUEP facilitators had visited the settlement to meet Cikgu Nora, an amazing lady with immense capabilities and a strong conviction that education was the key to freeing her people from the cycle of poverty.
Nora adeptly finalized a program for our RUEP children. She also drew up a budget that covered resources required for children's activities, meals and refreshments, and also the handicrafts her team of helpers would make for our impending visit. Nora was assured that RUEP would bear all expenses incurred, including the rental of canopies needed as shield against rain.



## **RUEP** participants experience richness in giving

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Our RUEP children had arrived at Sungei Bil's doorstep bearing material gifts for a community in need. Little did they know that those waiting to greet them had already mastered the art of giving freely. What Nora and her community offered that day to their visitors was much more, so much more.











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