

# Overwhelming Response By Arts Students

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**WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE** – The Arts Students and Foster Family Programme at Kampung Binuwou Tengah Sook, Keningau received an overwhelming response from the participants and villagers.

For second year students of Writing Programme, Ar Rahim Al-Buulu and Faiz Wadji, they concurred that art was strictly not just for entertainment but should be used to attract the young generation to come to the mosque and pray together.

“Events like *qasidah* is another way to spread Islamic teachings through the art of singing,” said Ar Rahim.

Sharing the same sentiment, Shema Shah thought that motivating through arts in the form of playing while learning would instil the spirit to succeed and not give up easily.

Meanwhile, Kampung Binuwou Tengah Women’s Head, Haliah Dulumun said they welcomed the presence of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) students to their village and hoped that such programme would be continued in future.

“Hopefully this programme would be continued, especially in spiritual guidance to young people who are hungry for knowledge,” he said.

Coordinator of the programme, Sharifudin Zainal explained that various benefits were obtained by participants in every activity in addition to experiencing first-hand knowledge of community life in the interior.

“I believe this experience with the host family cannot be forgotten, because they accept our students with an open heart and gave their best service,” he said.

A total of 13 students from the Writing Course and seven from the Creative Arts were involved in the three-day activity. – *SS (fl)*

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