



Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of our Bali Life newsletter. Thank you for your ongoing interest and support. If you have any comments, feedback or would like to be removed from our mailing list please email: info@balilife.org

Highlights

Early January

School has just started, but the children are still feeling very blessed from Christmas. They were given so much they decided they would like to give some of their gifts to other children who are in need. They also picked out clothes that were still in a good condition. At the end of the day, they had gathered a suitcase of clothes and a suitcase of toys along with some some basic needs. Three of our children went as our representatives together with our Home Parents to visit and give these gifts to a little orphanage in the city of Denpasar.



What a great way to start the Year of 2011!

Mid January

The same person, Mr. Ichwantoro Ludya, who donated our cement mixer sent few of his staff to give us another donation - a mulcher to grind the organic food for our free-range chicken farm. This lightens our gardener's load and also makes the job easier for our children on their farming workshop day to feed our chicken with the leftover veggies we get donated from the local market.



Thank you Pak Ichwan, this is much appreciated!

3rd February

Chinese New Year - all the kids with red shirts on went to a Cultural Village "KERTALANGU", to experience fishing, horse riding and sight seeing.

Our children get to spend their Christmas and New year's gifts on whatever they'd like to do at the Cultural Village; whether its fishing; horse riding; chasing ducks; catch catfish and much more. Most of the boys chose to do fishing and the girls do horse riding. Then they also eat the fish that they catch at the village after it's been grilled.



The girls horse riding on Chinese New Year.



Sitting down to eat the fish the boys had caught.

7th February

The children gave me a surprise for my (Siska) 30th Birthday. It was great that Chef Yo was also there to cook special meals for the us all.

10-11 February

Dallas Brown (Project Manager) came for 2 full months to supervise the building project. The project is progressing very fast and it's great to have him around to make sure that everything is properly built to the best standard possible.

See the BUILDING PROJECT on the back page for more details.

The very next day our IT & Workshops Manager, Steve McDonald came back for 3 weeks to keep everything updated with our website, workshops and also all the promotion tools that we needed. Sadly, we missed Kate and Little Noah and hoping to have them back in August this year.

23-28 February

Our 9 months old little girl, Asia, had to be taken to the emergency room, as she seemed very weak and hardly breathing. After the x-ray and blood check, it was found that she suffered Bronchopneumonia. She was put on a drip, given inhalant twice a day and also had to go through physiotherapy with suction through her mouth. After 6 days at the hospital her condition improved and the doctor gave us permission to go home and keep her under treatment for the next few weeks. We are very grateful that she is all fine now and very happy.



Siska and Asia in hospital.

1-21 March

Brad left for a Visa Run to Australia where he was also invited to speak at schools and other institutions in NSW.

5th March

As usual, every year we celebrate THE NYEPI DAY (The day of silence) in Bali. With the majority people here in Bali devoted to Hinduism, we experience complete silence for 24 hours and darkness for almost 12 hours. It was very peaceful and quiet. This was also the first time our Project Manager, Dallas Brown, had experienced Nyepi. He said that he enjoyed the peace of the island and spending some time to appreciate the beauty of creation.

This is what the NYEPI DAY is about, to celebrate the triumph of Dharma (Kindness) in devotion of wisdom, and not of arrogance, full of pride and wars. And to share your love and peaceful insights to the world.



Dallas enjoying Nyepi day.



Ogoh-ogoh.

Late March

The LITTLE MIRACLE's team has come back for the second time to bring new lessons for our English Workshop. 6 months after Sue Bateman & Sally Battersby came to start the scheme, Sue returned with one of little miracle's young teachers, Brianna, and her son Michael. Sally has put together a video and materials for the next level of English to teach our children not only to teach them reading it but most importantly to teach them how to listen and comprehend it.



Little Miracles english lessons.

This time there were a lot more fun games for our children to learn, with some action music that even made the adults who heard it want to dance. Sue & Brianna are doing great in teaching our children together with Uncle Michael.

We are hoping this system will continue to help our children to speak the language fluently and enhance their future prospects.

Thank you Little Miracles!



Little Miracles english lessons.

Other Highlights

- Wira & Gede have just started to learn surfing with one of the local surfer.
- Putu & Richard also joining the soccer club in Jimbaran.
- Hot Water System was also donated by again Mr. Ichwantoro. He said this water system is for the future home.
- Aquaponic is running a little slower as we are needing an expert volunteer to teach us on how to run this system successfully as we are hoping once we mastered it, we'd like to implement it at our new facility.
- The lead vocal of VENGABOYS from Europe named Kim came to Bali Life and taught the children some modern dance.



Dance lessons with Kim from the Vengaboys.



Surfing lessons.

Needs...

- Due to the coming semester in June, we are in need of Notebooks for our children to go to school.
- Textbooks for Elementary School (SD Grade 1-6) & Junior High School (SMP, Grade 7-9), which we can get it in Bookshop of the Local Dept. Store such as physic, math, English, chemistry, etc.
- Second hand & descent clothing for age between 5-15 are very needed.



New Children's Home

Contributed by Dallas Brown (Project Manager)

The first three months of 2011 have seen much progress on the new home for our children.

Except for the permanent staircase, all the structural concrete work has been completed. This is a great milestone, considering the challenges of pouring concrete during the wet season! Much of the internal and external rendering has been completed.

All structural work has been built to exacting specifications. With recent world events being a reminder, it is a relief to know we have done all we can to keep our children safe if a damaging earthquake should strike Bali.

Roof purlins have been installed on Phase 1 and preparing to be installed on Phase 2. We are now ready to order the roofing.

Ground floor window and doorframes have been installed and are ready to be bricked in.

Some time has been spent following up on offers of donated materials and goods for the project. These are items of a higher quality than would otherwise be available on our budget, so this is a real blessing. However, the delay in dealing with companies

overseas has put some elements of the construction a little behind. Other elements are way ahead; so overall we are very close to schedule.

Funding Progress

Please note: All prices in US\$, price fluctuations due to changing exchange rates and increases in construction costs.

Phase 1 - \$77,000

Housing for existing children and staff including temporary kitchen and dining facilities.

FULLY FUNDED!!

Phase 2 - \$77,000

Housing for an additional 20-30 children.

FULLY FUNDED!!

Phase 3 - \$180,000

Kitchen and dining area for the children, offices and private staff accommodation.

Phase 4 - \$51,000

Education and training facilities

Phase 5 - \$140,000

Community Centre

Access Road, Car Parks, Landscaping, Services and Permits - \$64,000



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