



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

Kids updates

School has just started again this July. After 4 weeks of long holiday, they were excited to get back. The holiday was filled with many positive activities. We had the Dayspring team from Sydney come to volunteer and spend a lot of fun time with our children. One week, 10 of the older children were taken to Bali Tree Top Adventure Park where they worked through circuits of high wires, monkey bars and flying foxes. Some of the boys even attempted the hardest circuit, they did well. A few of them didn't make it though, not because they were not brave enough to go through it but only because they were too small to face the hardest obstacle.

The following week, Dayspring spoiled the other 10 of the younger children to Bali Fun World, where they have so much fun playing as many games they like. It was great to see the children filling their holiday with positive things and we are so thankful for the visit of Dayspring Team from Sydney.

Dika Goes to Formal School

Awesome news about Dika; we thought he wouldn't make it this year but at the very last minute one of the private, formal schools from our area accepted him to be their student at Grade 7. Dika was so excited and couldn't wait to taste formal school because now he can hang out and have many friends the same age as he is. At the previous informal school he attended to get his 6th Grade certificate, he was with students age 25-65 years old!

Dika is such a smart and very friendly kid. Within a month of schooling, he was appointed to be class captain, Boy Scout's leader and invited to many more activities. He is sure loved by the teachers and friends.



Other News

Opa & Oma Hagenaar

The Grandpa for Bali Life Kids! He has been coming regularly to Bali Life for the last 2 years and our children and staffs love to have him around. Oma Terese also came and joined Opa Rob for couple of weeks. Opa Rob Hagenaar keeps everyone busy and he is such a great help in many aspects of house maintenance and in spending quality time with our children and staffs. He also led a number of volunteer teams who had all generously and humbly given their time and effort to help Bali Life, mainly with the Building Project. And also for the second time, he supplied our freezer with over 100kgs of Pork!

He stayed for 2 months this time and worked side by side with Brad and our Project Supervisor, Dallas Brown. Many things were accomplished which helped us a lot in so many ways. Rob & Dallas also worked together to supervise Volunteers in Action at the Project Site. Thanks Opa Rob. We would love to see you again sometime next year!

New Team Member



Meet Emily Debenham, a great Volunteer from Sydney, Australia. Through our relationship with Dayspring, Emily came last year with the volunteer team. And not only Bali Life but also Bali in general has captured her heart and steered her passion to serve the children of Bali, Indonesia.

Emily started in July 2011 and would like to commit until Dec 2011. She runs the English program twice a week at Bali Life and now she is appointed to be the Volunteers Coordinator for Bali Life.

Our children love her very much. She is very gifted in many things and she is also very creative in a lot of ways. Emily helps in any way she can, which has lightened some of the load on the team. We are very thankful to have her in Bali Life.

Emily will go back to Australia on Christmas and will re-commit herself for Bali for the longer term in from 2012.

Independence Day

This time we celebrated simply with our big family in the front yard. The older children arranged the games and prizes for the independence party. Yes, on 17 August 2011, we celebrated being free from colonialism for 66 years. Our prayer and hope is to see Indonesia to be a better country for its people and beyond.



Layang-Layang on Independence Day

Pig Farm

We have just started a pig farm supported by a couple from Europe. Opa Rob and some of our children built a little shed for the pigs. After the shed done built, he went with Pak Eko to buy 5 pigs all aged 2 months old. KARMA KANDARA Resorts supply the food scraps for our pigs daily, which is collected by our staff regularly. We are aiming to feed our cattle organically.



The Little's New Addition

Yes, We (Brad and Siska) are having our 4th baby probably as this newsletter is released. We are excited but also nervous, as it will be Siska's 4th Caesarean section. We are booked in on 9th October 2011, a great way to remember the baby's birthday (9.10.11) . Please pray for safe delivery, a healthy baby and mommy and a quick recovery. Our daughters, the three musketeers, can't wait to meet the new addition to the family.

Volunteers in Action

MTC – Coffs Harbour

These young people ran a woodwork project with our kids. Each of our kids received wooden toys that they needed to assemble and paint. The girls built dollhouses with all the furniture and each of the boys received a truck, a bus or a van to work on. All of them were delighted to do the woodwork. The team also gave their time to produce bricks at the Project Site.

YWAM

For a few days a YWAM team came to help out in producing hundreds of bricks at our project site. These bricks will be used to build a future bio-system water tank for Bali Life.

LISA EUSTACE

Lisa worked side by side with Emily Debenham to run our English Workshops. Our children have improved so much with their supervision and passion. They have taught our children many more lessons to help them develop their confidence to speak the language. Em & Lisa also took the girls big for a day out at Nusa Dua, the girls just loved it, they skateboarded, rode bikes, and also swam at the beach. At the end of her trip, Lisa also kindly donated 8 brand new skateboards for our children. They were all so stoked to receive them and just love using the boards almost everyday. Thank you Aunty Lisa.

LITTLE MIRACLE

For the second time this year Little Miracle's team came to implement their technique in teaching the children English. Not only in teaching how to read and comprehend English but also to prepare the older ones so they can be teachers for the little ones. It was 5 days of English workshops and the kids had a lot of fun in learning English. Little Miracles were amazed at how quick our children were in learning English as their 2nd Language.

VETTERHOEFFER FAMILY

This family came from France and worked with our children for a couple of days during their visit. Mrs. Vetterhoeffer had a chance to make apple tart and teach the children how to make it. For the first time our children also get to enjoy the very brand new Water Park, which is very close to Bali Life. Together with all of our staffs, the family generously took them out for fun at the Water Park. Thank You Vetterhoeffers!!

DELPHINE BERNARD & Friends

A professional and gifted abstract painter spent the afternoon teaching our children on how to use the tools and materials around us to paint an abstract painting. Also on the same day she painted a beautiful picture on one big canvas we provided and donated the painting, which now can be seen in Bali Life Family Room. Thank you Delphine.





New Children's Home

Contributed by Dallas Brown (Project Manager)

July was a very busy month for our building project. Our Project Manager has come back to supervise the new home's progress. Volunteers from Australia installed the roof, including guttering to collect our roof water. We had previously installed large underfloor tanks to store rainwater collected during the wet season for use throughout the year. It is a relief to know rain will not slow progress any longer.

It was a real blessing to have Toby Uglow, a professional painter from Australia, donate his time to come and help us out. Toby toiled for 3 weeks, painting while also supervising a large team of volunteers from Hope Valley Uniting Church. The painting was all but completed during this time.

Hope Valley and BaliCare generously donated quality paint for the job. This saving on labour and materials was a huge help to our limited budget.

Our energetic team of volunteers also joined Rob Haggengar from Australia in manufacturing concrete blocks and constructing our septic tank. Thanks guys for completing a not-so-glamorous but essential part of our children's home.

We would like to sincerely thank Reece Plumbing Taree Australia for their generous donation of all the plumbing fittings to fit out our

4 bathrooms. The Hope Valley team were a huge help in transporting these items from Australia.

Work continued by our local tradespeople after our volunteers all returned home. We are now very close to completion of stages 1&2.

We look forward to the funds becoming available to commence stage 3 which will complete our children's new home.

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



Toby Uglow and some of the building team.



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