



# 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](mailto:info@balilife.org)

## Thank you!

This season has been filled with blessings in so many ways for the children and for the foundation itself.

We want to take this opportunity to be grateful to the One who is so faithful in guiding and protecting us. Grateful for the breath we exhale and inhale, our health, our loved ones, the people around us and the communities we live in. Being grateful helps us to be cheerful in the face of life's difficulties.

## Sustainability Project

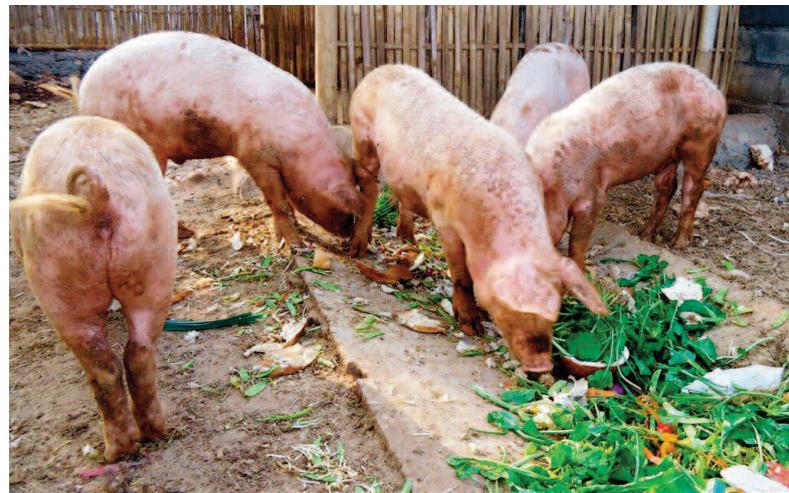
Bali Life continues its farm and agriculture project. We now have access to a resort's food scraps and have started a daily pick up that helps to feed our pigs, chickens, and is used for compost.

The aquaponic trial is also getting good results and there are plans to enlarge the system.

Chickens continue to provide daily eggs for the home and make a small profit from the extras that we sell to community.

The pigs are fat enough to eat and we are looking for a local butcher to do the dirty work and fill up our freezer for 2012. Pigs are proving to be a good investment due to our supplies of fresh food scraps, we buy them for AU\$50 and after 6 months they are worth \$200-250. This idea has helped us to fill our freezer with meat.

The Government has supported us by sending USD 2,100 for the children's food for the year. When they came to visit, they showed interest on our sustainability program and offered help when needed. We are looking forward to working together with the government in order to create opportunities for our children in the future. Thank you for helping!



# Promised Land

5 years ago, we bought the food to supply our kitchen from the market rather than putting a lot of effort into something that would require a lot of investment in time and money. Back then Bali Life only had 3 staff members and 8 children, so it was cheaper to buy from the market instead of planting, ploughing and maintaining agricultural land in a limestone area.

As time has gone by the Bali Life family has grown and will continue to get bigger when we move into the new home. The Sustainability Program has therefore become part of the big vision for Bali Life and we would like to see it become reality.

In October 2011, the Intercontinental Resort in Jimbaran responded to this vision and we are so blessed by their commitment to support our sustainability project by leasing 3,380m<sup>2</sup> of land for 20 years. We now have the extra space we need to start the program.

This land-lease will help us to build our own agriculture program including Aquaponics, vegetable garden, herb garden, fruit garden, chickens, pigs, and cows. This program will not only provide our own food supplies but will help train our children and the community in life skills and sustainability. The resort has also committed to supply their food scraps for our farm and for composting. This is our Promised Land for the Sustainability Program!

In November 2011 Intercontinental's GM and staff come together with our children for the first time to see the land. We had a meal together to celebrate the hand over. The following week many more staff from the resort came and worked with our children to clean up the Promised Land from weeds and rubbish. What a solid team!!!

Thank you Intercontinental Resorts.

Bali Life is now going to start putting a plantation fence around the land and also design a professional landscaping layout for the Agriculture Plan.



# Volunteers in Action

## HELEN PALEY

While her husband Tom Palmer played the Rugby Union World Cup in New Zealand; she spent her holiday week with the children by doing cooking, teaching English, art/craft and also pampering them (especially the girls!) and staff with a tailor made salon at Bali Life. Thank you Helen, it was very special and the girls were so flattered as you have made them look so beautiful.

## COFFS HARBOUR CCS STUDENTS, AUSTRALIA

They have worked very hard refreshing our current home's painting. It feels a lot more cosy now as it's re-painted, no more hand prints, dark spots and old looking paint. Thank you NCMTCC.

## THE RODRIGUEZ FAMILY (SHAUN, RACHELL AND JORDAN)

Organised a one-day workshop to teach our children singing (by Shaun & Rachell) and Modern Dance (by Jordan who is a young actor and dancer from Australia). The children felt so glad to learn both activities and thank you for sharing your hearts and passion with the Bali Life Children.

# Christmas News

Invitations are given, gifts are everywhere, and hearts are delighted!

Our children have enjoyed a great Christmas. Grand Hyatt-Rotary Nusa Dua treated the children just like prince and princesses, gifts were sent from across the country through Dayspring Australia, Finance Dept-Intercontinental came to have a great lunch with us and also gave gifts to the children, Allia Villas Uluwatu took the children shopping for what they needed for school and of course also for things they dream to have, and Karma Kandara for the nice Christmas evening. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Though they were given lots of gifts, they didn't forget their community and friends. They started giving out traditional hampers to our neighbourhood, especially the ones that needed help the most with primary needs.

Thank you for being so joyfully giving during this beautiful season and we do wish you all the best.

On Christmas Day, our children requested a picnic. So, they chose to go to KERTALANGU, a mini village, where the children got fishing and then to cook it for Christmas lunch. They felt so content with their fish that they caught and satisfied that they could also eat it.

New Year's evening was crowded everywhere in Bali, so we decided to stay home out of the bad traffic. Pak Eko and Ibu arranged a nice event for the children. The children invited their school friends to come and join a remarkable evening. So many kids turned up, and some parents also came and joined in. We put on a chicken barbecue at the home, played games and also got to watch fireworks going off nearby.

The excitement kept the children awake until 3am to welcome in 2012. It was truly a remarkable night.

We are very thankful for all the generosity that has been shown toward our children and foundation during the last year. We know that we can't mention all your names, but we truly appreciate your love, care and continual support toward Bali Life Foundation.



Lastly the Bali Life Family would like to wish you...

*A joyful Christmas 2011  
& a blessed  
New Year 2012*



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