

Newsletter

October - December 2012

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Another year has come to an end at Balilife and as we look back, we can see incredible moments of happiness, excitement, joy as well as moments of wonder and awe and a few moments of sadness.

One of these moments is our goodbyes to our incredible house parents of five years, Pak Eko and Ibu Norma and their daughter Carin. As a family they have made the decision to move into a new field of work in their home Island of Sumatra. We want to honour the incredible dedication, hard work and heart filled love they have given us and the children in their time here at Balilife. We wish them all the best and release them into their new endeavours. We will miss them greatly as I'm sure many of you who have had the privilege to meet them, will also. Thankyou for everything you have given us Pak Eko, Ibu Norma and Carin.



Graduation

One of our current staff members, Ika was able to graduate this year from her college of IT. After all her hard work as well as working full time at the home deserves a big, Well Done Ika!!



New Staff...

We would like to introduce to you some new staff who have joined our team!

Mai

Mai is 24 years old and from West Java. Mai has a background in youth work and administration. She has brought a fresh perspective on many things and the children are loving having her in the home. Thanks Mai for joining our team, we are very excited to have you here.



Evi

Evi is 21 years old and from Sumatra. Evi brings with her an incredible enthusiasm for life and has shown to already be a great worker with the younger children, being involved in games, craft and anything necessary. Thanks to Evi for being a part of Balilife.



Hendrik

Hendrik works in our pig farm on the new property. He also helps with the food scraps project. Hendrik is also Anis's brother and is 17 years old from Jemver, East Java also.



Ibu Tina & Pak Jen

Ibu Anis is our new cook at the home. Her role is to feed all the children and staff on a daily basis. Ibu Anis is married to Pak Jen who works in the gardens at Balilife also. Anis and her husband are from Jember, East Java. They also have a 6 year old son.



Ibu Tina & Pak Rahman

Ibu Tina also works in our kitchen as a cook. Ibu Tina is married to Pak Rahman who works on our farming project at Balilife. Ibu Tina and Pak Rahman are from Madura, Java and have two children.



End of Year Events!

Our deepest and heartfelt thanks to all our visitors and volunteers over the last year and especially in the last few months. Our children have many wonderful memories now they can cherish as they grow older.

Jenggala

Big thanks to Jenggala for giving our kids a great time at their workshop 'Paint a pot'. The kids were invited for a special afternoon of painting and decorating as well as being provided with individual gifts to take home. Everyone had a fantastic time, Masterpieces in the making!

www.jenggala.com





Christmas Eve at Karma Kandara

Karma Kandara Resort

We would like to thank Karma Kandara Resort for their Christmas Eve party they hosted for our children. Not only did we get a visit from Santa and beautiful gifts but our children and staff received an amazing banquet of delicious food.

www.karmakandara.com

Shopping Day

Much to the excitement of our children here at Balilife, Alila Villas took everyone out on a shopping day. Each child were able to choose clothes, shoes or toys to purchase and take home to wrap up ready for Christmas day. Thanks to all the Alila staff who took the time out to spend with our children and make the day so much fun!

Annual Christmas Event!

Organised together by Rotary and the Grand Hyatt, many children's homes in Bali including Balilife were given an amazing Christmas party! They were given a beautiful meal and gifts of a backpack with things in it such as t-shirts,

sweets, pencils & notebook. Thanks so much for creating this exciting day!

www.rotarybali.org

www.bali.grand.hyatt.com

Soft Opening

On December the 28th we had the soft opening of our new home and a celebration of the Christmas gift that is the new home. On the day we had 40 guest and Bali Life family welcome the children and celebrate the new home with them. The Christmas bow was cut and the children ran into the home to find their future rooms. We all then shared a meal together and special times. The kids are all very excited for the big move in mid February.

A big thank you to Allila who did much work to get this day happening. They were a big help with landscaping, cleaning and catering on the day. Also we would like to thank Bernhard Weber and family for decorations and gifts. It was a very exciting and fun day celebrating the future at Bali Life.
<http://www.alilahotels.com/uluwatu>



Our Soft Opening with Alila Hotels

Dayspring Gifts

Many thanks to Dayspring church in Sydney, Australia for their generous Christmas gifts and the time they took to create and send encouraging letters to all our children and staff. There were many excited faces opening their bags and we were all made to feel very special!

Christmas on the Streets

This Christmas, Balilife kids and staff headed to the streets giving out donated gifts of food, milk, a toy and educational activities to show them what Christmas giving is all about. It was encouraging to see our kids showing compassion and passing on hope of a different way of life.



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New Years Eve

Going out in style, we took all the staff and Balilife Kids to a villa in Sanur for a three day holiday of swimming, fireworks and games! The night of New Years Eve we all packed into the bus and headed down to Sanur beach to watch an incredible display of local fireworks counting in the New Year!

Thankyou again to everyone who has put Balilife on their hearts and minds this year and we look forward to starting another year with hope, dignity and purpose.

Building Fundraiser Updates

As you may have known that we did fundraise event last November to the finishing of the new home, so we can give it to the children on Christmas 2012. We have reached our goals in raising the funds and this has enable us to finish the new home with joy and we'd like to give our appreciation to:

1. ILC Singapore and Weber Family.
2. Josh Graham – Queensland, Australia.
3. Blue Illusion – Australia
4. Dayspring Church Sydney
5. Brennan Family – Lennox Head Australia.
6. Little miracles, P. Crocker, Plush Family and others.

Thank you once again on the behalf of Bali Life children and as we come into the new path of journey, Bali Life Family would like to say ;

May all the best be reached through your journey,
May all the obstacles be defeated
And may the triumph come to your path

"Happy New Year
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BRANCH ADDRESS FOR BOTH ACCOUNTS: Westpac, 1 Harbour Dr, Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450.

Indonesia - **BANK ADDRESS:** Bank Mandiri, KCP Nusa Dua Amenity. **ACCOUNT NAME:** Yayasan Bukit Kehidupan Ungasan
ACCOUNT DETAILS: ACC# 145 00 0643024 9, **SWIFT CODE:** BMRIIDJA