



## Newsletter

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### Moving House

It was with a house full of smiles and happy children that we moved in to the new Bali Life home in the middle of February! A lot of work went in to getting this home ready for the children and we want to thank all of those people who helped both in big and small ways. The move went very smooth and all of the house occupants were settled in quickly. The children were so excited about their new rooms and happily and quickly adapted to the new environment and new routines. May it be a safe haven for more disempowered, yet precious children here in Bali.



### Rob and Terese Hagenaar

We would like to make a special thank you to Rob and Terese Hagenaar for living and helping in Bali Life for the three months that Brad and Siska Little were in Australia. Their extensive and thorough efforts of landscaping, organising, sheet making, sorting, assisting, guiding, just to name a few, did certainly not go unnoticed. We could not have prepared the home and moved the children in without them and we want to personally extend a HUGE thank you to them.

Thanks to Rob Hagenaar's Landscaping who had designed and organised the completion of our Balinese garden. We are thankful for your hard work at making the home heavenly tropical.



## Easter

What a pleasure it was to hold our annual community Easter celebration in the new Bali Life home! The Easter celebration began with an epic and extremely complex Easter egg hunt with a prize for the golden egg and the most eggs collected! It also consisted of games, music, stories, drama, bracelet making, painting of eggs, cakes, prizes and finished with an Easter gift to take home! Many smiles and laughter were present on the day and much fun was had! Thanks all Bali Life staff for helping make this special celebration such a success! It was also an honour to share Easter with the women and children who work on the streets of Kuta. The street ministry team, along with some of our older children ventured to the streets and shared the Easter story, made gospel bracelets with them and gave out Easter presents, along with the usual rice packs and water. What a special time it was both for the team and the recipients!



## School Holidays

Adventurous is certainly a word that can be used to describe our school holidays over the Galungan Hindu festival and Easter period!! It began with a thrilling trip to Bedugul, including a boat ride on the lake, exploring the botanical gardens of Bali, a picnic in the gardens and of course eating freshly picked yummy strawberries! Throughout the holidays, the children also had their first try at paintball. Getting dressed up in the cameo outfits and shooting each other with paint was a real highlight of the holidays! Cooking, canoeing at the beach, bike rides, fishing, swimming, skateboarding and bowling were also enjoyed by the children in the holidays. We shared many fun and special moments together and enjoyed spending quality time together as a family!



## Nyepi

The annual Nyepi day is when the Hindu belief calls for all of Bali to shut down and have a silent day. This means, no bikes or cars on the roads and no lights are allowed to be used. Hard to believe isn't it! Well our Bali Life family enjoyed a day staying home watching a lot of movies, playing games together and spent some time in prayer together. It ended with a 'sleep over' in the lounge room altogether as a family!

## Little Miracles

Our Bali Life family certainly enjoyed our last visit from the Little Miracles team from Australia. The children and staff enjoyed an intensive week-long program learning and developing in their English skills. The program encompassed reading, comprehension and writing components and the children enjoyed some craft as well. The English skills of the children and staff certainly progressed through the program and they continue to practise it in the home and at school. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Little Miracles team for giving up your time and efforts and for your generosity in donating the new trampoline and stereo sound system to our home. They are certainly already well used. Thanks so much guys!



## New Staff

It is with pleasure that we introduce and welcome some of the new staff within our foundation!



### *Oma Kim*

Oma Kim is a mature lady with an extensive Cook background. She is the head cook of our kitchen and has been invaluable in helping to set up the new kitchen within our new Bali Life home. She is extremely talented in cooking and all of our Bali Life family are enjoying the yummy tastes that come from the kitchen.

The home really enjoy having Oma Kim here and benefit from the motherly love she displays within the foundation. Welcome Oma Kim!



### *Mbak Rovi*

Mbak Rovi joins us from Java and is currently fulfilling the role as cook and helping hand in the kitchen also. Her quiet, gentle and friendly nature, along with her friendly and hard work ethic is valued within our home and we love having her around. Welcome Mbak Rovi!

### *Blue Illusion*

Blue Illusion has raised \$27,000 toward the completion of phase 3 of Bali Life Home and garden. Thank you for your continuous support and generosity in raising the funds for the home of many disadvantaged children.

### *Alila Villas Uluwatu*

We'd like to give an appreciation for Alila Uluwatu Villas for their long term partnership in providing our monthly basic needs, not only in materials but also financially through their donation collection program.

### *Alessandra Cherouh*

Thanks also to Alessandra Chertouh; our new volunteer who is willing to be our inventory supervisor. She has been a great help in sorting our storage that is full of materials and donations. Thank You.

### *Intercontinental Resort, Jimbaran*

At last we'd like to inform Intercontinental Resort Jimbaran, that through their support in funding our Self-Sustainability Project, we have been able to be more self sustainable in providing organic meat and vegetables for the children and staffs; also we have sold a few pigs which enables us to cover the cost of our farm for 2 months. Thank You.

### *Volunteers*

We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped with preparing or physically moving items within the new home. We would particularly like to thank the Harrigans family along with Sue Lockwood and Chris (Geezer) for all of their efforts with guttering, gardening, sheet making and many other tasks that they completed. We really appreciated their help.

## THANK YOU NOTES

### *Karma Kandara*

Karma Kandara has provided \$45,000 out of \$180,000 through Silent Auction Fundraiser Event toward the building project of children's home phase 3. We are thankful for your support.



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