



# 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)



## Highlights

*1 April*

Bali Life Kids were invited to a special event organised for Mr. Weber's 50th Birthday. He very generously raised funds for Bali Life building project through the party. Our children got to meet many people from different countries and also to perform one of our Traditional Dances, this time a Papua Dance from Irian Jaya. Through this special occasion, Mr. Weber has raised US\$ 5,000 which will be used directly toward our building project.

**We are very thankful for the generosity of Mr. Weber's family & friends who have kindly donated funds for Bali Life building project.**

*22 April*

We celebrated Kartini Day (21st April) and Easter together. Kartini was a great Indonesian woman who fought for gender equality in time of colonialism. Her heroic deedshave encouraged Indonesian women to emancipate their skills and knowledge in many aspects of life to contribute for the country.

Bali Life arranged an event for the 2 celebrations on 22nd April. We decorated the soccer field and the house with Batik Motifs,

hid some eggs, chocolates and candies and invited more than 40 children in the village to come and join the event. We had many activities that day; singing Ibu Kita Kartini, face painting, egg hunts and painting, and many more games. It was a fun day.

*23 April*

Earth Day - about 30 children from the Breakthrough project iin Denpasar came to learn about our farm and agriculture. Our children who are all responsible for different aspects of the farm, such as the chicken farm and vegetable garden, got to teach these city children on how to do it too. They were all passionate to learn, our children were also very confident in teaching them. They taught the children how to plant a vegetables and how to look after the chicken farm. Not only in theory, but also in practise they learned to plough, plant, water and nurture the farm.

In the afternoon, the Bali Life kids tested the Breakthrough children on all the theory and practical activities that they had done during the day. It was great to see this future generation working together without boundaries; each of them knowing how to give respect and valuing each other.

**HAPPY EARTH DAY!**

27 April

R.O.L.E Foundation invited our children to an eco-learning day out at their centre which has a wide-range of facilities and Eco-activities. Our children got to see and learn about agriculture, recycling, and also got to taste traditional herbal drinks. It was a great eco-trip for Bali Life Kids. **Thanks R.O.L.E.**



Learning about recycling with ROLE

1 May 2011

The Rotary Club in Nusa Dua invited our children to a Tennis Clinic on Sunday Morning with Pure Tennis. It was the very first time our children have experienced playing tennis. It was a great day with great people, great sport, great lunch and great coaches. **Thanks to Rotary, Pure Tennis and Westin Resort for the opportunity to learn Tennis.**



Tennis lessons with the Rotary Club in Nusa Dua

# Kids updates

End of May

Our children had their last examination. They were a little bit nervous but confident to face it. Intan was accepted into Junior High School (Grade 7), but unfortunately Dika who has been studying at the informal school this year cannot apply to formal school until next year. We are hoping that we won't have the same drama in getting him into the formal school next year.

Dika had to go to Informal school because he had never been school before coming to us. He has been on the street for as long as he can remember. Informal school is part of government's solution to provide education for anyone who'd like to get a certain certificate from primary up to grade 12. Dika at the moment is taking Informal School-Package A (Grades 1-6), once he can get through the test and obtain the certificate, based on his age, he can continue on to the formal school (Grades 7-12) with all the other children his age. Dika is a very smart and talented kid, he speaks English well now and also plays the drums and guitar.



Dika

Mid June

Our children had their 4 week holiday from mid June to mid July. They filled their time with positive activities - helping out around the house, learning music, farming & gardening. They also went for a picnic within their school just before the holiday started.

Other activities they did were:

## Bayer Team

The Bayer team visit was unique, there were about 20 people in the team from many different countries; Indonesia, Australia, German, Spain, Korea, Malaysia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, China and the Philippines. After touring around the farm and garden; each of them was challenged by the children to sing a song in their language and to dance with the children. It was such a United Nations fun day! Bayer team also had a great dinner together with our staffs and children. **Thank you for your visit.**

## Surfer Girl

Surfer Girl organised a fun day at the beach with free surfing lessons put on by Odyssey School of Surf. The children loved it and were excited to learn how to surf. Many of them were able to stand up on a soft-top board. Thanks to Surfer Girl and Odyssey School for the chance they gave our children to learn this challenging sport. Please check out <http://id.surfer-girl.com/blog/surfing-is-fun-with-bali-life-foundation/>



## Dayspring Team

The Dayspring team from Australia, took 10 of the older children to Tree Top Adventure Park at Bedugul Botanical Garden. They straightway tried the red & black circuit, which were the hardest. We could see all of them trying hard to get through the obstacles and facing their fear, they were all encouraging each other to keep going until the finish line on the long flying fox. Great to see Dayspring and the children working together as one team to finish the last circuit that day.

## Durian Night

'Smell like Hell but Taste like Heaven', that's how many people especially Indonesian or Asian describe this fruit. It has very spiky skin and distinctive odour but filled with creamy and tasty flesh of fruit, some love it but others hate it. Bali Life Kids and Staffs love this fruit, it's the durian season, the kids just finished their last test; the long school holiday started; so it's the time to enjoy it; the children deserve to have a treat! Our staff decided to buy more than 20 durian; the children were cheering happily for the decision and were very excited when Pak Eko brought out the fruit in the front yard and they all have a Durian Party!

## Other News

### Peru Trek

The Peru Trek by 10 women from Coffs Harbour, NSW, Australia has raised more than AU\$ 17,000.00 for our building funds. We are so thankful for their hard-walk & work for a great cause to build a future home for 60 children in Bali, Indonesia.

To read more about their adventure and experience while they walk through Peru's jungle and it's astonishing views and people; please check it out on [http://www.balilife.org/newsitem/11-07-11/Peru\\_Trek\\_-\\_Reflections.aspx](http://www.balilife.org/newsitem/11-07-11/Peru_Trek_-_Reflections.aspx)



### Aquaponics

Our Aquaponics project has been moving forward, thanks to Membantu Project who sends their staff to help us run the system better. We are hoping that once this system runs professionally and successfully, it will be the first Aquaponic system set up in Bali and we would like to implement it at our future facility as one of our self-sufficient programs and workshops for children to learn the skill. We would like to see that this system would be a role model for other orphanages.



## New Children's Home

Contributed by Dallas Brown (Project Manager)

The building project has continued to make fairly good progress during the April to June quarter of 2011. All structural work has now been completed, including the roof frame. All window and doorframes have now been installed and internal and external render completed ready for painting.

A kind donation by BlueScope Steel has meant that we are able to install a longer-lasting, pre-painted, collarbone steel roof instead of the unpainted Zinalume roof we had budgeted on. However, the complications of confirming the order and arranging delivery of the roof have caused a delay, which has put the job about one month behind. We are now looking at a September finish for Phases 1 and 2. The roofing is now on site and will be installed during the first two weeks of July. A team of volunteers from Dayspring in Australia were a great help in preparing for the installation of the roof.

We are finding that following up on offers of donated materials and goods from Australia, has often lead to frustration and disappointment. Through requests to suppliers and manufacturers some high quality goods have been donated. However, the costs involved with transport and importation are often more than the goods are worth, so we can't afford to accept the goods offered

so kindly and in good faith.

Despite a few hiccups, the project is progressing smoothly and will be completed to a very high standard.

## 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 accomodation.

### 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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