



Newsletter

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Special thanks to Alila Villas, Uluwatu

In this news edition, we would like to especially thank Alila Uluwatu Villas for their continual support and genuine warmth and care toward our foundation. This August 2012, Alila has been continually giving basic needs (Oil, Rice, Sugar, Ketchups, Fruits, etc) donation every month. For 36 months, they have never failed in supplying the basic needs of Bali Life. The relationship we have, is not only to provide basic needs for the home but also to provide skills for our teenagers who'd like to experience work training such as Cookery, Hospitality and housekeeping in order to prepare them for their future.

We are very thankful for the efforts and generosity they have implemented in our foundation. We are also would specifically thank Mr. Brennan who has been very open in taking steps forward to help in any ways they can to contribute toward the children of Bali.

This September, Alila Uluwatu has just started Donation Program in their resort, which will be collected monthly and be donated to run Bali Life Children's Home. As a private non-profit organisation, we are relying not only to the local government but also mostly on local community and individual support. These supports will help us to continually able to give help toward unprivileged children and community of Indonesia. ALILA has managed to gather over \$3,000 through their donation program within 2 months (September and October), and we are very thankful to each of their guests.

Once again thank you ALILA's TEAM for the quick response and action you have taken to support the live of our children and continually giving them the chances to experience valuable skills as their future provision to face the world of professionalism.



**You can view
a video about our
partnership with Alila here -
<https://vimeo.com/52667431>**

Our world here at Balilife over the last few months has been full of busyness and excitement! We have been back at school, studying for exams and welcoming many guests and visitors into our home on a regular basis. We have also been privileged to have many volunteers interested in being involved in various parts of our foundation and working with our children. It is an important aspect of our work here at Balilife and we are forever grateful for the interest, support and many hours donated from generous people around the globe.

EVENTS

Independence Day

Independence day is a very important day in Indonesia because it is celebrated when Indonesia became an independent nation in 1945. At Balilife we celebrated by decorating our bikes, face painting, playing relay games and having a drawing competition. All had much fun.

Intercontinental Turtles

In September, Intercontinental Resorts Bali, invited us to be a part of their program releasing young turtles back into the ocean. All the children were able to release a turtle each and watch it swim away into the water! Intercontinental then generously provided a delicious spread of food for everybody overlooking the beach. Many Thanks being sent out!

Projects



Street Project

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After much preparation and anticipation the street van went out for its maiden voyage six weeks ago through Kuta. Our first trip saw us meeting with 8 children and their Ibu's (mums). This number has quickly increased and last Thursday we met with forty children and their Ibu's and if we hadn't ran out of food we could have met with up to eight to fifteen more people.

We have been going out Monday and Thursday nights in a

Independence Day Celebrations



Turtle release

small group of four including our newest employee Andrew, our good friend and fellow Bali Life staff member named Emily and ourselves. We enjoy our team and have quickly bonded and work together well. We love being able to bless the children of Kuta together.

We head to the street around 7:30pm and give out food packs and water to the Ibu and children and we sit down and chat with them while they eat. We often play games with the children, which is a lot of fun and brings a good smile and lots of laughter! Relationships are building fast and we are starting to get to know the regulars very well. They are so thankful for the food that they are given and the time they get to spend with us. We are meeting many children who have a variety of different backgrounds and stories. It is exciting to meet with and help these people but coupled with this there is a deep sadness in our hearts at what we see.

We are currently in the final stages of our survey period before we can put together a program for the following year and take it to the social department for approval. We are discovering a variety of different needs on the streets and want to develop a good program to help educate these people in thinking of a different way of life for themselves and their children. We are encouraged by what is happening and are excited about where the future will take this street project.

Documentary

Balilife has been very fortunate to have filmmaker Erik Smith, from Los Angeles, California volunteering at our home as well as filming for the documentary. Erik originally came to Balilife two years ago while on a surf trip to the area and fell in love with the children at Balilife and everything that Balilife was doing. Erik has brought a dynamic energy to our team connecting with the kids and sharing his musical skills as well as organising volunteers from the local area to help make bricks for our new site. Erik has been willing to jump into anything we ask of him, including construction, cleaning and helping around the foundation. You can check out some of the videos Erik has made showing the support that local resorts have been giving Balilife at facebook.com/Balilifedocumentary or on his website jarformythoughts.com



Erik Smith

New Staff Members

We are privilege to have on board, our newest staff member Andrew Tapilatu, from the Islands of Maluku, Indonesia. Andrew comes with a surplus of experience working with street kids, teaching in slums and soccer coaching for the local Jimbaran children. Andrew has a huge heart for children and has had extensive training through YWAM organisation that he volunteered in for the last six years. Andrew will be a part of our Street Kids program and mentoring the boys at Balilife. It is a huge asset to have him on board. As mentioned earlier we are fortunate to have an amazing Australian couple join our team. Steve and Nicole Crocker come from Adelaide, Australia with a heart for the children

and widows of Bali. They have been married for six years and were both full time teachers in Australia. They have been working hard to get our new street program running and are excited about their future here in Bali with Bali Life.



Building Project Update

Progress on the home had slowed down a bit while we waited on the arrival of the roofing material. Integrity New Homes, Australia has continually supplied the roof for the 3 phases of our building project, thank you INH. Our Australian Builder Dallas Brown has come back from Australia came over to install the roof and with the help of Jackson (A young carpenter from Australia) and Erik (our resident film maker) the roof was on by the end of September. It is good to know that with the wet season fast approaching, work can progress without delay. Already tiling is well under way and plastering almost completed. With completion of Phase 3 expected by the end of the year, the home will be ready for the kids to move into.

In order to complete the building, we will need another US\$50,000 until the finishing stage. It seems almost impossible but we are still hoping to move in to the new home by Christmas.



Life Story Workshop

As part of our workshops here at Balilife we have been focusing on telling our stories. During August and September we are running a program called "My Story". The purpose of this workshop is to work with the children in the area of identity, understanding reasons for them being unable to live with their birth family, provide a narrative of their life to assist with children remembering dates and events that may otherwise be confused in their minds and creatively creating a photo album for each child to be able to take with them when they leave the home.

Teams

Little Miracles

Little Miracles, one of our regular volunteer teams from Australia travelled across the seas in July and was able to spend a fun filled week with us teaching English, playing games and learning about the 2012 Olympics! This time they donated 7 bicycles for our children. Thankyou Little Miracles we look forward to having to visit again.

Little Miracle together with a group of amazing primary teachers came back in October with a set of curriculum to help us run our weekly Star Kids Club. They have fundraised over AU\$1,000.00 to donate 4 sewing machine which will be used to give more skills to the girls and also to equip the widows with children.

Hope Valley

In July we had two teams visit from Hope Valley Uniting Church in Adelaide Australia. They came to help us get a good start on our new chicken enclosure. Over the two teams they spent 5 days digging limestone, mixing cement, moving soil, making bricks and laying bricks. Their help was much appreciated and the new chickens are very happy in their new home.



The Hope Valley Team

Strathalby Christian College, Perth

Students age 10-15 have gathered to visit Bali Life and to give their time and hard work to serve our foundation. They produced bricks to build our self-sustainability projects and also spending some time playing at our children's home. They have shown such humility and servant hearts while volunteering at Bali Life Home. Thank you for your visit and donations.

October Building Fundraiser Events

As mentioned above, we are still in need of another \$50,000 to finish our home and we have launched a fundraiser's video <http://www.balilife.org/50k.aspx>. We are so blessed many people around the world has responded very positive and take parts in raising this funds, in order to finish the home by Christmas. As the funds is still coming in bit by bit, we now able to continue the project and are still counting the results of the fundraisers and we believe by mid-November we will reached \$50,000.00 and YES, we can't wait to hand over the home to our current children and more to come.



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