



# Newsletter

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## SPECIAL EDITION!!

We are loving our new home!! It is noticeable in the smiles, laughter and joy we can see in the children as they jump on the trampoline, play games in the new library, build bike tracks in the front area of the home and do such a great job of keeping our home clean and tidy. Not only that, but it is also school holidays, which is always a fun time!

We have recently had test time for school and we are proud to announce that all our children have passed with flying colours. All the hard work, faithful homework and study and dedication from the staff to keep encouraging the children, has paid off. Well done to all!

## Renovations!

A big shout out goes to Mercedes-Benz, as they were generous enough to send us a big team of their staff from Australia to donate their time, efforts and over \$4,700.00 to helping us renovate our shed at the children's home and some areas of the farm. Thanks so much guys for your kind donation also to make our home possible! The children had a great time with you all and we love our new shed!!

Thanks also to Alila, who as always provided the most delicious meal for our guests and our home! Enak Sekali!



## Woodfire Pizza Oven

The kids are happy to have the Woodfire Pizza Oven in our Children's Home now, Thanks to Mr. Tony from Mamma Mia Pizza & Pasta Restaurant generously build the oven for the kids, and also our friends Bernie and Roland who involve and made this happen.



## New Kuta Golf Donation

Once again Bali Life has been chosen by New Kuta Golf as the one of the non profit organisation to receive donation through Charity Event "New Kuta Golf World Cup Tournament on 18th May 2013. New Kuta Golf donated Rp. 25.000.000,- to our foundation. Thank you New Kuta Golf for your generous giving.



## In the home

Since we moved into the new home, we were privileged to have our team members from the street kids and widows shelter project, Steve and Nicole, move into the home to help establish and set up as well as be present for the children while we are still waiting for more staff to join us. After the agreed three months, Steve and Nicole have moved out and Piter and his family have moved in! Let me introduce Piter... Our Newest Team Members!

### Piter

We would like to give a big welcome to Piter Panjaitan. Piter will be taking on the new Role as Director of Balilife and has arrived at Balilife with a fresh wave of enthusiasm, talent and dedication to keep strong our vision of Purpose, Dignity and hope for all our children. Piter has a wife and two small children of his own, who are now already a special part of the bigger Balilife family! We look forward to continuing to move forward under Piter's skilled navigation and fill our home with more of the beautiful children of Indonesia.



### Sue

It is with pleasure that we welcome Susan Lockwood to Bali Life. Susan joins us from Queensland Australia to help set up and launch the new widow's shelter project of Bali Life. She comes to us with many years of experience working in social welfare, rehabilitation shelters and with disempowered women. We are excited to have her join our team and look forward to seeing her expertise come to good use in the Bali Life Foundation.



We will be starting renovating of the old children's home very soon to prepare for the opening of the Widows shelter! Stay posted!

Special thanks to Ken Jolly who has donated a Year rent to start the widows home (July 2013- July 2014)

## Volunteers to Join us!

Along with Susan, we are excited about the upcoming arrival of a team from Hope Valley Uniting Church in Adelaide, Australia. They will soon give up their time and put their painting skills to good use as they help to renovate the old Bali Life home, the location of the new widow's shelter. We are looking forward to their visit and helping hand to bring us closer to launch this important and special new project of Bali Life.

## Street Kids Project

It was with great joy that last month we were able to host at our Bali Life Children's Home some of the women and children that we regularly meet with as a part of our street program.

With great anticipation we picked them up from the streets and brought them to Bali Life to have a good night sleep and get some respite from the harsh, busy and dirty streets. On arrival at Bali Life, it was heart-warming to witness the welcoming attitude of the current children in our home. Within minutes, the new guests were all given showers and fresh clothes. They enjoyed a meal with us and then the rest of the evening was spent happily playing with the children and the toys at Bali Life. After a good night sleep at Bali Life, the families joined in with the routines of Bali Life and enjoyed spending time with our Bali Life family. That afternoon we returned them to the streets with some new belongings, a well-rested body and full stomachs. It was heart-wrenching to have to return them to the streets, however what a privilege it was to treat them with dignity and respect and to bless them for a night.

Throughout this time, it was exciting to discover that one of the mothers who Bali Life was the first ever widow Steve and Nicole met on the street, the one who was the motivation pioneer the new widow's shelter project. As we spoke with her about the upcoming launch of the new program, she was very enthusiastic to join our new shelter. How apt and what an honour it will be to have this precious woman join our shelter.

## Farewell from Emily & Andrew



Andrew and Emily are getting married!!! In July two of our team members will be celebrating their wedding day! Andrew has been on staff as a big brother role for our children since September last year. Andrew's heart is to see these kids grow in character, be empowered to be leaders of their generation. Emily has been volunteering with us for 2 years as a Children's counsellor and visitor's coordinator. Emily has been working with the children to build self-esteem, encourage strengths and develop resilience through art, play and creative expression. Emily's heart is to see the children become healthy, happy and empowered to live out their purpose and destiny.

Emily and Andrew will be starting a new chapter in life together and have made the decision to step back from Balilife and will be returning to Australia later this year for a period of time.

Its tears both our hearts to do this but I know the destiny of these little people will be incredible and as we make way for new people to be involved in their lives, we are allowing a community to do what a community needs to do. We will miss you all and have deeply valued our privilege to be a part of Balilife and the incredible staff and children here.' Emily & Andrew

## Farewell Our Founders & Directors

It has been an extraordinary journey, we have seen the continual growth of the foundation and during the time of building the home for the children, our vision has grown bigger and bigger. Each project has been developing surround the core of the foundation –CHILDREN- .

We founded Bali Life when our first daughter Caley was just 3 months old. We were just started a family and never thought to expand it expressly and we thought the vision was too big for us, but with the passion within us, working with a solid team and ultimately with God's help; nothing seems unreachable.

After 7 years of dedication, we are resigning as directors with great confidence into the new team, knowing that they are capable of overcoming any obstacles in order to grow more to reach the big picture of the foundation. Brad and I will be formally inactive by the end of July 2013, and it is time to introduce our new director Piter Panjaitan. Piter has come with an extensive management background and has a solid organisational perspective.

Together with the team, we have managed to assemble a very committed, competent and practical team that provide excellent support to the management team. This provides us with a sense of pride and gratitude that is indescribable.

We would like to thank every individual, company, fellow NGO/ NPO, government and not to forget the community who have lend their hands and fully committed in developing Bali Life Foundation. We couldn't have done this without you. We believe that there will be an exciting journey to experience even more within and beyond the foundation in order to help dis-advantage children and community to find hope, dignity and purpose.

As family we are heading to a new journey and our reason of leaving is based on personal matters. Brad will take us back to Australia and giving the chance to experience a new chapter of life together with our 4 beautiful daughters. We'd like to keep our friendship with all relation during our lives in Indonesia remain in touch. If you'd like to get in contact with us please update our email address into [bslitt.ozindo@gmail.com](mailto:bslitt.ozindo@gmail.com)

Bali Life will always be very close to our hearts, we will miss all

who are cared and involved under its wings. The children who are so precious and special; we have seen their growth and believe that they will have bright future.

At last but Foremost, we thank God for planting His heart in ours; and we wouldn't make it this far if it's not because of Him and the vision will never vanished, instead it keeps growing and expanding. He has been so faithful in sustaining our lives in every aspects and it's all because His love for each one of us to experience life within His Grace.

As Bali Life faces a challenging year of transition, it is more important than ever that staff, partners, friends and supporters of the foundation pull together to maintain the remarkable hope that has been generated toward a great cause, and to keep up the fight.

*Love – Brad, Siska, Caley, Indah, Asia and Savannah Little*



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#### Indonesia

**BANK ADDRESS:** Bank Mandiri, KCP Nusa Dua Amenity.

**ACCOUNT NAME:** Yayasan Bukit Kehidupan Ungasan

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