



Newsletter

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Wrestling and Surfing Camp

During our end of school year holidays all of our children participated in a week-long wrestling and surfing camp in Kuta. This was a lot of fun and we learnt some new skills. Everyone had a go at both the wrestling and surfing and some have now been inspired to continue progressing their new skills. The week ended in a competition and lunch celebration, which was a fun way to finish. This was a great experience which we would love to do again if the opportunity arises. If you come to visit us and are game, come and have a wrestle with us. A big thank you to Thumbs Up Bali for their support and having our kids at the camp.

Hope Valley Uniting Church



We would like to extend a huge thank you to the team from Hope Valley Uniting Church for their help and involvement in Bali Life in July. They worked tirelessly to help renovate the old Bali Life children's home and restore it into a beautiful home dedicated to our Bali Life Women's Program. We also thoroughly enjoyed the art classes and the time spent with them on the beach, in playing music and of course the backyard movie and pizza night. It was a real blessing to interact with the Hope Valley team and we look forward to further partnerships in the future.

Women's Program

It is with great excitement that the Bali Life Women's Program has been renovated, re-furbished, re-furnished and prepared for the upcoming launch of our program at the end of this month. A lot of work has gone in to the preparation for this program and we are excited to see this vision become a reality. We have the staff and volunteers, everything is ready and we are excited for the first women to move in. Once this move has happened we will be launching our Women's Program

Scholarship Scheme where you will be able to sponsor a woman or one of the children their education costs. A great opportunity to support this program.

The World is Just a Book Away



How blessed we are for the World Is Just a Book Away team, who generously donated our library in our children's home. The team had our library painted and contributed furniture, books, maps and graphics in our library. This library will be used to serve many children over a very long period of time. The books are already well-loved, so thanks so much!

Little Miracles



Once again we were privileged to have a team from Little Miracles in Australia come and provide a week-long English intensive course for our children and some of our staff. We would like to thank them for the learning, craft, fun and games that were included in the program. We enjoyed their visit and our English skills have again improved. We would also like to thank them for the generous donations of the board games and other games that were given. We are so grateful for your visit and we look forward to the next one.

New Farmers house



If you visit our sustainable farming project, you will see the new house for our farmers at the front of the property. We like to call it our 'farmer's villa' with the "alang-alang" roofing to keep with the themed roofing around the area. Our farmers are very happy with their new home, complete with their own kitchen, bathroom and outdoor living space.

New Staff

Lyna



Lyna joins us as the new finance officer for Bali Life Foundation. She will be overseeing the finance for every area of the Foundation. She is wife to Piter and the mother of two beautiful children. Her gentle and friendly manner is well received amongst the Children's Home. Previous to joining our staff team, Lyna was working with one of the biggest surf brand in Indonesia handling the Importation. We feel blessed to have her and love having her part of our team. Welcome Lyna!

Feny

We welcome Feny to the staff team, as the Indonesian manager of our new Bali Life Women's Program. Feny originates from Kupang, however has lived in Bali for many years and has been working previously with Mercy Orphanage in Kupang. She is currently also studying a Master in Theology at University part time. We welcome Feny to the team.



Pak Nasip, Ibu Ati & Rambo



Pak Nasip, Ibu Ati and their son Rambo (aged 7 years) join us from North Sumatra as a part of our Bali Life Women's Program staff team. Pak Nasip's role includes establishing and maintaining the farm and garden at the Women's Program and Ibu Ati is the resident cook for the Women's Program. We welcome them into the Bali Life staff.

Isaac



It is with great joy that we announce the safe and healthy arrival of Isaac Stephen Crocker, son to Steve and Nicole Crocker, our Street Project and Women's Program directors. He was born in Australia, but has now moved to Bali and transitioned well into the new culture and climate. He was greeted with much excitement by the Bali Life family and already well loved! Congratulations, Steve and Nicole!

Independence Day



This year marked the 68th year of Indonesia's independence as a nation and to celebrate we hosted a party in our home. We had a lot of fun as we decorated our home in the red and white flag colours. We invited our friends and neighbours for a fun morning of games, music and of course, food. We also enjoyed our own photo shoot to take photos and remember the festivities. It certainly was an Independence Day to remember!

Bali Life Documentary is in post production!!

During 2012 Bali Life was fortunate to have an American, named Erik Smith, come and volunteer for 6 months at Bali Life. Erik was involved in every aspect of Bali Life, from working on the farm project being our "batako" guru, or brick master, going with the street van onto the streets of Kuta and even driving the kids to school in the morning. During his time with us though, Erik was also filming a documentary about Bali Life. This involved interviewing our founders, volunteers and children, travelling to Coffs Harbour Australia to get the backstory of where one of the founders was from and countless hours of editing. It seemed as if Erik always had a camera in his hand, or if it wasn't a camera it was a ukulele! Erik is currently living back in Los Angeles, California and the documentary has moved into post production. Erik has just launched a "Kickstarter project to raise funds to help see the film through post production and onto the independent film circuit. You can see the project and support the documentary at <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/974931960/bali-life-orphanage-documentary-post-production>. You can also see several short videos about Bali Life on the Vimeo page for the documentary at: vimeo.com/balilifedocumentary.com.

Social Department – Badung Regency



We always welcome and are grateful for the many donations that are so willingly donated to our home. We would particularly like to thank Mrs Surya Niti, from the Social Department of Badung Regency for the donation of rice, cooking oil and powdered milk for our children's home. We were also privileged to have them host a meeting for all of the orphanages in the South Badung Regency within our facilities. We are so grateful for their constant support of the Bali Life Foundation.

Website



Our website has had a make over! Check out the new look and updated information at www.balilife.org Whilst there, you can also sign up to our face book and twitter updates. Enjoy!

Thank you

We would again like to say thank you to all our visitors, volunteers, supporters and donors. Your help and generosity is highly appreciated and is very valuable to us. Without your generosity this foundation would not be able to run. Thanks again and may you be blessed abundantly.

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