

August 2006 SCH Newsletter

July & August were very eventful months here at SALAM. Many comings and goings and a lot of very exciting events have been happening. One of the big things to happen is that myself (Jonathan) and my wife Meri have moved up to SALAM to function as liaison persons/operations people to facilitate ongoing communications between children, staff, donors and the steering committee. We are very happy to be able to help the kids attain their goals in life.

In other news:

- A huge thanks to Desmond James of Sourcing Bali and Rim Cargo for organizing not only the leveling of the steep, unusable area of land at SALAM Children's Home, but also the installation of a brand multi sport court for the kids! Desmond raised funds for 50% of the cost and personally donated the rest. The opening party was on Sept 1st and all the kids were amazed as the whole team from Sourcing Bali and Rim Cargo came out. They painted all the kids names on the walls of the court and then held the first official volleyball and basket ball games. This is a truly awesome gift. The children will benefit hugely from having this outdoor play area. It has been one of their dreams for years.
- Thanks for the generous donation of paint from Ibu Yayuk's husband. We now have a beautiful spring colored Children's Home. The kids all worked together on their school break to paint all the buildings and had a great time.
- Thanks to Direct Aid, Australia, for fundraising for electric fans and sports shoes. The kids are really happy to hear they can look forward to a cooler summer and being able to get out and enjoy some proper soccer training.
- Ibu Trivena, our newest Steering Committee member has held an in service session teaching the children on matters of etiquette. The children are learning how to respect and care for each other as a family. She's also doing some counseling with the kids to help them through any emotional problems they may have.
- Great news from Dewa Ayu. She has just finished a 1 week Asia wide (ASEAN) rock climbing competition here in Bali. Out of over 100 competitors she placed 4th!!!! Way to go Dewa Ayu.
- With the finishing of the school year two of our kids graduated. This means that we had room for more children and 7 new kids have arrived. They are:

Ni Made Yunik Listiyani (Girl) 15yrs old
Gede Joni Sutardika Yasa (Boy) 16yrs old
I Kadek Victor Kurniawan (Boy) 13yrs old
Ni Putu Mega Suciani (Girl) 7yrs old
Gusti Ayu Putu Fitri Widiawati (Girl) 12yrs old
Ribka Apriliani (Girl) 7yrs old

Putu Ngurah Yogi Anggriawan (Boy) 10yrs old

These children are all new and at this time many still do not have sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring any of them please drop us a line: info@salambali.com. We need and appreciate regular commitments, but one off donations can also go a long way towards helping with the daily running of the Children's Home.

Alternatively, Pamela Mercier of Direct Aid, based in Brisbane, Australia runs a sponsorship programme and raises extra funds for SALAM. She holds various social events to keep donors up to date and feeling more personally involved. She can be contacted at directaid@optusnet.com.au