

SALAM Children's Home Newsletter

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Well we are long overdue for a SALAM Children's Home update!

We need to thank so many people for so much that has happened over the last two months. Firstly, hats off to newlyweds Scott and Clare Cameron who came and spent time hanging out with the kids and doing medical checkups and haircuts for two days while they were on their honeymoon. That's dedication.



A huge thank you to Greg Smith and the Lions Club of Brunswick, Melbourne for all the party decorations, gifts, musical and sports equipment (and much more) we so gratefully received. Most importantly they donated new chairs which were urgently needed to seat our guests during the Christmas festivities! Just last week our girls' dorms also received their new cupboards.

Christmas 2007 was SALAM's best Christmas ever with community spirit really kicking in. The kids had a full and eventful December with invitations to parties by Garuda, Villa Imogiri, Le Meridien... Other groups came to the Home instead. There were many great quality gifts given including badly needed footwear from Sourcing Bali, and even an outing to Bali's new Safari Park thanks to Carolina Rubiasih's fund raising genius.



Some of our Christmas Outings:



Le Meridien



Villa Imogiri

Other news: Our onsite Dad Pak Putu, fondly known as “Papi”, celebrated his 52nd birthday on New Years Eve. And some sad news: our heartfelt condolences go out to one of our girls Ardani, whose mother passed away unexpectedly due to lack of appropriate medical attention a few days after a fall.

We are currently in the middle of our monsoon season and like everywhere else Bali has been experiencing some strange weather patterns. We have had some new maintenance issues arise with a particularly wet but also windy few months, and have had to put up bamboo blinds to keep the rain from blowing in to living areas. Right now we are fixing leaks in the dorm roofs and replacing dangerously slippery tiles with nonglossy ones.

We now have 20 of 45 kids fully sponsored. We still need to pool the funds at this stage to distribute as fairly as possible amongst all the children. Some family members have come forward to help where they can with fees but many have no way of contributing, and this is obvious in the case of those kids who originally came from remote islands far from Bali. Many have no contact with their families of origin. If you or anyone you know would be interested in sponsoring a child we would love to hear from you. You can contact us at salambali@gmail.com

On behalf of all the children and staff,

Our warmest regards,

Matthew and Alicia Trevatt for SCH.

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