



## Selamat Pagi dari Bali!

Jordan, the Intern from Montana called his 2 months at The Farm a colorful and intense life experience.

We can't agree more!

The Farm and village went fast forward this year, because you sharing the love for the pelan, pelan traditional life style, wifi free, luxury of nature and space in Bali with us. Not always frustration- or stress free as you can read in this update but that makes it so colorful! The balance, Poleng in Balinese.

## School Shoes donation from Bulgari Hotels & Resorts



On a sunny morning we received a phone call: Marjan, we would like to donate school shoes for all kids. How many kids are there, can we have all their sizes and what is your exact address?

Thank you Yetty Kuhn and Team!

## August 17, Independence Day games for youngest kids





Because the youngest kids in the village didn't get school shoes we organized traditional games for them, like marble on a spoon run, rice bag run.

Prizes were donated clothes, books, pens and others.

**A big thank you to:**

Lianne, Native Pictures LA, Lies & Patrick, and many others!

**YESSS! This week the road in the village will be finished (if we don't have too much rain)!**

**A big thank you to:**

All villagers who didn't want any payment for their labor! Only for their materials. coffee, tea and cigarettes...

Jan & Michael, Papa & Mama Eelke, Ellen & Fred, Pascale & Francois, Tim, Tini, Leon, Ineke & mama, James, Raffi, Laura, Chris, Logan, Sam & Howard, Ina & Gerard, Katrin & Peter, Roy NL,

**Donations for a bin, we keep on trying cleaning a small part of Bali!**

Finally we had a successful meeting with the boss of the waist department in our Province. He is very happy with our input and next week we will have a follow up meeting with him and our Mayor to find a permanent solution for the waist in our area. Will be continued!

**A big thank you to:**

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### Donations for girls dance

Just 10 girls, how many meetings did we already have with them? Who is the leader? Jealousy among them. But secretly we are so proud of them, they learn to communicate in a meeting, budgeting. The other day Adinda (12 years old) told her team: if we practice a lot instead of fighting our show is getting better and better with more donations as a result and that gives us more self confidence! That is what I call girl power!

#### A big thank you to:

Melissa & Meg, Huub Stapel family, Stefan, Kristine, Anke, Daniel & Dennis, Alison & Marcel,

### Donation Ajax outfits:

A big thank you Huub Stapel & Family for bringing Ajax to the farm!



### A Pension home for ex-cockfight roosters. A new Farm Project?





Caroline from Marseille decided that she wanted to make a positive statement to rescue winner rooster Carlo before he even went into his game that day. Caroline made a deal with the owner. All men surprised, who want to pay for a rooster to give him just a pension?! Followed by Daniel & Dennis from Rotterdam who decided to do the same for Lucky.

Sweet, good and nice but how do we deal with all these roosters at The Farm? Wayans rooster Jalu is a softy, never went into a cockfight and is very scared of aggressive Carlo and Lucky!

Grand pa Dodi wanted to buy Jalu. "why?" I asked "for cock fight of course, Jalu can jump very high from knives because never been in a basket". "No sorry bapak, Jalu will never be in a fight". "War is expensive, peace is unaffordable"!

More than one rooster with your hens is naturally creating a fight.

But this was not the intention of these roosters rescues right?

Only one at a time can have fun with the hens. The hens seem to be very happy with so many different lovers.

The other roosters simply have to wait their turn in their original baskets.

But it keeps Dodi en Wayan daily very busy, it's the talk of town among the men who still don't understand why a rooster needs a pension?

You can hear them thinking: Bule Gila (stupid white women/men).

## There is no bird flu in Bali! Two ducks and one chicken died overnight

This was my email desperate for help to a friend and journalist in Bali:

I am very sorry to bother you with this but I have no clue who to contact,

or what to do.

The situation: 4 days ago Dodi bought a male duck at the market, to company our female ducks.

The next day it turned sick. Soon followed by one of our own ducks and one chicken. All died in quarantine.

In panic I called my vet.

He told me that our Mayor has to call the dinas Kesehatan in Tabanan.

Our Mayor told me that our vet has to call because if he did nobody will listen to him.

After stalking the vet he finally called and told me the Dinas Kesehatan is coming to check soon! That was 3 days ago!

Every day I am stalking the vet, the vet stalking the Dinas Kesehatan and in the mean time

3 more chicken died.

I started to understand how rabies quickly could have spread in Bali before.

The seller of these ducks has how many more sick ones and nobody "lapor"?

"It might be New Castle disease or Bird Flu" the vet told me on the phone but he is not even coming to check or bring one to the lab for research!

I do understand now why Dodi didn't want to "lapor" and do all the efforts. "Why should we ibu the Government is not interested in our small village only if we give a big donation for their party."

.....Finally after 5 days the Dinas Kesehatan arrived.

They did a test with a blue stick and it turned out not to be bird flu. "Ibu we told you already!

We don't have bird flu in Bali". It turned out to be New Castle Disease.

We have to spray all animals with Dettol and spray the area with Dettol every other day for a week followed with once a month. And that was it!

Eh? "And what about the man who is selling these sick animals and thus spreading the disease? Don't you visit him?"

"Ibu if you want to claim your dead animals please talk to him yourself. And better not buy any animals outside your village."

Eh? "we have a lot of cockfighting here in the village and the roosters travel all over Bali from fight to fight.

If you are right and we don't have Bird Flu in Bali it should not be a problem to buy animals in another village right? So why do you advice me to not do so?"

"Ibu, No Bird Flu in Bali right now, as far as we know"....

After they left I asked Dodi to bring me to the duck seller.

He refused! Dodi is scared and shy and I have to trust in the gods.

"Exactly!" I told Dodi "You believe in Tri Hita Karana! But you have your responsibility to take care of humans and your environment too!

Malu (shy), Takut (scared)!

Useless... I lost my animals. "Ah Ibu it are just animals." "Yes Dodi, Thank your God! No people died.... Yet.

## Shopping for new Ducks in the Village

Why did we have to buy ducks at the market? Because nobody has ducks in the village. But... it turned out that the brother of the cousin of the Mayor has 6 ducks. And he eventually wanted to sell. His ducks were looking very happy and healthy. I told him I only wanted to have a male for our females. After 2 days negotiating I made him an offer for all his 6 ducks (5 females, 1 male, only in 1 deal ibu) for a far too high price.

And surprise! Since then everybody in the village has ducks for sale!

## Jordan the Intern from Montana (USA)

It was refreshing and very inspiring to have student Jordan around for 2 months. We always could find him experimenting with tomatoes, or different type of seeds, with compost, or, or.

Dodi and Team had to work very hard to keep up with Jordan reorganizing all Farm and educating everybody in the village about the pro's of organics.

The result is there up till today!

Thank you for being so patience with us Jordan we learned a lot from you!

The Farm looks amazing: seeds of love will let everything grow!

**We wish YOU A Warm Christmas & A Poleng New Year!**



**Om Santih, Santih, Santih Om,**

(you are always everywhere peaceful in our hearts)

(Wayan's translation)

***Dodi, Du, Kadek, Marjan, Wayan, Ibu Wayan, Wiwik***




***Village Kids including Tiara, Puspa, Rita, Dede, Dodi, Putu,***

***Dodi's family,***

***Dogs Poleng, Bear, Luna and all other animals.***

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