

the Organic Farm Bali - Update June

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Selamat Pagi!

It has been long since you received an update as we were all busy with so many inspiring guests and projects! So much to tell that we almost don't know where to start!

A big Thank YOU! for your support and donations to make this all happening!

The English after school classes



2 Months ago we kicked off with 42 very excited kids in between the age of 6 and 12.

Wayan was desperate! "I need an assistant; I can't handle 42 over excited kids"!

I replied "these are just the first lessons Wayan, you will see within one month it will be half of this amount of kids or less".

NOT! I was so wrong!

Wayan had to create 3 different level groups. 3 Times a week, early morning already, very excited kids are asking Wayan "is it my class today"?

Especially the Guests teacher classes are their favorite!

Guests from all over the world are pointing at the world map, (thank you Sietske!) what is their home country, how is their daily life there?

Followed by the kids asking these guests about their favorite food, their favorite soccer team, how many roosters and cows or land they have and even if these guests are having a girl/boyfriend (when the guest just explained he or she is married) hilarious!!

In return the Guest is testing the kids: "what is my favorite animal, what is my favorite food, do I have a cow?" The right answer is rewarding the kids with points for the quarterly year prizes donated by the Guests.

So much fun and proud to see that we have so much enthusiasm to learn and teach English in this traditional village!

Thank you G.U.S. Foundation for donating the "Be friendly with nature" books in both Indonesian and English for the classes!

Bali Animal Welfare Association school program and "fixing" the village dogs and cats



Overwhelming was the amount of dogs the villagers were bringing in and BAWA has to come back for the "second round" this month!
All kids were over excited learning about how to take care of their pets and it makes me happy to see them often bathing their pets in the river since!

I am just a girl Dance show



The village girls told the Foundation team that they wanted to dance!
Is it possible to ask the Foundation for speakers?
Which of course they received! Amazing to see 12 years old Adinda creating a complete choreography! Followed soon with the question "can we have dance show outfits" too?

We told them that they have to collect half of the monies themselves, the other half the Foundation would complement.

Very Balinese they organized a dance show within 2 days and asked me if I could invite some of my friends?

"Ehhhhh, that is a bit short term!?"

But Piet & Parik and John & Lorraine were so supportive to be available on this short term.

The girls had decorated the very boring cockfight area beautifully; they had cooked lunch at home and were selling it to the audience during "a short break".

They collected a big amount of money with this show!

Wow, this is girl power!

Shortly after that we had Marit and her daughters as our guest and she generously donated the full amount for the outfits plus a day of manicure, pedicure and hair and make-up with professionals in her villa in Umalas.

Thank you Marit and your friends who donated all kind of presents as well, thank you for this unforgettable day for the girls!

Alila Cooking Class



Chef Eelke invited the Team for a Balinese Cooking Class at Alila Ubud to exchange knowledge about Balinese food.

East, West, black, white and grey...what a delicious balance!

Thank you again Eelke & Ray!

Help to Keep (at least a part of) Bali Green and Clean

If you would like to support the villagers and give something back for their hospitality, perhaps you could consider a donation of 300,000 rupiah... This will cover the cost of a rubbish bin, which you or the village kids will decorate with your name and plant a fruit tree next to it.

With your support we can organize a weekly pick up, to help keep our village clean and green.

Read more: www.theorganicvillagebali.org



Thank you! Ponka Michael, Marit, Violette en Feline, Joanne, Ohlhauser& Schumann-Bloens Family, Torben & Angela, Van Harte Family, Guest Family, Tuinenburg Family and Pope Family!

NEW ROAD under construction!

Your chance to have your walk of fame! Please help us with some meters of concrete for a good village road?



We recently had elections for the new Governor in Bali and because of that a visit from a Party to campaign in our village.

The dad(ex Bupati, local regent) of the recent Bupati was going to visit our village!

My chance to finally get an answer on all projects mentioned in our Foundation?

After how many unanswered emails and personal delivered letters and a useless meeting with the Camat? ("Ibu Marjan, we don't have budget for rubbish, no budget for the road, no budget for..., how is that possible Camat with so much tax from tourists coming to Bali?)

This Party campaigning in the cockfight area was one big farce! One way information and meeting closed with the announcement that the Government was donating 5 juta (500 US\$) for the road in the village and that everybody gets a sticker of the Party.

"And don't forget to vote on this Party with the cow which is taking care of you!"

I went to this dad of the Bupati and said that we don't need stickers but running water and that the cost for the new road will be more than 100 Juta and therefore this 5 juta is just a joke?!!

"We want to hear what this party is going to do on these and all other projects mentioned in our Village Foundation?"

The cockfight area was never as silent as right at that moment..

He asked the Mayor "who is this woman"? And told me that he didn't want to discuss this with me in public but would consider talking with me if I was going to give a good donation to his Party!

The next day the Mayor, Villagers and Foundation decided to start with the road ourselves. This 5 Juta plus a donation from the Foundation and the Hot Springs owner was enough to start with the

The labor is done for free by the villagers.

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A middle-school experiment using fruit flies and organic foods has won publication in a national scientific journal and spurred a debate about the relative benefits of organic eating.
<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/17/is-organic-better-ask-a-fruit-fly/>

Thank you again for your mental and or financial support and lots of love from all of us!

Marjan, Wayan, Team, Kids, Villagers and Farmers

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