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Last month the mom of Tarpa was in the hospital because she needed a blood transfusion.

Last week she needed a transfusion again.

Tarpa brought her to the hospital.

That nigh she passed away.

She went home by ambulance

We visited with our offerings their over crowded house full with family and village members

Everybody was busy preparing offerings for the ceremony.

It is still difficult for me to watch his mom lying on her bed and all these people around, chatting, laughing like she is still alive.

To me it still looks not respectful.

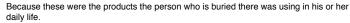


But it is not! Balinese believe in reincarnation. She is going to have a better life! Be happy for her, not sad I kept on telling myself.

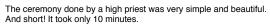
Because his mom was a priest this was going to be a special funeral. If the family has not enough money for the cremation yet (which is the most expensive ceremony) there will be a funeral first and when they saved enough money the cremation will follow.

We went to the grave yard. In our village it means the jungle. There was a fresh cut path. We went deep into the jungle.

I asked Wayan why are there plastic buckets and rice baskets cluttered everywhere in the jungle?



And that is how they can find the remains when it's time for the cremation. I couldn't help asking myself what would be there as a reminder to me? Computer? Hand phone? A plastic dog?



After the blessing all food from the offerings were given to the attendees. It was eaten directly as a symbol for Tarpa's mom being with you for the rest of your life.

So beautiful!

When we all walked out of the jungle I realized that there was no garbage left!

Against all other ceremonies where the plastic water cups, plastic bags, packaging from sweets are the only reminders that a ceremony just had taken place.

Only the plastic-buckets and rice baskets spread in the jungle remained.





Pondok Gede is almost finished

Hopefully we will start our New Year in our new house!



Photo: Willem de Leeuw

