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Greetings Sponsors, Sister Schools and Members,

Hi everyone,

There seems to be a lot happening in Bali now. Finally the border is open, Airport Management says there is no longer a requirement for PCR testing and travelers are only required to meet their airline and destination requirements. Since the Government resumed Visa on Application, Immigration in Bali has confirmed over 1,000 foreign visitors have applied for visas. The positivity rate of infection has turned around in Bali and is generally declining in all Districts. First vaccination rate is 87.1%, 2nd 79% and boosters 25% and moving up. Today it was reported that there were 56 new cases of the Omicron variant in Bali yesterday and 1 person died.

Oka has been running around all over Bali delivering Food Aid and again managed a huge, Rice for Rubbish run to the North of Bali. This is his report.

RUBBISH FOR RICE PART 16 (KINTAMANI AND BULELENG) This part is complete change of rubbish as I limit the activities once in a month so people can prepare their rubbish and change them when I visit the North. These pictures below are just some of the participants who already put their rubbish on the truck before when the stock of rice is run out and now they can receive their rice. I am going to run again the program in the end of March. I am expecting a massive day as many students have been asking me to change their rubbish. Rice is very much in demand.



Left to right: Wayan Rekun (elderly), Wayan Sudia, Ketut Suara (elderly).



Left to right: Nyoman Sutami (elderly), Ketut Nita (year 2 SD 5 Bebetin)

And again many thanks to sponsors and people involved in this program. Regards, Oka

Oka has also been busy in the Foot of Bali in the South, checking on needy students and delivering Food Aid to the families in SD2 Kutuh, SD3 Kutuh, SD9 Benoa, SMP 5 Kutu Seletan and SMA 1 Kuta Seletan as well as to communities in Bebetan in the North.



Luh Sariani and family, year 2 student SD 5 Bebetin



*Gede Puja Anggarasta and family
year 4 student SD 5 Bebetin*

Thank you Yuni in Denpasar, Dharma Ambesa in Pandek Gede, The Blue Team in Kaba Kaba, Agung Sumanadi in Pelaga and Petang, Hendra Sukmayasa in Singaraja and Ida Bagus Mantra in Klungkung for all your volunteering to assist AAS Bali with food distribution and assistance for your people.

.As most members would know, over the years we have accepted donations and continue to do so, from their sponsors in Australia on behalf of other agencies in Bali, such as Global Village Foundation, Bali Hearts, Team Action, Jodie O'Shea Orphanage and others and forwarded the funds to the respective Charities. A couple of months ago I was approached by members of Club Risata in Tuban, a lovely hotel where I also am a member and usually stay when in Bali. Over the years the hotel has assisted AAS with conference rooms, donated linen and in various ways. Several of our local coordinators are or have been employees at Risata.

The Members wanted to do something to assist the staff during this time of Covid. After discussing this with our Accountant, Shane Scott, it was agreed that AAS would accept funds for the Risata for Food Aid for their staff from their members, which were ultimately forwarded direct to the Risata Management, who over the course of a few months, arranged four different Sembarco (food aid parcels) for every one of 120 staff.

Hotels are now reopening for business and as a Thank You to AdoptASchool, Risata Management has made this offer to anyone connected in any way to AAS or their family and friends.

Special offer valid for bookings up to 15th April, 2022 but travel later. A hotel regular deluxe room including breakfast for two people and all other taxes and fees included for Rp550.000 (AU\$55 per night) payable on confirmation. Email Rainer at: crb-marketing@risatabali.com.

The Risata Hotel and Resort is 50 metres from Tuban Beach, South Kuta, next to The Rama Beach Hotel and close to the Holiday Inn. The rooms are situated in beautiful gardens and there is a super pool and exercise centre. Entry is from Jl Wana Segara but there is also a rear pedestrian exit onto Jl Kartika Plaza, right next to Lippo Mall. It's a convenient location to Kuta.

Here's hoping there is light at the end of this very long Covid tunnel, tourists will return to Bali and life can start to return to some sort of normalcy for the people. How long that will take is anyone's guess.

Thank you to all our supporters who have donated to Food Aid and Family Assistance to their sponsorship students. It has literally been lifesaving in many instances, as reported by our coordinators. Thank you to our generous sponsor also who donated money to assist 8 elderly couples, some of whom were disabled or ill.

It has been a terrible time, but looking back we can see so much good that has come from this pandemic. Many of the past sponsored students and their families have stepped up and offered assistance – helping the coordinators, cleaning for the elderly with no families, planting vegetables, tutoring younger members in the community when school could not be attended. Speaking of schools, there is talk that school attendance may resume in April now that daily Covid infections are down. Mask wearing etc will still apply.

The lovely season of Autumn has arrived and with it some cooler nights. Enjoy it while the mild weather lasts.

Regards,

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