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Greetings Sponsors, Sister Schools and Members,

Hi everyone,

With the airlines commencing flights to Bali in the near future from Perth, the easing of many restrictions and Bali moving from pandemic to endemic classification, people are looking forward to visiting the Island once more. I understand school attendance will resume again soon as daily case numbers of Covid are very low. Once school resumes, AAS will confirm which schools wish to continue with the Sister School Programme, both in Bali and here in Australia and survey which staff and Bali School Coordinators are still teaching at the schools.

In the previous newsletter I mentioned financial assistance given, by one of our generous sponsors, to some elderly folk who had no means of support. Funding reconnected them to electricity and bought much needed medicine. Oka also provided food aid and they will be visited regularly to maintain support. So many of the elderly are in need, due to the fact that their children who previously supported them, now have no income. A very generous supporter, Mrs K. has provided funds for Oka to continue this programme and last week he was able to assist another 32 elderly and infirm couples. Below is part of his report.

From Oka. Not Enough words to express the recipients gratitude to the generous sponsor, as they feel lucky and happy to get the help from you. I want to let you know that the majority of the recipients have health issues such as stroke, heart disease, asthma, diabetes and some have been left to die by their families who cannot help financially. Your support will raise their spirit to live their life for sure. Here I enclosed picture of some of the elderly who have received the assistance from you as well as their age and what they will do with the money.



Left to right: Made Suarya 70 years required medicine, I Ketut Katon 73 years needed electricity, Luh Rumini 71 years required medicine



Left to right: Cening Rawi, 72 years required gas, electricity and daily expense and Ketut Serina, 82 years required medicine and vitamins

RUBBISH FOR RICE IN BULELENG AND KINTAMANI. (A report from Oka)

The Rubbish for rice has become a monthly event in the village and has many fixed participants which increases every month since the first time commenced.

And I never stop asking, reminding and educating the participants especially students to keep their environment free from plastic waste and the rules also asking their houses and around must be clean from rubbish, saving the plastic and then they can change with 5 kg rice.

In Bebetin 37 sacks of plastic change with rice.



Left to right: Luh sariani, Luh Vania Paramitha, Ketut Lisa Agustina, Luh Putu Mia Budiantari, Kadek Prita Sumiantari, Gede Sila Laksana, Dika Dwi Setiawan

Thank you to all the students and families who have been sponsored in the past and have come to me and asked how they can help me. Many adults supervise the young people collecting rubbish. Older students in groups clean drains, streets and all around. We hope this will be lifelong in the villages and recycling and cleanliness will become a way of life.

And again, thank you very much to all sponsors who make these programs possible to continue. – Oka –

From the Blue Team in Kaba Kaba. (A report from Wayan Sekarini and team in Kaba Kaba after the passing of much loved Alit Widia Kawisari)

“It took a long time to realize the "FOOD AID PARCELS FOR ELDER CITIZENS PROJECT" in Kaba-Kaba and Nyambu Areas. We (Made Sudarmawan, Putu Widna and me) are like 'chicks who lost their mother' after the passing of Alit , our generous team leader.

We all know that we can plan our life, but the last decision is in God's hands. Some people say that we were born to the world with the return ticket with an invisible date. We have to be ready if God calls us back anytime. “



Wayan Sekarin and Made Sudarmawan with elderly recipients



Wayan and Putu Widna with recipients collecting the donation

Working with this team I realise what a fabulous Team Leader Alit Widia was in his quiet way. Team, you have big shoes to fill but I am sure, Alit being the great teacher he was, you have all learned and will do him proud. Thank you.

All coordinators are checking in schools, trying to locate all sponsored students who have been displaced due to Covid 19. Once school resumes again, the picture will be more clear. I will not be sending out re-sponsor requests until we have a clearer picture of who will be returning to their schools or relocating. Hopefully, that will not be too far away.

On Saturday, Yuni and her husband Ketut, Jati one of our coordinators and her husband Ketut, son Dony and daughter Mashya attended the official opening of the Let's Help Bali Warung and Restaurant near Carefour. Check out their Facebook page – Let's Help Bali. This group is doing a tremendous job assisting the poor and very hungry people on the streets.

Congratulations to Yuni and Ketut on the birth of their first grandchild, a little boy Abi to their daughter Adinda and son in law Sugita.

Best wishes,

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