



Rehabilitation for Physically Disabled

Yayasan Peduli Kemanusiaan Bali - Bali Humanity Care Foundation

Newsletter

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Introduction

Dear friends and family of YPK.

Thank you for your continuing support of YPK and our work with the disabled community of Bali.

Below are some of the highlights of our work from the first three months of 2011.

You can find more information about our work and how to support it on our website: www.ypkbali.org. If you would like to unsubscribe from YPK information, or know someone who would like to begin receiving news from YPK, please email info@ypkbali.org

From the YPK Bali team

Garden therapy, playground and kitchen established

A garden therapy area, playground and kitchen were recently established on the YPK grounds and have added greatly to the range and quality of therapy we can offer. The garden therapy program is now underway with training and assistance from Yayasan IDEP, based in Ubud. It is proving to be effective, partic-

ularly in getting our stroke patients and child patients using their hands and building their fine motor skills. We have already used the kitchen to hold life skills classes for adults and children.

These developments were generously funded by the Direct Aid Program from the Australian Consulate in Bali.

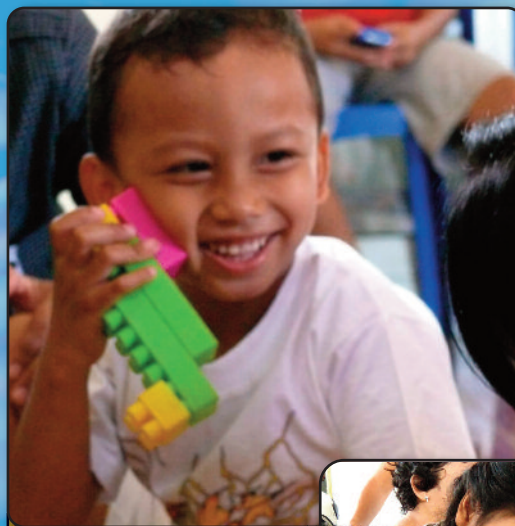
Mobile therapy update

In February, YPK approached the Bangli and Klungkung regencies about expanding our mobile therapy program into their areas. The office in Klungkung was very enthusiastic and we will extend our program there soon. There have been some delays in the Bangli regency but we hope these will be overcome.

As a follow up to the imple-

mentation of the mobile therapy program in Klungkung, the Head of Social Services for Klungkung visited the YPK office. He submitted a list of 47 people with disabilities in the regency to be included in the YPK mobile therapy program.

We have also begun to train volunteers in Klungkung to assist with therapy.



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Visits enhanced our operation

Ibu Rucina, the Director of Yayasan Kemanusiaan Ibu Pertiwi (YKIP), spent a day with YPK's children and staff to gain a deeper understanding of YPK's programs. She also donated two jimbe drums that will be used for music therapy for children.

Ralf Kresal of Schmitz Hille Stiftung (SHS), YPK's main donor for 9 years, visited YPK in January to see how YPK's services have developed. Although SHS will divert their funds to eastern Indonesia, we hope SHS could continue to support YPK.

Anke Luckja from Opportunity International Germany visited YPK in March. She visited the Disabled People's Group in Klungkung and went to see agricultural activities in Baturiti. We plan to develop this group into the first disabled people's cooperative in Bali.

YPK staff also visited a Montessori school to find out more about creative ways of teaching and engaging students in learning. YPK students face many challenges in their education and it is hoped that innovative teaching methods will reduce some of these barriers.

New Staff

In February YPK recruited three new staff:

1. Arik: Teacher Assistant
2. Eko: Driver for Mobile Therapy
3. Ketut: Public Relation and Field Staff

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Gandhi Memorial International School (GMIS)

GMIS students have begun visiting the Education Program on Saturday mornings as part of their Community Action Service program. They have assisted our

children with origami, painting T-shirts and playing word games. In the future the students plan to do some fundraising for extra equipment to help the children.

Local Collaboration

YPK is now collaborating with YAKKUM Bali and Hi5, two Bali organisations also working in the area of disability, to provide better treatment and solutions for clients. YPK has sent Agustini, a child from Blahbatuh, to

YAKKUM to have backslap shoes made. YAKKUM referred a child patient named Yogi to YPK to join in our education program. Hi5 have also sent a child to YPK. We hope to continue this kind of cooperation in the future.