

Bali G.U.S. Newsletter



Greetings and blessings to all from GUS. (Gianyar, Ubud and Singaraja centres). Lots has been happening here in Bali service, so, to keep everyone here and abroad informed, we are, from time to time, going to bring you reports and photos of those events in the form of a newsletter. This issue focuses on the recent trip of Didi Nirmala to our small yet wonderful island of Bali, after which, we'll share with you some of our other happenings and upcoming events.



Photo above: Didi meeting morning class BKs in Singaraja centre

Didi Nirmala's visit

Didi arrived in Bali on Sunday 22nd May and spent Monday with the Denpasar BK family. On Tuesday morning along with Sister Mala (NC, Jakarta) and Sister Chrissy (Australia) she traveled to our Singaraja centre in the north of the island. Here she met 20 or so Singaraja BKs. (See photo)



Photo right: Didi with Singaraja Centre sisters



Later that morning, Didi, along with Mala bhen and Chrissy bhen, made the one-hour journey from Singaraja to Bedugul, where our new Retreat place is located in the cool mountainous region of Bali. There, Didi chaired a meeting of our GUS Core group and Department leaders, along with some extra invited BKs.





Didi Nirmala's visit (more)

After the meeting Didi was our guest for a special get-together luncheon that was a bonus for all who attended.

Photo left: Didi in Bedugul

However, as Didi was only to be in Bali for three full days, we had to move on. So, at around 1 pm Didi and everyone headed for Ubud. On arrival, Didi took a rest and then at 5 pm had a meeting with 28 kumaris gathered from all three centres. It was a wonderful sight indeed!

Photo right: G.U.S Kumaries waiting for Didi



After the kumaris meeting, Didi met the Ubud and Gianyar family in The Meditation Shop (Ubud Centre). It was a wonder how we squeezed 120 BKs into such a small space.

Photo below: Didi with Ubud BK family





Didi Nirmala's visit (more)

Next morning, Didi led meditation at Amrit Vela in Ubud and then traveled to Gianyar centre to meet students after Murli. This was the first time that we were able to welcome Didi, our RC, to this newest Bali centre. After breakfast, unfortunately, we had to say farewell to Didi and she returned to Ubud to open the small cottage that Mona bhen's family has built beside the Meditation Shop. After that, Didi departed to Denpasar Centre for important meetings before leaving Bali on the Thursday. Thank you, Didi and please come back soon.



Photo above: Didi meeting morning class BKs in Gianyar centre

Photo to left: Didi enjoying a coconut drink with sisters Mona, Mala and Chrissy in Mona's place after it's opening ceremony

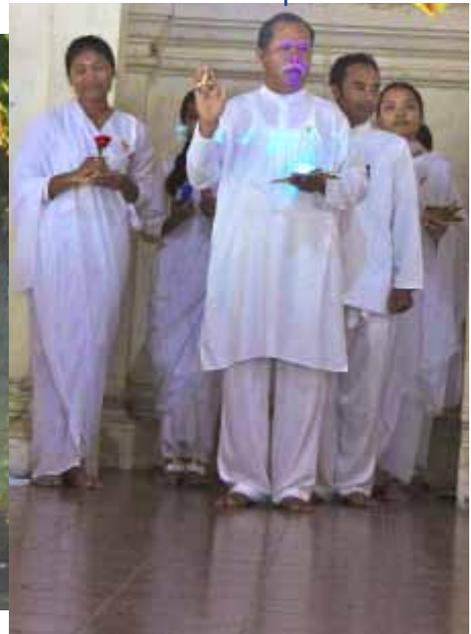
One-Day Retreat "Be Content, and Stable in Drama" at Bukit Jati with Sister Helen (Jakarta)

124 of Baba's Bali children gathered together for a one-day (silence) Retreat at Bukit Jati (Teak Hill). The Retreat was facilitated by Sister Helen, Jakarta. Special thanks to all our wonder BK mums who catered for this event, and a special mention to the youth group who gave us such a great entertainment program at the end of the day complete with a visit from Brahma Baba! (in disguise as Br Sudiarsa)

Photo below: Over 100 BKs on a silent walk with Sister Helen



Photo below: BapDada ??



Hari Saraswati

Here in Bali we do have the rare privilege of celebrating Mama's memorial. It is here in Bali that we have a holiday for Saraswati. It conveniently falls on a Saturday so we can share and enjoy as a family. This time, some of our Gianyar family visited the memorial statues located around one kilometer from the centre.



Gianyar BK Exhibition

Baba often gives us gyan how to hold exhibitions and serve the community. Well, we did just that at the Gianyar city Anniversary and it was a wonder. We were able to gain a great position for the stand and used the same design BKs had at the Parliament of World Religions, in Melbourne, 2009, by Sister May of Malaysia. Some of the main points were: Over 500 citizens signed the visitors' book.

Over 50 BKs gave time manning the stand or supporting the project. The love and cooperation evident made the 10 days of the Exhibition a pleasurable experience for all. The Ubud and Gianyar centers have been buzzing with new students since. We are sure BapDada was looking down and smiling at his children.



Retreat Place

Recently, thanks to the generosity of BKs, dr PutuYasa and his lokik wife Dharmawati, we now have a place to hold small retreats. It is located in Bedugul, high in the mountains of Bali. This is also where we held our meeting with Didi Nirmala (see earlier in the newsletter). On 1st May, 16 BKs from all G.U.S centres journeyed to Bedugul for an overnight stay and short silence retreat. This editor was not able to join, however the participants were in raptures about their experiences and so success was assured. Planning is afoot to extend the accommodation and facilities in the near future. So stay tuned for more news and possible invitations that may come your way 🤗

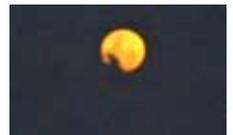


Photos: Top, Rear view of Retreat Place. Far right, Sister Chrissy (Aust.) and Bro Putuyasa enjoying a chat on the veranda. Near photo, Brothers enjoying just being...

Moonrise Meditation.

In most countries when people go to the beach in the evening and sit on white sand for meditation it is to enjoy the sunset. Not Bali, no way. Here, we sit on black sand and enjoy the moonrise. Is that not proof enough that Bali is a moon age culture.

On 18th May over 100 BKs and 20 or so BKs kids headed for the beach of Masceti located around 15 Kilometers south of the city of Gianyar and a great time was enjoyed by all (including the editor)



Youth Group: Children's programs

One of the joys of Bali service is the way our youth group holds regular programs for children. Sometime programs are at the centre or outside locations like the beach or gardens.

Recent programs were - A children's program at the village of Pejeng.

A BK children's program at Masceti beach plus our regular programs held many Sunday mornings at the Gianyar centre.



Photo top: Children's program in village of Pejeng. Photo above: GUS BK Children enjoying time at the beach. Photo to right: BK Children's program at Gianyar centre

Coming Events



Sister Meera will come to Bali for a visit arriving on 22nd June and we are planning for her to visit all G.U.S centres. We will bring you a report and photos in our next newsletter

Last Saturday, 5th June, at a Core group and Department leaders meeting in Ubud Centre, we set up a group to expand **Singaraja service** through programs at government offices and possible other places such as hospitals and women's associations. We will keep you posted on development in this project.

Our last item of news is that we are looking to open a **new centre on the Island**.

Nusa Dua, the high-end tourist area, is on the short list along with Bangli, Mengwi and Tabanan. Stay tuned.

So till next newsletter
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Lot of Godly love
Editor.

